

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 87TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (2002-2006) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 2006
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (69)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government (38)

(i) People's Progressive Party/Civic (34)

(ii) Non-elected Ministers (3)

(iii) The United Force (1)

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works
and Communications (Absent – performing the functions of President)

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister of Finance

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and
Regional Development

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The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock
(Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

* The Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Minister in the Office of the
President with responsibility for Foreign Affairs (Absent)

* The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. Bibi S. Shadick, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

** The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

* The Hon. Harry Narine Nawbatt, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Health

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Cyril C.L. Belgrave, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.

Mr. Husman Alli, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P.

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

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomereroon/Supenaam)

Mr. Ramesh C. Rajkumar, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

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

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

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Dr. Moti Lall, C.C.H., M.P.

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P.

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

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent)

*Non-Elected Minister

**Elected Member from The United Force

Members of the Opposition (30)**() People's National Congress/Reform (27)**

Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent – on leave)

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

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

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomereroon/Supenaam)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.

Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Vincent L. Alexander, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. (Absent)

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Absent)

Dr. Dagleish Joseph, M.D., M.P.

Miss Amna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice) (Absent)

Miss Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Jerome Khan, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.

Miss Myrna E.N. Peterkin, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent - on leave)

Mr. James K. McAllister, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Dr. Carl Max Hanoman, M.P.

Mr. Joseph Hamilton, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Abdul Kadir, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Ricky Khan, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Mr. Dave Danny, M.P.

Mrs. Rajcoomarie Bancroft, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)

Mr. Nasir Ally, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent)

Miss Judith David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Miss Genevieve Allen, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)

(ii) **Guyana Action Party/Working People's Alliance (2)**

Mrs. Sheila V.A. Holder, M.P.

Mrs. Shirley J. Melville, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

(iii) **Rise, Organise and Rebuild Party (1)**

Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P. (Absent)

OFFICERS

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

Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The sitting commenced at 2.04p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 61(6)**

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport, on behalf of the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 61(6) be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at its sitting on Wednesday, 8th February, 2006, with the consideration of the motion on the Needs Assessment and Addendum of the Guyana National Assembly.

(Notice Paper No. 246 (M105 Govt94) published on 2006-02-07)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - BUDGET FOR 2006 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2006

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2006.

(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2006-01-23)

In Committee of Supply

The following Agencies, Programmes and Divisions in the Estimates were considered and were approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

03 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE

031 Ministry Administration

032 Accountant General

Div. 526 Ministry of Finance

08 - OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

081 Office of the Auditor General

Div. 505 - Codes 12001, 25001, 44001 Auditor General

90 - PUBLIC DEBT

901 Public Debt

14- PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY

141 Public Service Management

Div. 549 Public Service Ministry

23 - MINISTRY OF TOURISM, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

231 Main Office

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.00p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.32 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

In Committee of Supply

The following Agencies, Programmes and Divisions in the Estimates were considered and were also approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

23 - MINISTRY OF TOURISM, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

232 Ministry Administration

233 Commerce, Tourism, Industry and Consumer Affairs

Div. 529 Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

16 - MINISTRY OF AMERINDIAN AFFAIRS

161 Amerindian Development

Div. 551 Ministry of Amerindian Affairs

46 - GEORGETOWN PUBLIC HOSPITAL CORPORATION

461 Public Hospital

Div. 516 Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation

47 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH

- 471 Ministry Administration
 - 472 Diseases Control
 - 473 Primary Health Care Services
 - 474 Regional and Clinical Services
 - 475 Health Sciences Education
 - 476 Standards and Technical Services
 - 477 Rehabilitation Services
- Div. 516 Ministry of Health

Assembly resumed.

The Minister of Finance reported to the Assembly that the Committee of Supply had completed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2006, and had approved of them as printed.

The motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2006 was then put and carried.

BILL - First, Second and Third Readings

ITEM 2 - APPROPRIATION BILL 2006 – Bill No. 6/2006 published on 2006-01-24

With the leave of the Speaker, and on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Standing Order Nos. 12 and 46 were suspended to enable the Appropriation Bill 2006 to be introduced at this stage and to be further proceeded with at that sitting.

On motions by the Minister of Finance, the following Bill was introduced and was read the first, second and third times and passed as printed:-

A BILL intituled 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 Guyana for the fiscal year ending 31st December, 2006, 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 - THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND ADDENDUM OF THE GUYANA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Minister of Health, moved the following motion:

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 80 dated 27th October, 2005, the National Assembly appointed a Select Committee to make recommendations to the National Assembly on the implementation of the recommendations of the Needs Assessment of the Guyana National Assembly Report of the Commonwealth Senior Parliamentary Staff Advisor and his Addendum to his Report;

AND WHEREAS the Select Committee was required to present its Report to the National Assembly by 31st January, 2006;

AND WHEREAS by Resolution No. 85 dated 15th December, 2005, the National Assembly referred the recommendations of Study 1 of the Guyana Fiduciary Oversight Project Report (The Bradford Report) and the Draft Revised Standing Orders to the Select Committee;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly stipulated that the Select Committee must ensure that all recommendations relating to rules, procedures and Standing Orders of the National Assembly were comprehensively considered in the light of the aforesaid reports and reported on to the National Assembly by 31st January, 2006;

AND WHEREAS because of the constraint of time and because of its expanded mandate the Select Committee was unable to complete its work by the deadline set at 31st January, 2006, but has submitted two Interim Reports;

AND WHEREAS the Select Committee has requested an extension of the deadline for the submission of its Final Report to 28th February, 2006;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of an extension of the deadline for the submission of its Report to 28th February, 2006.

(Notice Paper No. 245 (M104 Govt 93) published on 2006-02-01)

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.28 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Thursday, 16th February, 2006.



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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

8th February, 2006.