

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 105<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**

**(2006 - 2009) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON THURSDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2009**

**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

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**MOTIONS**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/2009**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion.

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

**In Committee of Supply**

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/2009 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$2,240,280,499 – Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009.

**(Notice Paper No. 409 (M112 Govt 69) published on 2009-12-03)**

**(Paper presented on 2009-12-03)**

2. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 4/2009**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion.

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

**In Committee of Supply**

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 4/2009 – Supplementary Estimate (Capital) totalling \$2,436,927,906 for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009.

**(Notice Paper No. 410 (M113 Govt 70) published on 2009-12-03)**

**(Paper presented on 2009-12-03)**

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The Speaker's consent was given in accordance with Standing Orders No. 28(2) to move the following motion:

3. **GUYANA'S MODEL OF A LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT PATH**

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications to move the following motion:

WHEREAS international acceptance of scientific evidence that high concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are rising exponentially, leading to alarming levels of global warming and related sea level rise is no longer a matter of dispute;

AND WHEREAS the causes of these phenomena are also now accepted at all international fora and thus the time as no other is for global concerted action to reverse these dangerous and planet and life threatening phenomena;

AND WHEREAS the 54 Commonwealth Heads of Government arrived at the Port of Spain Consensus and Declaration on Climate Change which it is taking to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties in Copenhagen 2009 in order to further the efforts to reach an agreement that will require commitments to deep cut in emissions by the main contributors to carbon emissions and financial and technical support to the most vulnerable nations in the world in the interim;

AND WHEREAS Guyana's Low Carbon development Strategy demonstrates how rainforest countries can use their rainforest to mitigate Climate Change and at the same time use it as the basis for a financial flow to finance a low carbon development path, with adaptation, mitigation and technology transfer as key elements;

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AND WHEREAS Guyana's innovative low carbon development path was scrutinized through a consultative process which involved more than 144 communities, particularly in Amerindian communities as well as representatives of various sector groups including forestry, mining, women, youth, academic, and labour;

AND WHEREAS this process was managed and coordinated by a broad-based multi-sectoral steering committee comprising representatives of the National Tousehaos' Council, Amerindian NGOs, forestry and mining groups, the private sector, organised labour, and international monitors under the chairmanship of His Excellency the President;

AND WHEREAS the international community has applauded Guyana for its consultation process and efforts to pursue a low carbon development pathway with examples being the World Bank Forest Carbon Partnership Facility and the unique Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Norway;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly:

1. Recognises the efforts to build national consensus and mobilize the international community support for Climate Change and Guyana's model of a Low Carbon Development Pathway;
2. Supports Guyana's model of a Low carbon development pathway tabled in the House as the revised Low Carbon Development Strategy;
3. Endorses Guyana's commitment to a new agreement at the upcoming UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Copenhagen, December 2009 which will bind countries to carbon reductions and release financial support to mitigate the repercussions of climate change on vulnerable countries; and

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4. Lends unequivocal support to the Guyana delegation at the UNFCC Conference in struggling/lobbying for a post 2012 agreement on Climate Change in the interest of the world and Guyana.

**(Notice Paper No. 411 (M114 Govt 71) published on 2009-12-04)**

**BILLS – Second Readings**

4. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 45/2009 published on 2009-11-26**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Legal Practitioners Act.

**(Read a first time on 2009-11-26)**

5. **LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 47/2009 published on 2009-12-03**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Authorities (Elections) Act to provide for the postponement of elections of councillors of local democratic organs.

**(Read a first time on 2009-12-03)**

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\*6. **LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (BENEFITS AND OTHER FACILITIES) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 16/2009 published on 2009-04-30**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for benefits and other facilities to the Leader of the Opposition.

**(Read a first time on 2009-04-30)**

**BILLS – Committee and Third Readings**

\*7. **COURT OF APPEAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008 – Bill No. 12 of 2008 published on 2008-07-11**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Court of Appeal Act to provide for appeals by the Director of Public Prosecutions to the Court of Appeal and the Caribbean Court of Justice and for connected matters.

**(Read a first time on 2008-07-17)**

**(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2008-07-24)**

\*8. **MARITIME ZONES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 36/2009 published on 2009-10-08**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal and replace the Maritime Boundaries Act 1977, to incorporate certain provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the

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**\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**

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Underwater Cultural Heritage 2001, to provide for marine scientific research, maritime cultural area, eco-tourism, marine parks and reserves and mariculture, the protection and preservation of the marine environment and for related matters.

**(Read a first time on 2009-10-15)**

**(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-10-29)**

\*9. **CREDIT REPORTING BILL 2009 – Bill No. 37/2009 published on 2009-10-22**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish a credit reporting industry with the aim of enabling more reliable, competitive, and responsible credit lending while protecting borrowers' rights.

**(Read a first time on 2009-10-29)**

**(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-11-12)**

\*10. **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 44/2009 published on 2009-11-19**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide certain rights to persons with disabilities; to provide for the promotion and protection and full and equal enjoyment of the rights; to facilitate the enforcement of the rights; to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability; to provide for the welfare

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**\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**

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and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities; to provide for the registration of persons with disabilities; to establish the National Commission on Disabilities; and for connected purposes.

**(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)**

**(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-11-26)**

**BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings**

\*11. **ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS BILL 2009 – Bill No. 15/2009 published on 2009-04-30**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for registration of members of allied health professions supplementary to the medical profession, regulation of practice of allied health professions and allied health services, to provide for maintenance of professional standards for allied health professions and health services and to make provisions for training of members of those professions and services and for related purposes.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-04-30)**

\*12. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 23/2009 published 2009-06-03**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Government Act.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-04)**

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**\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**

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\*13. **FISCAL TRANSFERS BILL 2009 - Bill No. 25/2009 published on 2009-06-11**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the formulation and implementation of objective criteria for the purpose of the allocation of resources to and the garnering of resources by local democratic organs and for matters connected therewith.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-11)**

\*14. **MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 26/2009 published on 2009-06-11**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-11)**

\*15. **CUSTODY, CONTACT, GUARDIANSHIP AND MAINTENANCE BILL 2009 – Bill No. 29/2009 published on 2009-06-25**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the granting of custody, contact, guardianship and maintenance rights with respect to children and for connected purposes.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-25)**

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**\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**

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\*16. **THE SEXUAL OFFENCES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 30/2009 published on 2009-07-08**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to reform and consolidate the laws relating to sexual offences and to provide for related matters.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-07-09)**

\*17. **CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 31/2009 published on 2009-07-08**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to regulate childcare services and to provide for parameters for the granting of licences for childcare and development services and connected matters.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-07-09)**

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**Presentation and first Reading**

**\*FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL 2006 – Bill No. 26/2006**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., is to seek leave to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give access to information to members of the public.

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**\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**

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(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS

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**S.E. ISAACS**  
**Clerk of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,**  
**Public Buildings,**  
**Brickdam,**  
**Georgetown.**

**4<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.**