

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 34th SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2013) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 2013

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

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(i) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

Bills – Second Readings

1. **TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 2012 – Bill No. 18/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the second reading of the following:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Telecommunications Agency and for a regular, coordinated, open and competitive telecommunications sector and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

2. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 17/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Commission Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

3. **MUSIC AND DANCING LICENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 23/2012 published on 2012-09-21**

The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Music and Dancing Licences Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-10-22)

4. **SEXUAL OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 26/2012 published on 2012-10-29**

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 Sexual Offences Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-11-08)

5. **BUSINESS NAMES (REGISTRATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 27/2012 published on 2012-10-30**

The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Business Names (Registration) Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-11-08)

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6. **DEEDS AND COMMERCIAL REGISTRIES AUTHORITY BILL 2012 – Bill No. 28/2012 published on 2012-11-19**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish the Deeds and Commercial Registries Authority as a corporate body, to establish and promote the efficient and orderly operation of the Deeds Registry and the Commercial Registry, to establish the conditions governing the employment of officers and employees of the Authority, to provide for funding of the operations of the Authority, and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2012-11-22)

MOTION

7. **40TH ANNIVERSARY SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA**

Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS December 8, 2012 marked the 40th Anniversary since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Guyana and the Republic of Cuba;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Cuba for over five decades and more, especially since the establishment of diplomatic relations with Guyana, has consistently rendered valuable assistance in the areas of tertiary education; providing health care practitioners for over 30 years to Guyana's health care system; the provision of many eye surgeries to many Guyanese through "Operation Miracle"; the provision of other expertise and major material resources that have contributed to the development of Guyana and in particular the social sector;

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AND WHEREAS this National Assembly recognises the tremendous progress made by the Government and people of Cuba in the development of their country notwithstanding the negative impact of the economic embargo imposed on that country;

AND WHEREAS notwithstanding this longstanding embargo and consequently the daunting constraints and challenges, the Government and people of Cuba continue to maintain international solidarity with the developing world by making substantial contributions not only to the development of Guyana, but also to the development of the countries of the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, Asia and to humanity in general;

AND WHEREAS Guyana and Cuba continue to share common interests and concerns primarily in the areas of sustainable development, economic equity and social justice, the vulnerability of smaller economies in the region and combating climate change among others,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly on behalf of the people of Guyana conveys to the Government and people of Cuba our congratulations on the 40th Anniversary since the establishment of diplomatic relations between Guyana and Cuba;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly extends our gratitude to the Government and people of Cuba for the valuable assistance they have rendered to the people of Guyana while at the same time enduring great sacrifice;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That we the Members of this National Assembly will continue to call for the removal of the unjust economic and financial embargo against Cuba; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly reaffirms our commitment to strengthening and deepening relations between our two countries to realize the legitimate aspirations of our peoples.

(Notice Paper No. 113 (M48 Govt 17) published on 2012-12-12)

BILLS – Second Reading

*8. **FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 21/2012 published on 2012-09-04**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Firearms Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-10-22)

MOTION

*9. **COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the House selected nine (9) members to the Parliamentary Committee on Selection of the 10th Parliament on February 10, 2012;

AND WHEREAS the House selected four (4) members for the governing PPP/C, four (4) members for the opposition APNU and one (1) member for the opposition AFC;

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

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AND WHEREAS the allocation of a nine (9) member Committee of Selection was by way of an amendment by the combined APNU/AFC opposition to the motion tabled by the Leader of the House for a ten (10) member Committee with five (5) for PPP/C, four (4) APNU and one (1) AFC;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 94(1) provides for “each Select Committee being so constituted to ensure that, as far as possible, the balance of parties in the National Assembly be reflected in the Committee”;

AND WHEREAS the existing balance of the parties in the 10th Parliament is as follows:

PPP/C:	32 seats
APNU:	26 seats
AFC:	7 seats

AND WHEREAS the balance of the parties in the existing Committee of Selection does not conform to Standing Order No. 94(1),

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the decision of the House on the composition of the Parliamentary Committee of Selection be declared inconsistent with Standing Order 94(1);

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

That the House takes immediate steps to ensure that the composition of the Parliamentary Committee of Selection is brought into conformity with Standing Order No. 94(1); and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the currently constituted Committee of Selection be prevented from discharging its functions under Standing Order No. 81.

(Notice Paper No. 24 (M7 Govt 4) published on 2012-03-07)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

- *10. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 12/2012 published on 2012-07-31**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Government Act.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-07-30)

- *11. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION BILL – Bill No. 13/2012 published on 2012-07-31**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish the Local Government Commission, as provided for by Article 78A of the Constitution, to provide for the Commission's functions and procedure, and for connected and incidental purposes.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-07-30)

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

*12. **MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 19/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act.
(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-08-09)

*13. **FISCAL TRANSFERS BILL 2012 – Bill No. 20/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the objective criteria for the allocation of resources to local authorities and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-08-09)

*14. **GUYANA CRICKET ADMINISTRATION BILL 2012 – Bill No. 31/2012**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provisions for the incorporation of autonomous national cricket administrative organizations in Guyana and to provide for other matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-12-20)

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BILLS – Committee and Third Reading

- *15. **DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 11 of 2012 published on 2012-07-10**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Deeds Registry Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-07-12)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-08-02)

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

BILLS – Second Reading

16. **FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – No. 24/2012 published on 2012-12-18**

Mr. Carl Greenidge, M.P., to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act 2003.

(Read a first time on 2012-12-17)

MOTIONS

17. **FORMER PRESIDENTS (BENEFIT AND OTHER FACILITIES) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 29/2012**

Mr. Carl Greenidge, M.P., to move the following motion:

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Former President (Benefit and Other Facilities) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 29/2012 –

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide benefits and other facilities for Former Presidents.

(Notice Paper No. 114 (M49 Opp 30) published on 2012-12-12)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

***18. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – No. 15/2012**

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Public Utilities Commission (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 15/2012 –

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Commission Act.

(Notice Paper No. 96 (M38 Opp 22) published on 2012-08-02)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

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

*19. **TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 2012 – Bill No. 16/2012**

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Telecommunications Bill 2012 – Bill No. 16/2012 –

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Telecommunication Agency and for a regular, coordinated, open and competitive telecommunications sector and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

(Notice Paper No. 97 (M39 Opp 23) published on 2012-08-02)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

*20. **PREVENTING HONOURABLE CLEMENT ROHEE, M.P., MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS FROM SPEAKING IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion after the Committee of Privileges has reported thereon:

WHEREAS Article 171(1) of the Constitution provides that subject to the provisions of this Constitution and of the rules of procedure of the National Assembly, any member of the Assembly may introduce any Bill or propose any motion for debate in, or may present any Petition to the Assembly and the same shall be debated and disposed of according to the rules of the procedure of the Assembly;

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

13.

AND WHEREAS Article 165(1) of the Constitution provides that, subject to the provisions of this Constitution the National Assembly may regulate its own procedure and may make rules for that purpose;

AND WHEREAS on the 25th day of July, 2012, Brig. (Ret.'d) David Granger moved a motion in the National Assembly of No Confidence in the Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P., as Minister of Home Affairs and called for his immediate removal, and dismissal from office;

AND WHEREAS on the 30th day of July, 2012, Resolution No. 18 of 2012, was passed by the National Assembly in accordance with the said motion;

AND WHEREAS the Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P., is a member of the Cabinet of Guyana with the portfolio of the Minister of Home Affairs;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 47 Rule 10 of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly provides that “Nothing in this Standing Order shall be taken to deprive the Assembly of the power of proceeding against any Member according to any Resolution of the Assembly”;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 113 of the said Standing Orders of the National Assembly provides that “In any matter not herein provided for, resort shall be had to the usage and practice of the House of Commons Assembly of Parliament of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall be followed as far as the same, may be applicable to the Assembly, and not inconsistent with these Standing Orders or with the practice of the Assembly”;

AND WHEREAS the practice and convention in the House of Commons of England is that a Minister who loses a no confidence motion, resigns as Minister,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That since the National Assembly, by National Assembly Resolution No. 18 of 2012, has expressed no confidence in the performance of the Honourable Clement Rohee, M.P. as Minister of Home Affairs, that he be prevented from speaking in the National Assembly so long as he is purporting to carry out the functions of Minister of Home Affairs as published in the Official Gazette.

(Notice Paper No. 104 (M45 Opp 27) published on 2012-11-22)

(Referred to Committee of Privileges on 2012-11-22 in accordance with Standing Order No. 91)

BILL – Committee and Third Reading

***21. OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL 2012 – No. 8/2012 published on 2012-08-10**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to set out the responsibilities and authority of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly of Guyana and to provide for the establishment and administration of an independent Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-12-17)

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

(iii) **COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

MOTION

22. **ADOPTION OF THE SECOND REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS
COMMITTEE**

Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip, to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the second Report of the Standing Orders Committee be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 120 (M 53 Opp. 31) published on 2012-12-17)

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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28th December, 2012.