

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 87TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION
(2002-2006) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 2006
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

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DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE-**

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 61(6)

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 61(6) be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at its sitting on Wednesday, 8th February, 2006, with the consideration of the motion on the Needs Assessment and Addendum of the Guyana National Assembly.

(Notice Paper No. 246 (M105 Govt94) published on 2006-02-07)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. **BUDGET FOR 2006 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF
EXPENDITURE FOR 2006**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2006.

(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2006-01-23)

2. **THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND ADDENDUM OF THE GUYANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Minister of Health, to move the following motion:

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 80 dated 27th October, 2005, the National Assembly appointed a Select Committee to make recommendations to the National Assembly on the implementation of the recommendations of the Needs Assessment of the Guyana National Assembly Report of the Commonwealth Senior Parliamentary Staff Advisor and his Addendum to his Report;

AND WHEREAS the Select Committee was required to present its Report to the National Assembly by 31st January, 2006;

AND WHEREAS by Resolution No. 85 dated 15th December, 2005, the National Assembly referred the recommendations of Study 1 of the Guyana Fiduciary Oversight Project Report (The Bradford Report) and the Draft Revised Standing Orders to the Select Committee;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly stipulated that the Select Committee must ensure that all recommendations relating to rules, procedures and Standing Orders of the National Assembly were comprehensively considered in the light of the aforesaid reports and reported on to the National Assembly by 31st January, 2006;

AND WHEREAS because of the constraint of time and because of its expanded mandate the Select Committee was unable to complete its work by the deadline set at 31st January, 2006, but has submitted two Interim Reports;

AND WHEREAS the Select Committee has requested an extension of the deadline for the submission of its Final Report to 28th February, 2006;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of an extension of the deadline for the submission of its Report to 28th February, 2006.

(Notice Paper No. 245 (M104 Govt 93) published on 2006-02-01)

BILLS - Second Readings

***3. TRADE UNION RECOGNITION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2006 - Bill No. 1/2006
published on 2006-01-13**

The Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Trade Union Recognition Act 1997.

(Read a first time on 2006-01-19)

***4. CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (MOVEMENT OF FACTORS) BILL 2006 - Bill No. 2/2006
published on 2006-01-16**

The Minister of Foreign Trade and International Cooperation, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect to the provisions of the Treaty establishing the Caribbean Community, including the Caricom Single Market and Economy, relating to the exercise by nationals of the Caribbean Community of the right of establishment, the right to provide services and the right to move capital into and within Guyana and out of Guyana to other member states of the Caribbean Community and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2006-01-19)

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*5. **CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY BILL 2006 - Bill No. 3/2006 published on 2006-01-16**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect to the revised Treaty of Chaguaramas establishing the Caribbean Community, including the Caricom Single Market and Economy and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2006-01-19)

*6. **MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS BILL 2006 -Bill No. 4/2006 published on 2006-01-16**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect to the scheme relating to Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters within the Commonwealth; and to provide for mutual assistance in criminal matters between Guyana and countries that have a treaty with Guyana concerning such assistance.

*7. **HIGH COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005 - Bill No. 17/2005 published on 2005-11-09**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the High Court Act.

(Read a first time on 2005-11-10)

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

BILLS - Reports from Select Committees and Third Readings

***8. AMERINDIAN BILL 2005- Bill No. 13/2005 published on 2005-08-03**

The Minister of Amerindian Affairs, to move:

- (i) That the Report of the Special Select Committee on the Amerindian Bill 2005, be adopted, and
- (ii) That the Amerindian Bill 2005 be read a third time and passed as amended.

MOTION

***9. THE EQUITABLE ACCESS OF PARLIAMENTARY POLITICAL PARTIES TO THE STATE-OWNED MEDIA**

Mr. Deryck Bernard, M.P., to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Report of the Joint Committee on Radio Monopoly, Non-Partisan Boards and Broadcasting Legislation, which was established by agreement between the late Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte and President Jagdeo in May, 2001, recommends that the State-Owned media should, "in line with their public-service function, provide news and current affairs coverage of the views, statements, activities and policies of political parties in a manner that is partial, balanced and accurate, thereby allowing the public to make informed political choices", and "facilitate political parties and candidates in their right of reply";

AND WHEREAS the Memorandum of Understanding For The Support Of The Next General Elections In Guyana, signed on 20th July, 2005, between the Government of Guyana, GECOM and Donors, stipulates that GECOM must "facilitate agreement on appropriate arrangements for equitable access to the state media by political parties during the campaign";

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government to direct that by the 31st January, 2006 all State-Owned Media, should be obligated to provide adequate coverage of the views and activities of all Parliamentary Parties and facilitate equitable access of these Parties to their facilities for the direct publication of their views and activities, in addition to their obligation to report Government statements and activities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly requests the Government:

1. To direct that these arrangements should apply both during and outside of the campaign periods for National and Regional Elections;
2. To implement their obligations in accordance with the principles which are contained in the Schedule to this Motion.

(Notice Paper No.238(M101 Opp9) published on 2006-01-0

BILLS - Reports from Select Committees and Third Readings

***10. MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005 - Bill No. 9/2005 published on 2005-06-20**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stage(s) of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act.

(Read a first time on 2005-06-23)

(Read a second time on 2005-07-07 and committed to a Special Select Committee)

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

***11. COMPETITION AND FAIR TRADING BILL 2005 - Bill No. 18/2005 published on 2005-11-09**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stage(s) of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to promote, maintain and encourage competition and to prohibit the prevention, restriction or distortion competition and the abuse of dominant positions in trade; to promote the welfare and interests of consumers, to establish a Competition Commission and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2005-11-10)

(Read a second time on 2005-12-15 and committed to a Special Select Committee)

BILL - Second Reading

***12. CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 10/2003 published on 2003-07-04**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to alter the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164.

(Read a first time on 2003-07-10)

MOTION

***13. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2004**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/2004 - Supplementary Estimates (Capital) totalling \$330,000,000 for the period ending 2004-12-31

(Notice Paper No. 118 (M59 Govt55) published on 2004-09-29)

(Paper presented on 2004-08-05)


S.E. ISAACS

Clerk of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.**

7th February, 2006.

***Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**