

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 19TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1986) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1986

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS -

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER - *See Notes*

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Prime Minister:

Review of the Operations of the Sugar Industry
Labour Welfare Fund for the year 1985.

(OP: 6/5)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

No. 6 - Value of Seizures at Timehri Airport and Gains by Sijan Plaza

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Finance the following questions:

QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister tell the Assembly the annual value, for the years 1979 to 1985 inclusive, of the seizures at the Timehri Airport of the following items:

- (a) gold
- (b) gold jewellery
- (c) foreign currency

(ii) Will the Minister say what are the Government's net gains from the operation of the Sijan Plaza:

- (a) in foreign exchange
- (b) in benefits not quantifiable?

(Notice Paper No. 27 published 1986-04-10)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS -

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. AGREEMENTS WITH IMF

That before any other Agreement is signed with the IMF, the terms and conditions be debated

(Notice Paper No. 19 published 1986-03-06)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the income tax laws and regulations made no provision for certain dependent relatives

~~dependent on the tax-payer for living expenses;~~

AND WHEREAS there are many single-parent families, where one person is the sole provider, but no special tax allowances are made for this human situation;

AND WHEREAS many persons have savings in co-operative societies and credit unions;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That - (i) allowances be given for dependent relatives over the age of 16 once they are unmarried and unemployed;

(ii) an additional personal allowance be given heads of one-parent families, and

(iii) income tax relief be given on savings in co-operative societies and credit unions.

(Notice Paper No. 20 published 1986-03-06)

3. BECOMING A PARTY TO THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO INTERNATIONAL COVENANT

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Guyana is a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, but not to the Optional Protocol to the Covenant;

AND WHEREAS the Optional Protocol to the Covenant makes provision for individuals claiming to be victims of violations of any of the rights set forth in the Covenant to submit communications to the Human Rights Committee established under the Covenant, and for that Committee to receive and consider such communications from such individuals, but only if the State against which the violations is alleged is also a party to the Optional Protocol;

AND WHEREAS Article 42 of Part IV of the Covenant provides that if a matter referred to the Committee is not resolved to the satisfaction of the States Parties concerned, the Committee may, with the prior consent of the States Parties concerned, appoint an ad hoc Conciliation Commission (consisting of five persons acceptable to the States Parties concerned) whose good offices shall be made available to the States Parties concerned with a view to an amicable solution of the matter on the basis of respect for the Covenant;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government to avail itself of the provisions of the Optional Protocol by becoming a party to it as a matter of urgency.

(Notice Paper No. 22 published 1986-03-13)

4. CONVERSION OF GUYANA NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS LTD. INTO PUBLIC COMPANY

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Guyana National Newspapers Ltd. be converted into a public company;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Company be governed by special legislation which protects the interests of the labour force, in shareholding, industrial relations and management;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That participation be open to all citizens of Guyana and the citizens of the Caribbean Community with the Government and citizens of Guyana holding not less than a certain share of the equity to be determined by the Government;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the new Company be required by law to function in such a way as to promote a pluralist ~~democracy and ideological pluralism~~, in which the Government of the day has the right, along with others, to communicate information and express opinion.

(Notice Paper No. 30 published 1986-04-17)

BILLS - Second Reading

5. CINEMATOGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 9/1986 published 1986-07-05

The Minister of Information and the Public Service to moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Cinematograph Act to provide for the regulation of video exhibition and to make consequential amendment to the Tax Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-07-11)

- * 6. INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 10/1986

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Interpretation and General Clauses Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-07-16)

7. SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE. FRED BOWMAN, FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Cde. Bend-Kirton to moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Resol NO. 14 That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Cde. Fred Bowman, and pays tribute to the distinguished service which he rendered to Guyana and to its Parliament and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing widow, children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 98 published 1986-07-18)

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1986-07-17