# **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

# **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

# OF THE 86<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION (2015-2018) OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD AT 2.00 P.M.

# ON THURSDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018, IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN. MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (69)

# Speaker (1)

\*Hon Dr. Barton U.A. Scotland, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

# **MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (36)**

(i) A Partnership For National Unity/Alliance For Change (36)

# First Vice-President and Prime Minister (1)

+ Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P., First Vice-President and Prime Minister (Absent – on leave)

# Other Vice-Presidents (3)

- + Hon. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P., Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs
- +Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., Vice-President and Minister of Public Security
- +\*Hon. Sydney Allicock, M.S., M.P., Vice-President and Minister of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs

# **Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)**

+ Hon. Basil Williams, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

# **Senior Ministers (15)**

- + Hon. Amna Ally, M.P., Minister of Social Protection and Government Chief Whip (Absent)
- + Hon. Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph F. Harmon, M.S.M., M.P., Minister of State

- + Hon. Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P., Minister of the Public Service
- + Hon. Ronald A. Bulkan, M.P., Minister of Communities
- + Hon. Dr. George A. Norton, M.P., Minister of Social Cohesion with responsibility for Culture, Youth and Sport
- + Hon. Winston D. Jordan, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent)
- + Hon. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P., Minister of Natural Resources
- + Hon. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Region No. 4 Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of Public Health
- + Hon. David A. Patterson, M.P., Minister of Public Infrastructure
- + Hon. Catherine A. Hughes, M.P. (Region No. 4 Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of Public Telecommunications
- +\*Hon. Winston G. Felix, D.S.M., M.P., Minister of Citizenship
- + Hon. Hans Dominic Gaskin, M.P., Minister of Business
- +Hon. Noel L. Holder, M.P., Minister of Agriculture
- +Hon. Dawn Hastings-Williams, M.P. (Region No. 7 Cuyuni/Mazaruni), Minister of Public Affairs
- +Hon. Nicolette O. Henry, M.P., Minister of Education

# Ministers (7)

\*Hon. Keith Scott, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Social Protection

Hon. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Public Infrastructure

Hon. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs

Hon. Jaipaul Sharma, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister within the Ministry of Finance

Hon. Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister within the Ministry of Public Health

Hon. Simona Charles-Broomes, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Natural Resources

Hon. Valarie Patterson-Yearwood, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice), Minister within the Ministry of Communities (Absent)

# Other Members (9)

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

Ms. Rajcoomarie Bancroft, M.P. (Region No. 8 – Potaro/Siparuni)

Mr. John Adams, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Mr. Richard Allen, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Mr. Michael Carrington, M.P.

Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Mr. Charrandas Persaud, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Haimraj Rajkumar, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Mr. Audwin Rutherford, M.P.

# **MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION (32)**

# (i) People's Progressive Party (32)

Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Mr. Clement J. Rohee, M.P.

Ms. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Ms. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P.

Ms. Pauline Campbell-Sukhai, M.P.

Mr. Odinga Lumumba, M.P.

Bishop Juan A. Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P.

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Dr. Vindhya V. Persaud, M.S., M.P.

Ms. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Joseph L.F. Hamilton, M.P.

Mr. Collin D. Croal, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Ms. Gillian R. Burton-Persaud, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.P.

Dr. Jennifer Westford, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Ms. Africo Selman, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P.

Ms. Yvonne Pearson- Fredericks, M.P.

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

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

(Absent – on leave)

Dr. Vishwa D.B. Mahadeo, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Cornel Damon, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Mr. Alister S. Charlie, M.P. (Region No. 9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

Mr. Nigel D. Dharamlall, M.P.

Mr. Adrian V. Anamayah, M.P.

Mr. Harry Gill, M.P.

Ms. Bhagmattie Veerasammy, M.P.

Mr. Vickram O. Bharrat, M.P.

# Officers (2)

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

Ms. Hermina Gilgeours, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

# **COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 2.20 p.m.

# **PRAYERS**

The Clerk read Prayers.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

The Speaker made the following announcements:

# 1. <u>LEAVE</u>:

Honourable Members, leave has been granted for today's Sitting to the Honourable Members Ms. Africo Selman and Mr. Komal Chand.

# 2. Valmiki Vidyalaya High School Visit to Parliament

"Honourable Members, we have in our midst today twenty-five (25) students from the Valmiki Vidyalaya High School who are here to observe today's proceedings. We wish them well".

# 3. DEATH OF DR. MOHAMED SHAHABUDDEEN

"Honourable Members, you are all aware of the death of Dr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen, who died on the 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, in Toronto, Canada after a brief period of illness.

He was 87 years old having born on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1931, at Vreed-en-Hoop, West Coast Demerara. Dr. Shahabuddeen came from the People's National Congress. Dr. Shahabuddeen joined the Attorney General Chambers in 1959 and in 1962 he was appointed Solicitor General, a post he held with distinction.

Elections were held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1973 under the system of proportional representation. The Third Parliament of Guyana commenced when the National Assembly first met on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 1973. Dr. Shahabuddeen was appointed Attorney General from 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1973 to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1978. He became a legislator under the Pensions (President, Parliamentary and Special Offices) Act, Chapter 27:03 on the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1978. While it was on the said 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1978, that Dr. Shahabuddeen first made and subscribed the oath of Office as a Member of the National Assembly. He was designated Attorney General and Minister of Justice from 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1978 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1980. On the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1980, the Third Parliament was dissolved.

Elections were held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1980, under the system of proportional representation. The Fourth Parliament of Guyana commenced when the National Assembly first met on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1981. Dr. Shahabuddeen was again elected a Member of the National Assembly with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1981 and was designated Attorney General and Senior Minister (Justice). On the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1985 the Fourth Parliament was dissolved.

Elections were again held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1985. The Fifth Parliament commenced when the National Assembly first met on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1986. Dr. Shahabudden was again elected a Member of the National Assembly of the Fifth Parliament and was designated Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1985, to 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1988. Dr. Shahabuddeen resigned from the National Assembly on the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1988, in the capacity as stated above."

# **Minute of Silence**

A minute of silence was observed to mark respect for the late Dr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen.

# PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

- (1) By the Minister of Finance:
  - (i) Annual Report of the Guyana Oil Company Limited for the year 2016.

(Circulated)

(ii) Annual Report of the Guyana National Shipping Corporation for the year 2016.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Public Security:

Annual Reports of the Guyana Police Force for the years 2014 and 2015.

(Circulated)

# **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES –**

(1) By the Minister of Social Cohesion with responsibilities of Culture, Youth and Sport (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments):

Seventh Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the Appointment of Members of the Indigenous Peoples' Commission.

(Circulated)

(i) By the Minister of Social Cohesion with responsibilities for Culture, Youth and Sport (Chairperson of Committee on Appointments):

Eighth Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the Appointment of Members to the Public Service Commission.

(Circulated)

- (2) By Mr. John Adams, M.P. (Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services):
- (i) Sixth Special Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services visit to the Linden Hospital Complex in Region No. 10 on April 11, 2017.

(Circulated)

(ii) Seventh Special Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services visit to Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam, from May 17 - 19, 2017.

(Circulated)

(iii) Seventh Periodic Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Social Services for the period September 10, 2015 to February 16, 2018.

(Circulated)

# INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

# **Presentation and First Reading**

# JUVENILE JUSTICE BILL 2018 - Bill No. 2 of 2018

The Vice-President and Minister of Public Security, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend and consolidate the law in relation to criminal justice for juveniles; to make provision for proceedings with respect to juvenile offenders; to provide for the establishment of facilities for the custody, education and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders, and to repeal the Juvenile Offenders Act and the Training Schools Act.

# **PUBLIC BUSINESS**-

# (i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

# **MOTIONS**

# ITEM 1 - SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MR. MOHAMED IDRIS DEEN, FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

The Minister of Citizenship moved the following motion:

# **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly records its deep regret on the death of Mr. Mohamed Idris Deen, on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, and pays tribute to his dedicated service to the Parliament and people of Guyana as a Member of Parliament from 24<sup>th</sup> December, 1985 to 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1997;

# **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the National Assembly directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing widow, children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 122 (M 93 Govt. 53) published on 2018-03-08)

Mr. Odinga Lumumba spoke to the motion.

The motion was then put and carried.

# ITEM 2 - SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MS SANDRA MICHELLE ADAMS, FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

On behalf of the Minister of Social Protection and Government Chief Whip, the Minister within the Ministry of Natural Resources moved the following motion:

## **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly records its deep regret on the death of Ms Sandra Michelle Adams, on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018, and pays tribute to her dedicated service to the Parliament and people of Guyana as a Member of Parliament from15th July, 1998 to 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2006;

# BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to her sorrowing widower, children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 123 (M 94 Govt. 54) published on 2018-03-08)

Mr. Neendkumar spoke to the motion.

The motion was then <u>put</u> and <u>carried</u>.

# ITEM 3 - SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF DR. MOHAMED SHAHABUDDEEN, FORMER FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE

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

# **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly place on record our profound grief at the great loss suffered by the people of Guyana on the death of Dr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen, on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, and pays tribute to his dedicated service to the Parliament and people of Guyana where he served as Attorney General and Minister of Justice from 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1973 to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1985, First Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General from 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1985 to 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1988;

# BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly directs that an expression of our heartfelt condolences and sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing widow, children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 124 (M 95 Govt. 55) published on 2018-03-08)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Mohabir Nandlall

The Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs

The motion was then put and carried.

# **SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 3.57 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

# **RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 5.17 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

# ITEM 4 - SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MRS. PHILOMENA AMEENA RAYMAN, FORMER PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Ms. Jennifer Wade, M.P. moved the following motion:

# **BE IT RESOLVED**:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret on the death of Mrs. Philomena Ameena Rayman, on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, and pays tribute to her dedicated service to the Parliament and people of Guyana as an ordinary Member of Parliament from 26<sup>th</sup> July, 1973 to 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1980, Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1981 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1981, and ordinary Member of Parliament from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1982 to 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1992;

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to her sorrowing widower, children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 125 (M 96 Govt. 56) published on 2018-03-08)

Mr. Ganga Persaud spoke to the motion.

The motion was then put and carried.

# ITEM 5 - SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MR. SIMON HILTON Ng-See-QUAN, FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

The Vice - President and Minister of Foreign Affairs moved the following motion:

# **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly records its deep regret on the death of Mr. Simon Hilton Ng-See-Quan, on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2017, and pays tribute to his dedicated service to the Parliament of Guyana as a Member of Parliament from 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1992 to 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1997;

# **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the National Assembly directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing widow, children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 126 (M 97 Govt. 57) published on 2018-03-08)

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali spoke to the motion.

The motion was then put and carried.

# (iii) <u>COMMITTEES BUSINESS-</u>

# **MOTIONS**

ITEM 1 - ADOPTION OF THE SIXTH REPORT OF THE STANDING

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS MATTERS

RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ANTI
MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF

TERRORISM AUTHORITY

The Minister of Social Cohesion (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments) moved that the following motion be deferred:

WHEREAS in keeping with the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Act No.1of 2015, Section 7A (1); "the National Assembly shall";

by a simple majority; and

a) on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee on Appointments, after the Committee has consulted such bodies as the Committee may deem necessary to consult, appoint a body comprising ten members to be known as the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Authority".

AND WHEREAS the Committee agreed and consulted with the following list of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to submit nominees for appointment to the Anti-Money Laundering & Countering the Financing of Terrorism Authority (AML&CFT):

Guyana Private Sector Commission
Guyana Association of Bankers
Institute of Chartered Accountants Guyana
Transparency Institute of Guyana Inc.

Bar Association of Guyana
Insurance Institute of Guyana
Guyana Association of Women Lawyers, and
Guyana Securities Council

AND WHEREAS the Committee conducted due diligence and sought declaration from the nominees on being a "Politically Exposed Person";

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Appointments recommends the following persons to be appointed Members to the Anti-Money Laundering & Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML&CFT) Authority in accordance with the Anti-Money Laundering & Countering the Financing of Terrorism Authority (Amendment) Act 2015:

Guyana Private Sector Commission - Mr. Nicholas Deygoo

- Captain Gerald Gouveia

Guyana Association of Bankers - Mr. Wayne Eucaulton

Fordyce

Institute of Chartered Accountants Guyana - Mr. Hance Manohar

Transparency Institute of Guyana Incorporated - Mr. Thomas Bissessar

Singh

- Mr. Frederick Collins

Bar Association of Guyana - Mr. Mohamed Alli

- Mr. Christopher Ram

Insurance Institute of Guyana - Ms. Melissa Jessica

**DeSantos** 

Guyana Association of Women Lawyers - Ms. Sadie Amin

# **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly adopts the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Appointments to address matters relating to the appointment of Members to the Anti-Money Laundering & Countering the Financing of Terrorism Authority; and

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly signifies to the Clerk of the National Assembly that Mr. Nicholas Deygoo, Captain Gerald R. Gouveia, Mr. Wayne Eucaulton Fordyce, Mr. Hance Manohar, Mr. Frederick Collins, Mr. Thomas Bissessar Singh, Mr. Mohamed Alli, Mr. Christopher Ram, Ms. Melissa Jessica DeSantos; and Ms. Sadie Amin be appointed in accordance with the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act No. 1 of 2015, Section 7A (6).

(Notice Paper No. 105 (M 81 Committees No.18) published on 2017-07-10)

The motion was then <u>deferred</u> on the following division:

AGAINST FOR

Mr. Bharrat Mr. Rutherford Ms. Veerasammy Mr. Rajkumar

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Mr. C. Persaud

Mr. Anamayah Mr. Figueira

Mr. Dharamlall	Mr. Carrington
Mr. Charlie	Mr. Allen
Mr. Damon	Mr. Adams
Dr. Mahadeo	Ms. Bancroft
Mr. Neendkumar	Ms. Wade
Ms. Pearson- Fredericks	Ms. Henry
Mr. G. Persaud	Ms. Broomes
Mr. Mustapha	Dr. Cummings
Dr. Westford	Mr. Sharma
Dr. Ramsaran	Ms. Garrido- Lowe
Ms. G. Persaud	Ms.Ferguson
Mr. Croal	Ms. Hastings- Williams
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Holder
Dr. V. Persaud	Mr. Gaskin
Mr. Seeraj	Mrs. Hughes
Bishop Edghill	Mr. Patterson
Mr. Lumumba	Mrs. Lawrence
Ms. Campbell- Sukhai	Mr. Trotman
Dr. Anthony	Mr. Norton
Ms. Manickchand	Mr. Roopnaraine
Mr. Nandall	Mr. Bulkan
Mr. Ali	Lt. Col. (Ret') Harmon
Ms. Teixeira	Mr. Williams
Mr. Jagdeo	Mr. Ramjattan
	Mr. Greenidge
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# ITEM 2 - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON ITS EXAMINATION OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE YEARS 2012, 2013 AND 2014

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P. (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee) moved 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 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively, be adopted and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

(Notice Paper No. 109 (M 82 Committees No.19) published on 2017-07-26)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Jermaine Figueira

Bishop Juan Edghill

Thereafter, Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

# ITEM 3 - ADOPTION OF THE THIRD SPECIAL REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE VISIT TO THE NEW AMSTERDAM HOSPITAL

Dr. Vindhya V. Persaud, M.S., M.P. moved the following motion:

# BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly adopts the Third Special Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services visit to the New Amsterdam Hospital in Region No. 6, on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017.

(Notice Paper No. 111 (M 84 Committees No.20) published on 2017-08-03)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. John Adams

Dr. Vishwa Mahadeo

The Minister within the Ministry of Public Health

Thereafter, Dr. Vindhya Persaud replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

# ITEM 4 - ADOPTION OF THE FOURTH SPECIAL REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE VISIT TO THE DIAMOND DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE

Dr. Vindhya V. Persaud, M.S., M.P. moved the following motion:

# BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly adopts the Fourth Special Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services visit to the Diamond Diagnostic Centre, East Bank Demerara, on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

(Notice Paper No. 112 (M 85 Committees No.21) published on 2017-08-03)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. John Adams

Dr. Frank Anthony

Dr. Vishwa Mahadeo

The Minister within the Ministry of Public Health

Thereafter, Dr. Vindhya Persaud replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

# ITEM 5 - ADOPTION OF THE FIFTH SPECIAL REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE VISIT TO THE GEORGETOWN PUBLIC HOSPITAL CORPORATION (GPHC)

Dr. Vindhya V. Persaud, M.S., M.P. moved the following motion:

# BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly adopts the Fifth Special Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services visit to the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC), on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017.

(Notice Paper No. 113 (M 86 Committees No.22) published on 2017-08-04)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. John Adams

Dr. Frank Anthony

Dr. Jennifer Westford

The Minister within the Ministry of Public Health

Thereafter, Dr. Vindhya Persaud replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

# **EASTER GREETINGS**

The Acting First Vice-President and Prime Minister extended Easter greetings to the Honourable Speaker, Members, Staff of the Parliament Office and the media. Bishop Juan Edghill and the Speaker joined in extending Easter Greetings.

The Speaker, on behalf of the Members, extended wishes for a speedy recovery to the First Hon. Moses Nagamootoo, First Vice-President and Prime Minister.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8.34 p.m., on a motion by the acting First Vice-President and Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

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HON. DR. BARTON U.A. SCOTLAND, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

15th March, 2018.