

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 25TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1986 - 1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1987

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

OATHS - *See Notes*

- ✓ Cde. Carl Barrington Greenidge, M.P.,  
Minister of Finance
- ✓ Cde. Winston Shripal Murray, C.C.H., M.P.,  
Minister of Trade and Tourism
- ✓ Cde. Dr. Patrick Laurence McKenzie, A.A., M.P.,  
Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
- ✓ Cde. Deryck Milton Alexander Bernard, M.P.,  
Minister in the Ministry of Education
- ✓ Cde. Jules Richard Kranenburg, M.P., Minister  
of Communications and Works
- ✓ Cde. Dr. Noel Edwim Blackman, M.P., Minister  
in the Ministry of Health
- ✓ Cde. Vibert Virmen Parvatan, M.P., Minister  
in the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. Donald Alfred Nicholas Ainsworth, M.P., Minister  
of State in the Office of the Prime Minister
- ✓ Cde. Jean Marjorie Gloria Persico, A.A., M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Education

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

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

1. OLD AGE PENSIONS

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS sections 4 and 5 of the Old Age Pensions Act, Chapter 36:03, provide for certain statutory conditions to be fulfilled by every person (Claimant) before he can receive pension and that in the calculation of the means of any person for the purposes of the Act, account must be taken of the income of that person from specified sources;

AND WHEREAS the person must also satisfy the appropriate authorities (the Poor Law Commissioners) that the monthly income as calculated under the Act does not exceed such amount as the Minister, by Order, may prescribe;

AND WHEREAS the sum of \$50.00 so prescribed at present is so low as to depress and keep depressed below that figure any moneys the person may be entitled otherwise to receive, in short, he cannot have an income of \$50.00 or more and receive as well Old Age Pension of \$50.00 a month;

AND WHEREAS, further, the Act provides for claims to be heard by appropriate authority "without delay" but many claimants for Old Age Pension are known to suffer unconscionable delays in receiving pensions or in having their appeals heard and often do not know and are not notified, as provided with the reasons if the applications are rejected;

AND WHEREAS, also section 6 empowers the Poor Law Commissioners to take into account all information concerning the means of any person, and shall thereupon decide whether or not the person shall be paid: and this proviso is so worded as to appear to be accountable in some degree for the many accusations of discrimination that have been made from time to time;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government -

- (i) to remove the "Means Test" and raise without delay the present figure of \$50.00 a month to a sum more in keeping with the present cost of living, in order to give some relief to the desperate condition of so many elderly people; and
- (ii) to have the out-dated Old Age Pensions Act amended to reflect the current needs of pensioners.

(Notice Paper No. 23 published 1986-03-13)

2. REPRESENTATION ON BOARDS OF GRMMA, NPRGC & GREB

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Government open negotiations with the Rice Producers Association with a view to that organisation's adequate representation as producers on the National Boards and Regional Boards of the GRMMA, the National Padi and Rice Grading Centre and the Guyana Rice Export Board.

(Notice Paper No. 31 published 1986-04-17)

3. TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the public sector ~~should~~ and the Government should ~~prohibit~~ *continue to ensure that* business relations with firms which participate in the apartheid economy in South Africa and Namibia; *are prohibited.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That no such business or commercial relations be entered into unless Government satisfies this Assembly beforehand *at all* exception ought to be made in the particular case;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

(Notice Paper No. 32 published 1986-04-17)

4. AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Standing Order be amended to provide the following :

"That any member, having given previous notice to the Speaker and obtained his leave, may rise and discuss a matter affecting the welfare of the people or of a body of persons, provided that the member should occupy no more than three minutes in airing the issue. No more than 4 members of the Assembly may be granted this facility at any one sitting."

(Notice Paper No. 35 published 1986-04-17)

BILLS - Second Reading

- \*5. MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 -  
Bill No. 12/1986 published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

- \*6. LOCAL DEMOCRATIC ORGANS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 13/1986.  
published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Local Democratic Organs Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

- \*7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 14/1986.  
published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Local Government Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

- \*8. GUYANA GOLD BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 16/1986

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Guyana Gold Board Act 1981.

(Read a first time on 1986-12-22)

- \*9. GUYANA GEOLOGY AND MINES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 17/1986

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission Act 1979.

(Read a first time on 1986-12-22)

- \*10. EXPORT AND IMPORT (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 18/1986

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Export and Import (Special Provisions) Act 1986.

(Read a first time on 1986-12-29)

F.A. NARAIN  
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE  
1987-01-08

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.