

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 58<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**

**(2015-2017) OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON THURSDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017,**

**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,**

**BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN**

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1. **MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 – Bill No. 25/2016 published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-20)**

2. **CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 – Bill No. 26/2016 published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Customs Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-20)**

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3. **VALUE-ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 – Bill No. 27/2016 published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Value Added Tax Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-20)**

4. **CAPITAL GAINS TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 – Bill No. 28/2016 published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Capital Gains Tax Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-20)**

5. **CORPORATION TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 – Bill No. 29/2016 published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Corporation Tax Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-20)**

6. **INCOME TAX (IN AID OF INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 – Bill No. 30/2016 published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Income Tax (In Aid of Industry) Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-20)**

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7. **INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 – Bill No. 31/2016 published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Income Tax Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-20)**

8. **INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 – Bill No. 32/2016 published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-20)**

9. **MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 – Bill No. 33/2016 published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Miscellaneous Licenses Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-20)**

10. **TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 – Bill No. 34/2016 published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Tax Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-20)**

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11. **TRAVEL VOUCHER TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 – Bill No. 35/2016**  
**published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Travel Voucher Tax Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-20)**

12. **FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 –**  
**Bill No. 36/2016 published on 2016-12-20**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Financial Administration and Audit Act.

**(Read a first time on 2016-12-21)**

**MOTIONS**

13. **AFFIRMATION OF THE TRAVEL TAX REGULATIONS 2016 – No. 7 of 2016**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Section 56 of the Tax Act, Chapter 80:01, affirm the Travel Tax Regulations 2016 (No. 7 of 2016) which was made on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, under Section 56 of the Tax Act, Chapter 80:01 and published in the Official Gazette dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

**(Notice Paper No. 78 (M 63 Govt 40) published on 2016-12-20)**

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14. **AFFIRMATION OF THE VALUE-ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2016 – NO. 8 OF 2016**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Section 95 of the Value-Added Tax Act, Chapter 81:05, affirm the Value-Added Tax (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (No. 8 of 2016) which was made on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, under Section 95 of the Value-Added Tax Act, Chapter 81:05 and published in the Official Gazette dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

**(Notice Paper No. 79 (M 64 Govt 41) published on 2016-12-20)**

15. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES) ORDER 2016 – NO. 17 OF 2016**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Sections 8 and 43 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirm the Customs (Amendment of Schedules) Order 2016 (No. 17 of 2016) which was made on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, under Section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01 and published in the Official Gazette dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

**(Notice Paper No. 80 (M 65 Govt 42) published on 2016-12-20)**

**BILLS – Second Readings**

16. **ANIMAL WELFARE BILL 2016 – Bill No. 21/2016 published on 2016-11-02**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to deal with the welfare of animals; to provide for their protection and health; and connected matters.

**(Read a first time on 2016-11-04)**

17. **FOOD SAFETY BILL 2016 – Bill No. 22/2016 published on 2016-11-02**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to prevent the spread of food borne diseases through the control of the production, preparation, handling, storage and the transportation of food and provide for connected matters.

**(Read a first time on 2016-11-04)**

18. **PRIME MINISTER HAMILTON GREEN PENSION BILL – Bill No. 23/2016 published on 2016-11-08**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide a pension, benefits and other facilities to Hamilton Green, Prime Minister from 1985 to 1992, to enable him to live in keeping with the high office he occupied.

**(Read a first time on 2016-11-21)**

**BILL- Committee, Second and Third Readings**

**\*19. CYBERCRIME BILL 2016 – Bill No. 17/2016 published on 2016-08-04**

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 combat cybercrime by creating offences of cybercrime; to provide for penalties, investigation and prosecution of the offences and related matters.

**(Read a first time and committed to a Special Select Committee on 2016-08-04)**

**(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**\*1. PARKING METER PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN**

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P., to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Georgetown Mayor and City Council, represented by the Mayor and Town Clerk, have entered into a contractual arrangement with a company (Smart City Solutions) for the installation of Parking Meters in our Capital City, Georgetown;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council has held no public consultations with national stakeholders nor the citizens of the city;

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**\*Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting**



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AND WHEREAS the citizens of Georgetown and those who drive into, and, must traverse through the Capital to reach other areas of the country, have appealed to the Mayor and City Council to abandon this parking meter project because of the financial hardships it will inflict upon the people;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana, through the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Communities and the Ministry of Legal Affairs, has reviewed the parking meter contract and have found that the contract may have violated tender procedures; that the contract is too much in favour of the parking meter party and that the cost is burdensome;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor and some councillors in the face of the public opposition to this have been adamant that the project will proceed;

AND WHEREAS the company contracted to implement the project has been proceeding full steam ahead with its implementation plan, with aggressive promotion, importation of equipment and the hiring of staff;

AND WHEREAS there are many legal hurdles and protocols to address, including the yet unresolved critical issue of whether the Mayor and City Council have authority over public roads such as Regent Street, Water Street and Avenue of the Republic;

AND WHEREAS there are other legal issues involved with granting policing authority to a private company;

AND WHEREAS the Alliance For Change and the Deputy Mayor have publicly stated their opposition to the parking meter project,

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Auditor General of Guyana to immediately conduct a forensic audit into the Georgetown Municipal Council including the Parking Meter Contract.

**(Notice Paper No. 68 (M 55 Opp. 10) published on 2016-10-21)**

\*2. **NARCOTICS DRUG AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL)**  
**(AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 -No. 17 of 2015**

Mr. Michael Carrington, 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 Narcotics Drug and Psychotropic Substances (Control) (Amendment) Bill 2015 -No. 17 of 2015.

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act 1988.

**(Notice Paper No. 25 (M20 APNU/AFC Private Member.1) published on 2015-12-10)**

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**\*Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting**

**(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS-**

**MOTIONS**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO GUYSUCO BY THE PARLIAMENTARY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC SERVICES**

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P. (Chairman of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Economic Services) to move the following motion:

WHEREAS a Parliamentary Committee cannot consider a report which is not adopted by the National Assembly or referred to the Committee in accordance with the Standing Orders;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Standing Order 86(6): *“The National Assembly may request a Sectoral Committee to enquire into and report on any aspect of the policy or administration of the Government within its terms of reference”*;

AND WHEREAS the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Economic Services, in order to effectively conclude its examination of the sugar industry finds it pertinent to consider the Report by the Commission of Inquiry into GUYSUCO;

AND WHEREAS this report was laid in the National Assembly on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 on a motion moved by Hon. Noel Holder, M.P., Minister of Agriculture,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That given the prevailing circumstances in the Sugar Industry, the Report: *Commission of Inquiry, Guysuco*, be referred to the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Economic Services for its consideration.

**(Notice Paper No. 75 (M 60 Committees 9) published on 2016-11-21)**

2. **ADOPTION OF THE FIRST INTERIM REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY  
SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC SERVICES**

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P. (Chairman of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Economic Services) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the First Interim Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Economic Services of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Eleventh Parliament be adopted.

**(Notice Paper No. 76 (M 61 Committees 10) published on 2016-11-28)**

\*3. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE  
ON ITS EXAMINATION OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE  
YEARS 2010 AND 2011**

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P. (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on its examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the years 2010 and 2011, respectively be adopted and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

**(Notice Paper No. 77 (M 62 Committees 11) published on 2016-11-28)**

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**22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016.**

