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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

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Clerk of the National Assembly.



**GUYANA
BILL No. 9 of 2001
CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 6) BILL 2001**

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of new articles 119A, 119B and 119C in the Constitution.

**A BILL
Intituled**

AN ACT to alter the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164.

A.D. 2001 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) (No. 6) Act 2001.

Insertion of new articles 119A, 119B and 119C in the Constitution. 2. The Constitution is hereby altered by the insertion immediately after article 119 of the following articles -

“Parliamentary Standing Committee for Constitutional Reform.

119A. (1) The National Assembly shall establish a Parliamentary Standing Committee for Con-stitutional Reform for the purpose of continually reviewing the effectiveness of the working of the Constitution and making periodic reports thereon to the Assembly, with proposals for reform as necessary.

(2) To assist it in its work, the committee shall have power to co-opt experts or enlist the aid of other persons of appropriate expertise, whether or not such experts or other persons are members of the Assembly.

Parliamentary sectoral committees.

119B. (1) There shall be parliamentary sectoral committees established by the National Assembly with responsibility for the scrutiny of all areas of Government policy and administration including -

- (i) natural resources;
- (ii) economic services;
- (iii) foreign relations;
- (iv) social services.

(2) The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of each parliamentary sectoral committee shall be elected from the opposite sides of the National Assembly.

Standing
committee
to address
matters
relating to
appointment
of members
of Constitutions
established
under the
Constitution.

119C. There shall be a standing committee of the National Assembly which shall have responsibility for initiating or otherwise taking such action or addressing such matters as may be entrusted to the Committee by the National Assembly in respect of functions required to be discharged by the Assembly under the Constitution in relation to the appointment of a member of a Commission established under the Constitution."

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 2 of the Bill inserts new articles 119A, 119B and 119C in the Constitution relating to Parliamentary Standing Committees established by the National Assembly. The Parliamentary Standing Committee for Constitutional Reform shall continually review the working of the Constitution with a view to making proposals for reform. The Sectoral Committees are to keep under scrutiny all areas of government policy and administration. The standing committee for appointment of members of a Commission established under the Constitution shall have certain responsibilities therefor as may be entrusted to it by the Assembly.

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Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.