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The Assembly met in the Assembly House, Port Louis,
at 11.30 a.m.
The National Anthem was played

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)
The Clerk:  Hon. Ministers and hon. Members, ladies and gentlemen, may I invite you to kindly stand up for the National Anthem, please.

The National Anthem is played.

The Clerk:  Hon. Ministers and hon. Members, today’s sitting is being held following the issue of Proclamation No. 6 of 2010 under the hand and seal of The Right Honourable Sir Anerood Jugnauth, G.C.S.K, K.C.M.G, Q.C, President of the Republic.

I shall, in compliance with Standing Order 3 of the Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly, read out the Proclamation.

Proclamation No. 6 of 2010

TO PROCLAIM THE OPENING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
BY THE HONOURABLE SIR ANEROOD JUGNAUTH, GCSK, KCMG, QC

SIR ANEROOD JUGNAUTH
President of the Republic

The Right Honourable SIR ANEROOD JUGNAUTH - By The Right Honourable SIR ANEROOD JUGNAUTH, Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean, Knight Commander of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Queen’s Counsel, President of the Republic of Mauritius.
WHEREAS by section 56(1) of the Constitution of Mauritius it is provided that the sessions of the National Assembly shall be held in such place and begin at such time as the President by Proclamation may appoint;

AND WHEREAS it is further enacted by section 56(4) of the Constitution that a session of the National Assembly shall be appointed to commence within thirty days of the date prescribed for polling at any general election;

NOW, THEREFORE, in the exercise of the powers vested in me as aforesaid, I do hereby proclaim that the First Session of the Fifth National Assembly shall begin on the eighteenth day of May, two thousand and ten, and that the first sitting of the Fifth National Assembly in its First Session shall be held on the day aforesaid at eleven thirty in the morning in the Chamber of the Assembly in Port Louis.

Given at State House, Le Réduit, this fourteenth day of May two thousand and ten.

We will now proceed with the Administration of Oath of Allegiance or Affirmation to or Declaration by Members.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 4(1) of the Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly requires that an Oath of Allegiance/Affirmation to or Declaration shall be subscribed or made, as the case may be prior to any Member taking part in the proceedings of the House.

I shall therefore invite hon. Ministers to kindly come forward in order of precedence to the Table to make and subscribe the Oath of Allegiance/Affirmation to or Declaration prescribed in Schedule 3 of the Constitution and sign the Roll of Membership and thereafter to resume their respective seats.
When Ministers and the hon. Leader of the Opposition would have finished, hon. Members of the House shall come up in alphabetical order for the same purpose. I shall now start with this item.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO MEMBERS**

The following hon. Members made and subscribed before the Assembly, the Oath of Allegiance to, Affirmation or Declaration prescribed in Schedule 3 of the Constitution and signed the Roll of Membership in the following order -

Dr. the Hon. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, GCSK, FRCP, (Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications)

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Hon. P. R. Bérenger, GCSK, (Leader of the Opposition)

Hon. S. M. A. Ameer Meea

Hon. Ms M. G. S. Anquetil

Hon. P. G. Assirvaden

Hon. V. V. C. Baloomoody

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Hon. R. A. Bhagwan

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Hon. Ms K. R. Deerpalsing
Hon. C. M. Fakeemeeah
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Hon. A. Ganoo
Hon. E. J. R. Guimbeau
Dr. the Hon. R. R. Hawoldar
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Hon. Mrs K. B. Juggoo
Hon. D. S. Khamajeet
Hon. Mrs M. N. F. Labelle
Hon. J. C. Leopold
Hon. G. P. Lesjongard
Hon. K. C. Li Kwong Wing
Hon. Mrs M. F. M. Martin
Hon. S. Moutia
Hon. D. Nagalingum
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MR SPEAKER - ELECTION

The Clerk: In accordance with the provisions of section 32 of the Constitution and of Standing Order 7 of the Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly, the House will now proceed to the election of a Speaker.

(At this stage, the Mace is brought into the House by the Serjeant-at-Arms and is laid near the Table)

I will, therefore, invite two hon. Members to move and to second the election of a Member present in this Assembly, or otherwise, to be nominated to the office of Speaker and to take the Chair of the House as such.

The Prime Minister: Clerk of the National Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of Section 32 of the Constitution and Standing Order 7 of the Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly, I move that Mr Rajkeswur Purryag, GCSK, GOSK, be elected Speaker of the House.

Although this is a procedural motion, it is customary to say a few words on the person I am proposing to be Speaker of the House.

Mr Purryag, as hon. Members know, was the Speaker of the House from 12 July 2005. Being Speaker of the House is a very demanding job requiring many qualities among which are impartiality, authority, a sense of fairness as well as a sense of humour.

Mr Purryag has shown that he has all these qualities in abundance. Furthermore he has himself been a Member of this august Assembly for many years, starting as a backbencher in 1976 and occupying several ministerial posts culminating in that of Deputy Prime Minister.

In recognition for his service to the country, he was elevated to the rank of GOSK in 1998 and to the rank of GCSK in 2009. He clearly has a vast experience in the workings of the National Assembly and it is, therefore, fitting that he should continue as Speaker of the House.
With these words, I move that Mr Purryag be elected Speaker of this august Assembly.

**The Leader of the Opposition rose and seconded.**

**The Clerk:** As there appears to be no other counter proposal, I shall declare Mr Rajkeswur Purryag, GCSK, GOSK, present in the House, elected to the Chair and I invite him to come to the upper step to make the affirmation, in the first instance, and then to take the Chair.

*(The House having called Mr R. Purryag to the Chair, he proceeds to the upper step of the Chair.)*

Mr Purryag then made and subscribed before the Assembly the Oath of Solemn Affirmation prescribed in Schedule 3 of the Constitution and signed the Roll of Membership.

**Mr Speaker: (Standing on the upper step)**

Hon. Members, I am deeply honoured by the renewed trust the House has placed in me. Hon. Members, I wish to thank the hon. Prime Minister and Leader of the House for his kind thoughts and for having proposed me anew as Speaker of the House. I also thank the hon. Leader of the Opposition for having seconded the motion once again for a second time.

In accordance with custom, I am pledging to submit myself to the will of the House and to continue to uphold the dignity, serenity and decorum it rightfully deserves and the respect it commands.

Hon. Members, I have had the great privilege of serving this House for the past 5 years. I am therefore fully aware of the exacting tasks that await me ahead. I have, however, no doubt that I can rely on your continued support and understanding in the discharge of my responsibilities.

I wish to reassure the House that impartiality and understanding will be my guiding principles in the conduct of the business of the House.

In the same breath, fairness in ensuring that the rights of all parties are protected and upheld at all times in the House will be my overriding concern.
Of course, as has been the practice during my last mandate, I will always be available to provide such advice and guidance as hon. Members may require, especially the newly elected Members.

Before I take the chair, I wish to reiterate my deep appreciation and thanks for the trust and confidence of the House in electing me as Speaker of this august Assembly. I remain convinced that I will not falter in my duties and I will be able to stand up to your expectations.

I also wish to pay tribute to the Clerk and the staff for their continued loyalty and devotion to the House.

I thank you for your attention.

(Applause)

(Mr Speaker then takes the Chair)

(The Mace which is, up to that time, near the Table, is placed upon the Table by the Serjeant-at-Arms).

DEPUTY SPEAKER - ELECTION

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, in accordance with the provisions of Section 32 of the Constitution and Standing Order 7 of the Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly, I move that the hon. Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil, Mr Prithvirajsing Roopun, be elected Deputy Speaker of the House.

Mr Ganoo rose and seconded.

Mr Speaker: There being no other proposal, I declare the hon. Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil, Mr Prithvirajsing Roopun, elected Deputy Speaker of the Assembly. I offer him my sincere congratulations.
Mr Roopun: I wish first of all to congratulate you, Mr Speaker Sir, for having been re-elected to this high office.

I wish also to express my deepest thanks and gratitude to all Members, but more particularly to the hon. Prime Minister and Leader of the House for his trust.

I feel deeply honoured and privileged to be working alongside Mr Speaker, my senior distinguished member of the legal fraternity.

I give the assurance to all hon. Members that I will do my level best to conduct the affairs of this Assembly and uphold the dignity of the House.

I wish all hon. Members well and thank you once again.

I thank you for your attention.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES - ELECTION

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 7 of the Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly, I move that the hon. third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, Mr Abdullah Hafeez Hossen, be elected Deputy Chairman of Committees.

The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development (Mr P. Jugnauth) rose and seconded.

Mr Speaker: There being no other proposal, I declare the hon. third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, Mr Abdullah Hafeez Hossen, elected Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Assembly. I offer him my sincere congratulations.
Mr Hossen: Mr Speaker, Sir, I am deeply honoured to be elected by this august Assembly as Deputy Chairman of Committees. I can assure the House that I will discharge my responsibility to the best of my abilities and faithfulness.

I thank the hon. Members for the trust they have placed in me.

(Appause)

PAPERS LAID

The Prime Minister: Sir, the Papers have been laid on the Table -

A. Prime Minister’s Office –
   (a) The Representation of the People (Variation of Dates) Order, 2010 (Government Notice No. 75 of 2010).
   (b) The National Assembly Elections (Polling Districts and Polling Stations) Order, 2010 (Government Notice No. 88 of 2010).
   (c) The National Assembly Elections (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 89 of 2010).
   (d) The Civil Aviation (Terminal Expansion Fee) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 83 of 2010).

B. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development –
   (b) The Double Taxation Avoiding Agreement (Bangladesh) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 91 of 2010).
   (c) The Insurance (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 82 of 2010).
   (d) The Freeport (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations, 2010 (Government Notice No. 79 of 2010).

C. Ministry of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport & Shipping –

D. Ministry of Education and Human Resources –
E. **Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security** –
   The Annual Reports and Accounts of the Mauritius Sugar Terminal Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2007-2008.

F. **Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development** –
   (a) The Environment Protection (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 73 of 2010).
   (b) The Environment Protection (Designated National Authority) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 74 of 2010).

G. **Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity & Senior Citizens Welfare & Reforms Institutions** –
   The Statutory Bodies Family Protection Fund (Housing Loan) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 94 of 2010).

H. **Ministry of Local Government and Outer Islands** –
   (a) The Municipal Council of Port Louis (Streets and Squares) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (Government Notice No. 76 of 2010).
   (b) The Black River District Council (Other Public Place Naming) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 90 of 2010).

I. **Ministry of Health & Quality of Life** –
   (a) The Medical Council (Medical Institutions) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 77 of 2010).
   (b) The Dental Council (Medical Institutions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 78 of 2010).
   (c) The Medical Council (Medical Institutions) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 95 of 2010).
   (d) The Report of the Director of Audit on the Financial Statements of the Trust Fund for Specialised Medical Care for the year ended 30 June 2008 (In original).
   (e) The Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 93 of 2010).

J. **Ministry of Arts and Culture** –
   (b) The Films (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 92 of 2010).

K. **Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment** –
   (a) The Sugar Industry (Agricultural Workers) (Remuneration Order) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 80 of 2010).
   (b) The Sugar Industry (Non-Agricultural Workers) (Remuneration Order) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 81 of 2010).
(c) The Attorneys’ and Notaries’ Employees (Remuneration Order) Regulations 1994 (Government Notice No. 97 of 2010).

(d) The Baking Industry (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2003 (Government Notice No. 98 of 2010).


(f) The Catering and Tourism Industries (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2004 (Government Notice No. 100 of 2010).

(g) The Cinema Employees (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2005 (Government Notice No. 101 of 2010).

(h) The Cleaning Enterprises (Remuneration Order) Regulations 1995 (Government Notice No. 102 of 2010).

(i) The Distributive Trades (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2004 (Government Notice No. 103 of 2010).

(j) The Domestic Workers (Remuneration Order) Regulations 1983 (Government Notice No. 104 of 2010).

(k) The Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Workshops (Remuneration Order) Regulations 1983 (Government Notice No. 105 of 2010).


(m) The Factory Employees (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2001 (Government Notice No. 107 of 2010).

(n) The Field Crop and Orchard Workers (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2008 (Government Notice No. 108 of 2010).

(o) The Light Metal and Wooden Furniture Workshops (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2002 (Government Notice No. 109 of 2010).

(p) The Livestock Workers (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2008 (Government Notice No. 110 of 2010).

(q) The Newspapers and Periodicals Employees (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2001 (Government Notice No. 111 of 2010).

(r) The Nursing Homes (Remuneration Order) Regulations 1984 (Government Notice No. 112 of 2010).

(s) The Office Attendants (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2000 (Government Notice No. 113 of 2010).

(t) The Pre-Primary School Employees (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2000 (Government Notice No. 114 of 2010).


(w) The Public Transport (Buses) Workers (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2008 (Government Notice No. 117 of 2010).

(x) The Road Haulage Industry (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (Government Notice No. 118 of 2010).


(z) The Sugar Industry (Agricultural Workers) (Remuneration Order) Regulations 1983 (Government Notice No. 120 of 2010).

(aa) The Sugar Industry (Non-Agricultural Workers) (Remuneration Order) Regulations 1985 (Government Notice No. 121 of 2010).

(ab) The Tailoring Trade (Remuneration Order) Regulations 2001 (Government Notice No. 122 of 2010).


(ad) The Travel Agents and Tour Operators Workers Remuneration (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (Government Notice No. 124 of 2010).

L. Ministry of Business, Enterprise, Cooperatives and Consumer Protection –

(a) The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 84 of 2010).

(b) The Consumer Protection (Control of Price of Petroleum Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 96 of 2010).

(c) The Consumer Protection (Control of Price of Taxable and Non-Taxable Goods) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 85 of 2010).

(d) The Rodrigues Consumer Protection (Control of Price of Taxable and Non-Taxable Goods) (Amendment No. 8) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 86 of 2010).

(e) The Rodrigues Consumer Protection (Control of Price of Taxable and Non-Taxable Goods) (Amendment No. 9) Regulations 2010 (Government Notice No. 87 of 2010).

ADJOURNMENT

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, I move that this Assembly do now adjourn to Tuesday 08 June at 11.00 a.m.

The Deputy Prime Minister rose and seconded.

Question put and agreed to.
Mr Speaker: The House stands adjourned.

At 12.40 p.m. the Assembly was, on its rising, adjourned to Tuesday 08 June at 11.00 a.m.