

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 44TH 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, 22ND JULY, 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 -

ETC.-

- (1) By the Vice-President, Education and Social
Development, and Deputy Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Teaching Service
Commission for the year 1986.

(TSC: 13/2/2)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Annual Report of the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs for the year
1986.

(FA: 1/42/1)(Circulated)

(3) *By the Minister in the Ministry of Health:*

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS - *See Supp. O.P.*

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS -

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

*(By Mr.
K. Wayana)*

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

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 Hospital 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. 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)

3. 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)

4. REPEAL OF LABOUR (AMENDMENT) ACT 1984 (No. 9)

Cde. Belgrave to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government to repeal the Labour (Amendment) Act, No. 9 of 1984.

(Notice Paper No. 128 published 1987-03-04)

BILLS - Second Reading

5. CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE BILL 1987 - Bill No. 4/1987 published 1987-06-13

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)

6. INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 5/1987 published 1987-06-13

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Insurance Act.

(Read a first time on 1987-06-17)

MOTION7. SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS OF NON-PENSIONABLE EMPLOYEES

The Minister of Information and the Public Service to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Legislative Council Resolution No. XXV of 1940 as amended from time to time provided that an employee holding a non-pensionable appointment should be granted superannuation benefits on certain terms and conditions;

AND WHEREAS under the aforesaid Resolution, as so amended the superannuation benefits provided for therein are available to a non-pensionable employee only in the case of his retirement on account of ill-health, incapacity, inefficiency or voluntary retirement on or after the age of fifty-five years, or on abolition of post;

AND WHEREAS Government is of the view that in a case where the service of a non-pensionable employee is terminated on account of unavailability of work, closure of project, redundancy or in the public interest (not being a case where his service is terminated on disciplinary grounds or on resignation) and who has more than one but less than seven continuous years of service, should be paid a gratuity calculated -

- (a) in the case of a non-pensionable employee holding an "approved" appointment at a rate of one-eighteenth of a month's pay for each month of service; and
- (b) in the case of a non-pensionable employee not holding an "approved" appointment at a rate of one-twenty-sixth of a year's pay for each year of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve that the aforesaid Resolution be amended in the following respects -

- (a) by the renumbering of paragraph B as sub-paragraph (i) thereof and by the insertion, after sub-paragraph (i) as so renumbered, of the following sub-paragraph as sub-paragraph (ii) -

"(ii) A non-pensionable employee holding an approved appointment whose service is terminated on or after 1st April, 1982, on account of unavailability of work, closure of project, redundancy or in public interest (not being a case where his service is terminated on disciplinary grounds or on resignation) and who has more than one but less than seven continuous years of service be paid a gratuity calculated at the rate of one-eighteenth of a month's pay for each month of service.";

(b) in paragraph C, by the renumbering of sub-paragraph (ii) as sub-paragraph (iii) and by the insertion, after sub-paragraph (i), of the following sub-paragraph as sub-paragraph (ii) -

"(ii) A non-pensionable employee not holding an approved appointment whose service is terminated on or after 1st April, 1982, on account of unavailability of work, closure of project, redundancy or in public interest (not being a case where his service is terminated on disciplinary grounds or on resignation) and who has more than one but less than seven continuous years of service be paid a gratuity calculated at the rate of one-twenty-sixth of a year's pay for each year of service.";

(c) by the insertion, after paragraph I, of the following paragraph as paragraph J -

"J. For the purposes of this resolution -

(i) "pay", for calculating gratuity payable to an employee, shall be computed on the basis of the last salary or wages drawn by the employee;

(ii) "approved appointment" means any appointment approved in that behalf by the Minister."

(Notice Paper No. 212 published 1987-07-10)

BILLS - Second Reading

- *8. 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)

- *9. 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)

- *10. 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.

1987-07-17.

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting