

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 54<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**

**(2006 - 2008) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2008**

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

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1. **VISITING FORCES BILL 2008 – Bill No. 5/2008**

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

A BILL intituled ANACT to make provision for armed forces of certain States visiting Guyana and for related purposes.

2. **STATUS OF VISITING POLICE FORCES BILL 2008 – Bill No. 6/2008**

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

A BILL intituled ANACT to provide for the presence, activities, privileges and immunities of members of foreign police forces and civilian personnel in Guyana and for matters connected therewith.

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**PUBLIC BUSINESS-**

**(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**1. IMPACT OF GLOBAL FOOD PRICE INCREASES**

The Minister of Agriculture to move the following motion:

WHEREAS globally there is an increase in food prices caused mainly by four factors, namely; increase in the price of fossil fuels, effects of Climate Change, increase in production of bio-fuels, and growing demand for food in large emerging economies;

AND WHEREAS that the increase of food prices, amounting to over 80% over the past year and a half, is having a devastating effect on the supply and affordability of food for populations in both developing and developed nations;

AND WHEREAS that various multilateral and regional institutions, including the Food and Agriculture Organisation, the World Bank, the World Food Programme and CARICOM, have already called for urgent action and heightened collaboration to tackle this global crisis;

AND WHEREAS Guyana, having recognised this crisis and its impact within the CARICOM region, is working with its sister CARICOM partners to transform Guyana into a major player in the development of Food security in the region;

AND WHEREAS the Government has established an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Food Prices tasked with monitoring this emerging situation on a constant basis and to make recommendations on action that may be needed to be taken to cushion the impact on the Guyanese population, especially the poor and vulnerable,

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly takes note of the impact of Global rising food prices on the cost of living in Guyana and supports the interventions taken by the Government to cushion the impact of these global price increases on our population, especially for the vulnerable groups;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly undertakes to follow the implementation of these governmental interventions that include increasing the disposable income of ordinary Guyanese; subsidizing the cost of accessing utility services, implementing the Ministry of Agriculture's GROW MORE campaign and its concomitant budgetary interventions; zero-rating of all essential food items, diesel and agricultural inputs; monitoring exports of some essential agricultural commodities to ensure adequate local supply and monitoring of prices and supply of various food commodities; and assistance to single-headed households;

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly be provided with the deliberations of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Food Prices on a quarterly basis, set up by Cabinet to review the impact of rising food prices on Guyanese and make recommendations intended to cushion the impact;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recognizes that the situation requires national action, and sustained efforts and engagement with critical sectors and groups to confront this challenge locally and regionally.

**(Notice Paper 237 (M69 Govt 41) published on 2008-04-29)**

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

**\*2. ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM BILL 2007 – Bill No. 18/2007 published on 2007-06-04**

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 establishment and management of a Financial Intelligence Unit; to provide for unlawful proceeds of all serious offences to be identified, traced, frozen, seized and eventually forfeited; to provide for comprehensive powers for the prosecution of money laundering, terrorist financing and other financial crimes; and the forfeiture of the proceeds of crime and terrorist property; to require reporting entities to take preventive measures to help combat money laundering and terrorist financing; to provide for civil forfeiture of assets and for matters connected therewith.

*(Read a first time on 2007-06-07)*

*(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2007-06-07)*

**\*3. THE FORESTS BILL 2007 – Bill No. 21 of 2007 published on 2007-07-24**

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 consolidate and amend the law relating to forests.

*(Read a first time on 2007-08-02)*

*(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2007-11-08)*

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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**(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.

**(iii) COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

4. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE YEARS 2002 AND 2003**

Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P., (Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on its examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the years 2002 and 2003, respectively be adopted and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

**(Notice Paper No. 222 ( M 60 Opp 18) published on 2008-02-05)**

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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5. **THE FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT PROJECT**

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance to move the following motion:

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 9 dated 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 the National Assembly appointed a Special Select Committee to examine the recommendation at component 6 of the Guyana Fiduciary Oversight Project Final Framework and Guidelines Report Volume 2 with a view to advising the National Assembly on the steps to be undertaken by the Government to enable the Clerk to become the employing authority of the Staff of the Parliament Office;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly stipulated that the Special Select Committee examines the present constitutional arrangement for the appointment of the Clerk and advise the National Assembly whether there is need for a change and what change that should be;

AND WHEREAS the Special Select Committee was required to present its Final Report to the National Assembly three months after its appointment;

AND WHEREAS the Special Select Committee had requested an extension of the deadline for the submission of its Final Report to 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2008;

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of a further extension of the deadline for the submission of its Report to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.

**(Notice Paper 240 (M72 Govt. 42) published on 2008-06-10)**

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**L. COONJAH**  
**Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly**

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**19<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.**