

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 36TH 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, 6TH MAY, 1987

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS -

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

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

Annual Report of the Teaching Service
Commission for the year 1985.

(ED: 6/3/3^{III})(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Agreements (3) between the Government of
the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the
Government of the Republic of Venezuela
dated 27th March, 1987, for -

(i) The Abolition of Visas in Diplomatic,
Official and Service Passports of both
Countries,

(ii) The Prevention, Control and Suppression
of the unlawful consumption of and
Traffic in Narcotics and Psychotropic
Substances, and

(iii) The Establishment of a Mechanism for the
Co-ordination, Consultation and General
Evaluation of the Co-operation between the
two Countries.

(SFA: 1/39/14)(Circulated)

- (3) By the Minister of Communications and Works:

Annual Report of the Plant Maintenance and
Hire Division for the year 1986.

(PM&HD: 3/2)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -No. 30 - Prime Minister's Delegation to North America

The Minority Leader to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say how many persons accompanied the Prime Minister on his recent visit to North America and what was the per diem out-of-pocket allowance given to each member of the delegation?

(Notice Paper No. 71 published 1986-06-05)

No. 31 - Agreements with Robert Chappell

The Minority Leader to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister make a statement about all the agreements made with Robert Chappell or and companies concerning off-shore banking?

(ii) Will he say whether, among these, permission has been given to Robert Chappell or any companies to erect a tourist Hotel at the top of Kaieteur Falls at which all bills must be paid and transactions conducted in foreign currency?

(Notice Paper No. 72 published 1986-06-05)

No. 32 - Return of Car Parts Seized

The Minority Leader to ask the Minister of Trade and Tourism the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister state whether a part or all of the car parts which were seized by the Police and Customs from Rahaman and Sons of Russell Street, Georgetown, Hassan of Main Street, New Amsterdam, and others have been returned?

(ii) If not, will the Minister say whether it is proposed to return the parts or make any financial restitution?

(Notice Paper No. 73 published 1986-06-05)

No. 43 - Distribution Centre at Anna Regina

Cde. Basir to ask the Minister of Trade and Tourism the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say -

(i) Whether the "Distribution Centre" at Anna Regina is a PNC Shop?

(ii) Whether the 'working capital' made available to the shop has been provided by the Government?

(iii) Whether profits from the shop go to the Treasury or to the PNC?

(Notice Paper No. 90 published 1986-06-26)

No. 44 - Ex gratia Pension for Sugar Workers

Cde. Belgrave to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Prime Minister say whether consideration will now be given to increasing the ex gratia pension of sugar workers from \$16.50 a week to an amount more in keeping with the cost of living?

(Notice Paper No. 91 published 1986-06-26)

No. 45 - Footwear for Sugar Workers

Cde. Belgrave to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Prime Minister ensure that adequate supplies of safety boots and other footwear for sugar workers are available at all times?

(Notice Paper No. 93 published 1986-06-26)

No. 46 - Boats for the Ministry of Health

Cde. Janet Jagan to ask the Minister in the Ministry of Health the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister state if the 14 boats for the Ministry, which the Minister of Health recently informed the National Assembly would soon be delivered, are locally built?

(ii) If not, why not?

(Notice Paper No. 95 published 1986-06-27)

No. 47 - Rice and Paddy Buying Centre for Leguan

Cde. Nokta to ask the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say when the Marketing and Milling Authority will set up a Rice and Paddy Buying Centre at Leguan?

(Notice Paper No. 99 published 1986-07-28)

No. 48 - Produce Bought by Parika Marketing Centre

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

QUESTION: Will the Minister give the quantity and total value of produce bought by the Parika Marketing Centre from farmers between December 1, 1985 and May 31, 1986?

(Notice Paper No. 100 published 1986-07-30)

No. 49 - Motor Lorry at Parika Marketing Centre

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

- QUESTION: (i) Is it true that the Parika Marketing Centre is equipped with a motor lorry?
- (ii) If so, to what use has the motor lorry been put between December 1, 1985 and May 31, 1986?

(Notice Paper No. 101 published 1986-07-30)

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. SALE OF GUYANA TIMBERS LIMITED

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Government urgently develop a plan for the sale of Guyana Timbers Limited to the public investors, with employees of the firm having a prior right to acquire shares and operate the firm in an industry with which the labour force and managers are familiar, and cancel any plan for selling the enterprise to a non-Caribbean firm.

(Notice Paper No. 62 published 1986-06-04)

2. RECOGNITION OF NON-CHRISTIAN HOLY DAYS

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Rules of Court made under Section 67 of Chapter 3:02 were made during a period of non-recognition of non-Christian Holy Days;

AND WHEREAS the recent amending Order, No. 3 of 1986, made under Chapter 3:02 appears to withhold recognition of the non-Christian Holy Days;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly express the opinion that in matters of service of writ of summons, recognised non-Christian Holy Days should be accorded equal treatment with the days listed in Order 7 Rule 7;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That in matters in which "any limited time less than six days from or after any event is appointed or allowed for doing any act or taking any proceeding" recognised non-Christian Holy Days should be accorded equal treatment in the law with days listed in Order 98 Rule 1 (4), recently amended to include Saturday.

(Notice Paper No. 88 published 1986-06-26)

3. COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government of Guyana appoint a broad, multi-disciplined, multi-class and multi-party Commission to investigate in all parts of Guyana, all aspects of social marginalisation, including, for example, juvenile delinquency, destitution, drug abuse, homelessness, enforced prostitution as well as the incidence of crimes against the person, the treatment and rehabilitation of offenders, school attendance, treatment of the mentally ill, illiteracy among the young and to make a report with recommendations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission be requested to make an interim report of completed areas with recommendations every six months and to complete its investigation within 18 months with a final report and recommendations, or with the consent of Parliament in 2 years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the reports and recommendations be submitted to the Government, the National Assembly and the public for discussion with a view to choice of policies aimed at general improvement of the quality of life of the affected groups and individuals;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That remedial action on the basis of interim reports may be open to Government or other agencies without the need to await the final report.

(Notice Paper No. 89 published 1986-06-26)

4. 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:

6.

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)

5. NO-CONFIDENCE IN CHAIRMAN OF ELECTIONS COMMISSION,

The Minority Leader to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly has no confidence in the Chairman of the Elections Commission.

(Notice Paper No. 94 published 1986-06-27)

6. ABOLITION OF ROAD TOLLS,

Cde. Nokta to move the following motion:

WHEREAS road tolls are burden on already heavily-taxed Guyanese;

AND WHEREAS the administration involved in the collection of tolls is costly and unnecessary:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends the abolition of road tolls.

(Notice Paper No. 96 published 1986-07-03)

7. NO-CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT'S MINING POLICY

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly has no confidence in the Government's mining policy, including its policy on precious metals.

(Notice Paper No. 102 published 1986-07-30)

8. 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)

9. 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 dollar on terms similar to those applied in the sugar industry.

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

10. 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)

11. COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE BUSINESS DEALINGS OF MR. ROBERT CHAPPELL

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 1986-07-31.)

BILLS - Second Reading

*12. 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)

*13. 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)

- *14. 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)

- *15. GUYANA GOLD BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 16/1986
published 1987-01-10

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)

- *16. GUYANA GEOLOGY AND MINES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986
Bill No. 17/1986 published 1987-01-10

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)

- *17. EXPORT AND IMPORT (SPECIAL PROVISION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986
Bill No. 18/1986 published 1987-01-10

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)

- *18. FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 1/1987
published 1987-01-30

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
Evidence Act, the Tax Act, the Income
Tax Act, the Capital Gains Tax Act
and the Property Tax Act, and to repeal
the National Development Surtax Act.

(Read a first time on 1987-01-20)

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
GEORGETOWN.
1987-04-30

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.