

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 134<sup>th</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**  
**(2006-2010) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2010**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM,**  
**GEORGETOWN**

**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (70)**

**Speaker (1)**

The Hon. Hari N. Ramkarran, S.C., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

**MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (41)**

**People's Progressive Party/Civic (40)**

**The United Force (1)**

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice),  
Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne),  
Minister of Health

The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, M.P. (Region No. 9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo),  
Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent – on leave)

\*The Hon. Dr. Ashni K. Singh, M.P., Minister of Finance

The Hon. Robert M. Persaud, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne),  
Minister of Agriculture (Absent – on leave)

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**\*Non-elected Minister**

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The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni),  
Minister of Public Service

The Hon. Kellawan Lall, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

\*The Hon. Charles R. Ramson, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P., Minister of Culture,  
Youth and Sport

The Hon. B. H. Robeson Benn, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

\*\*The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Labour

The Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice),  
Minister of Human Services and Social Security

The Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

The Hon. Jennifer I. Webster, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Finance

The Hon. Manniram Prashad, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

\*The Hon. Pauline Sukhai, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

The Hon. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P.

Ms Bibi S. Shadick, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Mr. Albert A. Atkinson, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 8 – Potaro/Siparuni)

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**\*Non-Elected Minister**

**\*\*Elected Member from the United Force**

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Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Mohamed F. Khan, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P.

Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Neendkumar, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

\*\*\*Mr. Steve P. Ninvalle, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport

Mr. Parmanand P. Persaud, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Housing and Water

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Mr. Norman A. Whittaker, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Dr. Vishwa Deva Budhram Mahadeo, M.P.

Rev. Dr. Kwame Gilbert, M.P.

Mr. Lloyd J. Pereira, J.P., M.P. (Absent – on leave)

#### **Members of the Opposition (28)**

##### **(i) Members of People's National Congress Reform-One Guyana (22)**

Mr. Robert Corbin, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Mr. Winston Murray, C.C.H., M.P.

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\*\*\*Non-elected Parliamentary Secretary

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Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent)

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P.

Ms Cheryl Sampson, M.P.

Mr. Dave Danny, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)

Mr. Ernest Barnabas Elliot, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent – on leave)

Mrs. Judith David-Blair, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Dr. John Austin, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Ms Jennifer Wade, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Ms. Vanessa Kisson, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/  
Upper Berbice) (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Desmond Fernandes, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Ms Dawn Hastings, M.P.

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**(ii) Alliance for Change (5)**

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Mrs. Latchmin Punalall, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. David Patterson, M.P.

**Guyana Action Party/Rise Organize and Rebuild (1)**

Mr. Everall N. Franklin, M.P.

**OFFICERS (2)**

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, Clerk of the National Assembly

Ms Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The sitting commenced at 2.07p.m.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS**

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P., made a personal explanations re: a press reports by the Minister of Human Services and Social Security and Mr. Mohabir Nandlall, M.P., on his speech on the Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2009 in the Assembly on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

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**PUBLIC BUSINESS-**

**(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**ITEM 1 - AFFIRMATION OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES**

**2010 – NO. 2 OF 2010**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Article 226(2) of the Constitution, affirms the Judicial Service Commission Rules 2010 – No. 2 of 2010, made on 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010 and published in an Extraordinary Copy of the Official Gazette dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

**(Notice Paper No. 501 (M157 Govt 96) published on 2010-11-04)**

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan

Mr. Mohabir Nandlall

Thereafter the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs replied.

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the following amendment which was put and carried:

“Rule 8(2):

In the second line delete the word ‘Rule (2)’ and insert the word ‘subrule (1)’

The motion was then put and carried.

7.

**BILLS – Second Reading**

**ITEM 2 - AMERINDIAN ACT 2006 (COMMENCEMENT) BILL 2010 – Bill No.**

**20/2010 published on 2010-11-04**

The Minister of Amerindian Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to validate the commencement of the Amerindian Act 2006.

**(Read a first time on 2010-11-04)**

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Dr. George Norton

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 4.00 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 5.10 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. David Patterson

Ms Gail Teixeira

Mr. Winston Murray

Thereafter the Minister of Amerindian Affairs replied.

The Bill was then read a second time.

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Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

**In Committee**

**Clauses 1 to 5** were passed as printed.

**Assembly resumed**

On a motion by the Minister of Amerindian Affairs, the Amerindian Act 2006 (Commencement) Bill 2010 was read a third time and passed as printed.

(iii)**COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**ITEM 3 - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE YEAR 2006**

At a request of Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P. (Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee), consideration of the following motion was deferred:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on its examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the year 2006 and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

**(Notice Paper No. 500 (M156 Opp 50) published on 2010-11-04)**

**EID-UL-ADHA GREETINGS**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications extended Eid-Ul-Adha Greetings to Members of Parliament and their families.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6.21 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

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**HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,**  
**Speaker of the National Assembly**

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

**11<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.**