

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 49TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2020-2022) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 10.00 A.M.
ON MONDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 2022,
IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,
LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (71)

Speaker (1)

*Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (38)

Peoples Progressive Party Civic (38)

Prime Minister (1)

Hon. Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark A. Phillips, M.S.S., M.P., Prime Minister (Absent – on leave)

Vice-President (1)

Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Vice-President (Absent)

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

Hon. Mohabir A. Nandlall, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Senior Ministers (17)

Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni), Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip

Hon. Hugh H. Todd, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation (Virtual Participation)

*Hon. Dr. Ashni K. Singh, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance

Hon. Bishop Juan A. Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P., Minister of Public Works

***Non-Elected Member**

2.

Hon. Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony, M.P., Minister of Health

Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara),
Minister of Education

*Hon. Brindley H.R. Benn, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne), Minister of
Agriculture

Hon. Pauline R.A. Campbell-Sukhai, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

Hon. Joseph L.F. Hamilton, M.P., Minister of Labour

Hon. Vickram O. Bharrat, M.P., Minister of Natural Resources

*Hon. Oneidge Walrond, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Hon. Nigel D. Dharamlall, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam), Minister of Local
Government and Regional Development

Hon. Collin D. Croal, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini), Minister of Housing and Water

Hon. Vindhya V. H. Persaud, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of
Human Services and Social Security

Hon. Charles S. Ramson, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

Hon. Sonia S. Parag, M.P., Minister of the Public Service (Virtual Participation)

Junior Ministers (4)

Hon. Susan M. Rodrigues, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister within the
Ministry of Housing and Water

Hon. Deodat Indar, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Public Works

Hon. Anand Persaud, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Local Government and Regional
Development

Hon. Warren K.E. McCoy, M.P., Minister within the Office of the Prime Minister

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***Non-Elected Member**

Other Members (14)

Hon. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

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

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

Hon. Sanjeev J. Datadin, M.P.

Hon. Seepaul Narine, M.P.

Hon. Yvonne Pearson-Fredericks, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P.

Hon. Faizal M. Jaffarally, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Hon. Dr. Tandika S. Smith, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Hon. Lee G.H. Williams, M.P.

*Hon. Sarah Browne, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs
(Absent – on leave)

*Hon. Vikash Ramkissoon, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture
(Absent- on leave)

Hon. Bhagmattie Veerasammy, M.P.

MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION (32)**(i) A Partnership For National Unity + Alliance For Change (APNU/AFC) (31)**

Hon. Aubrey Norton M.P., Leader of the Opposition (Absent)

Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Absent)

Hon. Roysdale A. Forde, S.C., M.P. (Absent)

Hon. Shurwayne F.K. Holder, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam) (Absent)

Hon. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P. (Absent)

Hon. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P. (Absent)

Hon. David A. Patterson, M.P. (Absent)

Hon. Volda Lawrence, M.P. (Absent)

Hon. Dawn Hastings-Williams, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni) (Absent)

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***Non-Elected Member**

4.

Hon. Christopher A. Jones, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip (Suspended)
Hon. Vinceroy H. Jordan, M.P., (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice) (Suspended)
Hon. Amanza O.R. Walton-Desir, M.P. (Absent)
Hon. Coretta A. McDonald, A.A., M.P. (Absent)
Hon. Catherine A. Hughes, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)
Hon. Vincent P. Henry, M.P. (Absent)
Hon. Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P. (Absent)
Hon. Tabitha J. Sarabo-Halley, M.P. (Suspended)
Hon. Natasha Singh-Lewis, M.P. (Suspended)
Hon. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P. (Suspended)
Hon. Juretha V. Fernandes, M.P. (Absent)
Hon. Sherod A. Duncan, M.P. (Suspended)
Hon. Ronald Cox, M.P. (Region No. 1 – BarimaWaini) (Absent)
Hon. Jermaine A. Figueira, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice) (Absent)
Hon. Ganesh A. Mahipaul, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara) (Suspended)
Hon. Haimraj B. Rajkumar, M.P. (Absent)
Hon. Nima N. Flue-Bess, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)
Hon. Dineshwar N. Jaiprashad, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent)
Hon. Maureen A. Philadelphia, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Suspended)
Hon. Deonarine Ramsaroop, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)
Hon. Richard E. Sinclair, M.P. (Region No. 8 –Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
Hon. Devin L. Sears, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice) (Absent)

A New and United Guyana, Liberty and Justice Party and The New Movement (ANUG, LJP & TNM) (1)

Hon. Lenox R. O'Dell Shuman, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

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 10.12 a.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk led in Prayers.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

1. The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip, on behalf of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Chairperson of the Special Select Committee on the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - No. 2 of 2021), presented the following report:

Report of the Special Select Committee on the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Bill No. 2/2021.

(Circulated)

2. By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments):

Sixth Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the Appointment of Members of the Rights of the Child Commission.

(Circulated)

3. By the Minister of Tourism, Industry, and Commerce (Chairperson of the Special Select Committee on the Hire-Purchase Bill 2020 – Bill No. 14 of 2020):

Report of the Special Select Committee on the Hire-Purchase Bill 2020 – Bill No. 14/2020.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-**For Written Replies****1. ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT COSTS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED AT THE GUYANA CONSULATE IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA****Member Asking:** Mrs. Amanza Walton-Desir, M.P.**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Can the Honourable Minister advise whether allowance for these employment costs were made in Budget 2022 and, if so, under which line item for persons employed/engaged on contract by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation at the Guyana Consulate in New York, United States of America?

(Notice Paper No. 190 (Q141 Opp.141) published on 2022-06-07)

ANSWER

“The Ministry in its 2022 Budget made the requisite provision for the payment of employment costs for the staff at the Consulate General in New York.

Line Items used to pay persons employed/engaged on contract are as follows: -

6113 – Other Technical Craft Skills

6115 – Semi skilled Operatives and Unskilled

6133 – Benefits and Allowances

6284 – Other”

2. POSITIONS FILLED AT THE GUYANA CONSULATE IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**Member Asking:** Mrs. Amanza Walton-Desir, M.P.**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Can the Honourable Minister advise whether the positions filled at the Guyana Consulate in New York, United States of America since August 2, 2020 were publicly or internally advertised and if so, provide a copy of the advertisement.

(Notice Paper No. 191 (Q142 Opp.142) published on 2022-06-07)

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ANSWER

- “Internal recruitment process employed for the filling of some vacancies.
- Additionally, applicants seeking to fill available posts at the Consulate are interviewed and shortlisted before approval is sought from Headquarters”.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

Presentation and First Readings

1. **CONSTITUTION REFORM COMMISSION BILL 2022 – Bill No. 18/2022**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance, on behalf of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs and the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read for the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish a Constitution Reform Commission and to provide for its membership, its terms of reference and for other connected purposes.

2. **MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – Bill No. 19/2022**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs and the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read for the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

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3. **INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – Bill No. 20/2022**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs and the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read for the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

MOTION

ITEM 1 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2022 - CURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES

Assembly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 1/2022 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$44,794,011,175 for the period ending 31st December, 2022.

(Notice Paper No. 214 (M 51 Govt.25) published on 2022-07-22)

(Paper presented on 2022-07-21)

Current Estimates

Agency Code 02-022 – OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER – DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT

Chart of Account – 6294, was passed as printed.

9.

Agency Code 03-031 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE – POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Chart of Accounts - 6272, 6321 and 1202200, were passed as printed.

Agency Code 13-134 – MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT

Chart of Accounts – 1302200 and 1904300, were passed as printed.

Agency Code 14-142 – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE – HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Chart of Account – 6302, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 16-162 – MINISTRY OF AMERINDIAN AFFAIRS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

Chart of Account - 1400100, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 40-404 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – PRIMARY EDUCATION

Chart of Account – 1215400 was, passed as printed.

Agency Code 40-405 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – SECONDARY EDUCATION

Chart of Account – 2607400 was, passed as printed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 12.30 p.m. the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 1.52 p.m. the Sitting was resumed.

Assembly resumed Consideration of Financial Paper No. 1 of 2022.

Agency Code 44-443 – MINISTRY OF CULTURE YOUTH AND SPORT – YOUTH

Chart of Account – 1800400, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 44-444 – MINISTRY OF CULTURE YOUTH AND SPORT – SPORTS

Chart of Accounts – 6222 and 4506400, were passed as printed.

Agency Code 45-452 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER – HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Chart of Account – 1903100, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 45-453 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER – WATER SERVICE EXPANSION AND MANAGEMENT

Chart of Accounts – 2802100, 2802200 and 2802600 were passed as printed.

Agency Code 47-471 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH – POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Chart of Account – 6284, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 51-511 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS – POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Chart of Accounts – 6294 and 1216600, were passed as printed.

Agency Code 51-512 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS – GUYANA POLICE FORCE

Chart of Accounts – 6222, 6224, 6231, 6261, 6264, 6282 and 6292, were passed as printed.

11.

Agency Code 52-523 – MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS – ATTORNEY GENERALS CHAMBERS

Chart of Account – 6284, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 53-531 – GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE – DEFENCE AND SECURITY SUPPORT

Chart of Accounts – 2404600 and 6282, were passed as printed.

Agency Code 71-711 – REGION 1 – BARIMA/WAINI – REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Chart of Account – 6231, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 71-713 – REGION 1 – BARIMA/WAINI – EDUCATION DELIVERY

Chart of Account – 6231, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 71-714 – REGION 1 – BARIMA/WAINI – HEALTH SERVICES

Chart of Account – 6231, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 72-723 – REGION 2 – POMEROON/SUPENAAM – PUBLIC WORKS

Chart of Account – 6231, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 79-791 – REGION 9 – UPPER TAKATU/ UPPER ESSEQUIBO – REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Chart of Account – 6231, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 79-793 – REGION 9 – UPPER TAKATU/ UPPER ESSEQUIBO – PUBLIC WORKS

Chart of Account – 6231, was passed as printed.

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Agency Code 79-794 – REGION 9 – UPPER TAKATU/ UPPER ESSEQUIBO – EDUCATION DELIVERY

Chart of Account – 6231, was passed as printed.

Agency Code 79-795 – REGION 9 – UPPER TAKATU/ UPPER ESSEQUIBO – HEALTH SERVICES

Chart of Account – 6231, was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

Financial Paper No. 1/2022 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$44,794,011,175 for the period ending 31st December, 2022.

BILL – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

ITEM 2 - SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO.1 FOR 2022) BILL 2022 –

Bill No. 17/2022 published on 2022-07-21

With the leave of the Speaker, and on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip, Standing Orders Nos. 13(n) and 54 were suspended to enable the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1 for 2022) Bill No. 17/2022 to be introduced at that stage.

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance, in accordance with paragraph (2) of Article 171 of the Constitution, signified

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13.

Cabinet's recommendation for the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1 for 2022) Bill No. 17/2022 for consideration by the National Assembly.

Thereafter, on motions by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance, the following Bill was introduced and was read the first, second and third times and passed as printed:

AN ACT to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana for the fiscal year ending 31st December, 2022, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of those sums for the specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

MOTION

ITEM 3 - LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2030

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance, moved the following motion:

WHEREAS His Excellency President Irfaan Ali launched a draft version of the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030 on 28th October 2021, building from the original LCDS of 2009 and its update in 2013;

AND WHEREAS the Draft LCDS 2030 subsequently underwent more than seven months of national consultation, during which community-level consultations took place alongside engagement with national stakeholders to shape the main elements of LCDS 2030;

AND WHEREAS the LCDS 2030 has been updated to include inputs received through the more than seven months of consultation;

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AND WHEREAS the National Toshias Council, at their Conference in July 2022, have endorsed the LCDS 2030 and the mechanism for benefits sharing at the village and community level;

AND WHEREAS the Multi Stakeholder Steering Committee, the oversight body for the LCDS, at its Meeting on 18 July 2022, has approved the LCDS 2030 and recommended it for tabling at the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the LCDS 2030 was laid in the National Assembly on 21st July 2022;

AND WHEREAS the LCDS 2030 sets out a strategy for recognising Guyana's world-class ecosystem services, including those provided by its forests, biodiversity, fresh water and oceans;

AND WHEREAS the strategy prioritises the evolution of Guyana's sale of forest climate services in line with a three-phase plan which was first set out in 2009;

AND WHEREAS the first phase of the plan saw Guyana enter into a partnership with the Kingdom of Norway, under which Guyana received a total of over US\$220 million from the Kingdom of Norway as payments for forest climate services provided in the period from 2009 to 2015;

AND WHEREAS revenues received from the Kingdom of Norway were, and are being, invested in clean energy, low carbon jobs, Amerindian land titling, the Amerindian Development Fund project, small and medium enterprise development, rehabilitation of the Cunha Canal and other climate resilience work, building a world-class forest carbon Monitoring Reporting and Verification System (MRVS), and other priorities set out in the original LCDS in 2009;

15.

AND WHEREAS the LCDS 2030 sets out how Guyana can move to the second phase of the plan for forest climate services, where payments from the Kingdom of Norway can be replaced or augmented by payments from forest carbon markets;

AND WHEREAS the LCDS 2030 articulates how these new revenues can be invested in a new suite of social and economic investments across Guyana;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly welcomes the tabling of, and endorses, Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly supports the approach to investing revenues from forest carbon markets through two pathways:

- *National programmes* as outlined in the LCDS 2030, including investments in renewable energy, land titling, protection against climate change and other areas;
- *Community/Village-led programmes* for indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) as set out in Village Sustainability Plans (VSPs) or equivalent, put together by communities themselves;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly supports the proposal to dedicate 15 percent of all revenues from forest carbon markets to Amerindian communities, which will be supplementary to the funds received by these communities from the national programmes;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly, including through its Committees, will oversee the investment of all national revenues received from forest climate markets and managed via the Consolidated Fund through the budgetary process.

(Notice Paper No. 215 (M 52 Govt.26) published on 2022-07-29)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Hon. Lenox Shuman, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Hon. Pauline Sukhai, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

Hon. Vickram Bharrat, M.P., Minister of Natural Resources

Thereafter, the Hon. Dr. Ashni Singh, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance replied.

The motion was **put** and **carried**.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.10 p.m. the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 6.32 p.m. the Sitting was resumed.

BILLS – Second Readings

ITEM 4 - FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 2022 – Bill No.

16/2022 published on 2022-07-20

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Tax Act, the Income Tax Act and the Value-Added Tax Act.

(Read a first time on 2022-07-21)

Hon. Vickram Bharrat, M.P., Minister of Natural Resources spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, Hon. Dr. Ashni Singh, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance replied.

The Bill was then read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 12 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance, the Fiscal Enactments (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2022 was read a third time and passed as printed.

ITEM 5 - ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – No. 15/2022 published on 2022-07-18

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act.

(Read a first time on 2022-07-21)

The Bill was then read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 4 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2022 was read a third time and passed as printed.

ITEM 6 - INDUSTRIAL HEMP BILL 2022 – Bill No. 10/2022 published on 2022-05-17

The Minister of Agriculture moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the cultivating and manufacturing of industrial hemp and hemp related products; to provide for the conducting of research on industrial hemp or any other activity concerning or related to industrial hemp; to establish the Guyana Industrial Hemp Regulatory Authority; and other related matters.

(Read a first time on 2022-05-17)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Hon. Lenox Shuman, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Hon. Hugh Todd, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation

SUSPENSION OF SO (10) 1

At 7.59 p.m., while the Hon. Hugh Todd, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation was speaking, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip moved that Standing Order No.10 (1) be suspended to enable the Assembly to continue with its business beyond 8.00 p.m.

Hon. Hugh Todd, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation continued and concluded his speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Hon. Oneidge Walrond, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Hon. Mohabir Nandlall, S.C., M.P., the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Thereafter, the Minister of Agriculture replied.

The Bill was then read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 39 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Minister of Agriculture, the Industrial Hemp Bill 2022 was read a third time and passed as printed.

ITEM 7 - MENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION BILL 2022 – Bill No. 7/2022 published on 2022-04-08

The Minister of Health moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide mental health care and treatment for persons with mental illness and to protect, promote and fulfil the human rights of those persons during the delivery of mental health care; to provide for the establishment of the Mental Health Board; to repeal the Mental Hospital Ordinance and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2022-04-13)

Presiding by Hon. Lenox Shuman, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

At 8.58 p.m., while Hon. Frank Anthony, M.P., Minister of Health was speaking to the motion, the Speaker withdrew from the Chamber and Hon. Lenox Shuman, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly took the Chair.

Hon. Frank Anthony, M.P., Minister of Health continued and concluded his speech.

The Hon. Mohabir Nandlall, S.C., M.P., the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs spoke to the motion.

The Bill was then read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 48 were passed as printed.

Clause 49

The Minister of Health moved the following amendment which was **put** and **carried**:

“Clause 49 –

Substitute subsection 49(1) for the following subsection:

“49(1) A person shall not be kept in seclusion unless it is necessary and conducted in accordance with any regulations the Minister may make”.”

Clause 49 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 50 to 69 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Minister of Health, the Mental Health Protection and Promotion Bill 2022, was read a third time and passed as amended.

ITEM 8 - MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – No. 12/2022
published on 2022-06-27

The Minister of Health moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Medical Practitioners Act.
(Read a first time on 2022-07-21)

Speaker's Return to the Chamber

At 10.03 p.m. while the Hon. Dr. Frank Anthony, M.P., Minister of Health was speaking to the motion, the Speaker returned to the Chamber.

Hon. Dr. Frank Anthony, M.P., Minister of Health continued and concluded his speech.

The Bill was then read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 4 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Minister of Health, the Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2022 was read a third time and passed as printed.

HAPPY INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

Hon. Lenox Shuman, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly wished, all of the Members and staff of the Parliament Office a very Happy Indigenous People's Day. The Minister of Amerindian Affairs joined the Deputy Speaker in extending Indigenous People's Day greetings to everyone.

RECESS GREETINGS

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip wished the Members, Speaker of the National Assembly, staff of the Parliament Office and others a happy and restful recess. The Speaker of the National Assembly also joined the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance in wishing everyone a restful recess.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.13 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip, the Sitting was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



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HON. MANZOOR NADIR, M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

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

8th August, 2022.

