

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 40TH 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, 17TH JUNE, 1987

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. - *See Supp O.P.*

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

No. 70 - Harmful Effects of Cigarette Smoking

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister undertake to launch a continuous programme of public education using all media on the harmful effects of cigarette smoking?

(Notice Paper No. 145 published 1987-03-04)

No. 71 - Cancer of the Breast

Mr. Kwayana to ask -

(a) the Minister in the Ministry of Health the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware of a growing incidence of cancer of the breast in Guyana?

(ii) Will the Minister give the assurance that public facilities free of charge will be available to assist interested persons?

(b) the Minister of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy the following question:

(i) Will the Minister launch a programme of public education, using all means, including brochures, advising women how to detect such a development at an early stage?

(Notice Paper No. 146 published 1987-03-04)

Nb. 72 - Economic Activities at Hope Estate

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) What economic activity or activities are carried out at Hope Estate, East Coast Demerara, and adjoining lands controlled by the Management of Hope Estate?
- (ii) What has been the financial out-turn of Hope Estate in each year since its acquisition by the Government?

(Notice Paper No. 147 published 1987-03-04)

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

Presentation and First Reading

INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 5/1987

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Insurance Act.

*Speaker: Let the Bill be read the first time.*

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MOTIONS

\*1. CONDITIONS AT GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS conditions in the Public Hospital, Georgetown, are deplorable, with shortages of the most elementary requirements for carrying out medical care;

AND WHEREAS this has been substantiated by a public statement by doctors of the Hospitals who have registered their dissatisfaction at the critical state of the institution which has for long been suffering from inadequate staff, supplies and equipment:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends to the Government the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry into the Public Hospital, Georgetown, and that such a Commission be broad-based and representative of the Guyanese people.

(Notice Paper No. 92 published 1986-06-26)

2. GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF TOWN AND VILLAGE MANAGEMENT.

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government's policy of town and village management is ineffective, harmful and ought to be corrected.

Notice Paper No. 103 published 1986-07-30)

3. HOUSING LOTS IN LINDEN

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That housing lots in Linden should be transferred to bauxite workers or former bauxite workers who occupy such lots or are in possession of such lots at the price of one dollars on terms similar to those applied in the sugar industry.

(Notice Paper No. 104 published 1986-07-30)

4. GOVERNMENT'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government's agricultural policy is inconsistent, wasteful, secretive and ought to be rationalised.

(Notice Paper No. 105 published 1986-07-30)

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE BUSINESS DEALINGS OF MR ROBERT CH PELL

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly appoint a Special Select Committee under Standing Order 71 for an investigation of the business dealings of Mr. Robert Chappell, representative of Nassau Life Insurance Company, Ltd.

(Notice Paper No. 106 published 1986-07-30)

\*6. PUBLIC HOUSING FACILITIES

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS persons in the lower income group have been experiencing severe hardship in obtaining housing facilities commensurate with their income;

AND WHEREAS no effort should be spared in seeking to put an end to overcrowding and in solving this grave social problem:

AND WHEREAS the 1986 budget provision for public housing was very inadequate:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends to the Government the adoption of a positive programme of public housing and the provision of adequate funds to finance it.

(Notice Paper No. 114 published 1987-03-04)

7. DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS, SUPPLIES AND COMMODITIES

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

WHEREAS consumers have been experiencing hardships in obtaining essential food items and other supplies, including building materials and cement:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government to establish a Permanent Committee with Representatives of all Political Parties represented in Parliament, to ensure the equitable distribution of all goods, supplies and commodities.

(Notice Paper No. 117 published 1987-03-04)

8. DUTY-FREE CONCESSIONS ON GASOLENE

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to re-introduce duty-free concessions on gasolene to farmers.

(Notice Paper No. 118 published 1987-03-04)

9. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Cde. Belgrave to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That in view of the high unemployment in Guyana, this National Assembly recommends that the Government introduce a system of unemployment relief.

(Notice Paper No. 122 published 1987-03-04)

10. ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME

Cde. Belgrave to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the National Insurance Scheme (NIS) was established in 1969, that is to say, 17 years ago;

AND WHEREAS the benefits its members now receive are not commensurate with their contributions to the Scheme:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to set up a broad-based Committee including the TUC to investigate the administration of the N.I.S.

(Notice Paper No. 125 published 1987-03-04)

11. AFFIRMATION OF THE EXTERNAL LOANS ORDER 1987 (No. 28)

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly affirm that External Loans Order 1987 (No. 28), which was made under section 3(7) of the External Loans Act, Chapter 74:08, on 7th May, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 9th May, 1987.

(Notice Paper No. 199 published 1987-05-21)

BILLS - Second Reading

12. RICE FACTORIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 3/1987 - published 1987-06-06

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Rice Factories Act.

(Read a first time on 1987-06-10)

\*13. CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (CARDI) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 4/1987

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

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the implementation by Guyana of the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute.

(Read a first time on 1987-06-10)

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BILL 1 6 -

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)

\*15. 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)

\*16. 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)

F.A. NARAIN  
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE;  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS;  
GEORGETOWN.

1987-06-15

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting