

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**OF THE 15TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1998) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1998

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (76)

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P., presided
Speaker (I)

The Hon. Derek C. Jagan, C.C.H., S.C., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent - on leave)

Members of the Government - People's Progressive Party/Civic (46)

The Hon. Samuel A. A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister

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

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Minister of Finance

*The Hon. Charles R. Ramson, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

*The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent - on leave)

The Hon. M. Shree Chan, M.P., Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry

*The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Minister of Human Services and Social Security

*The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Local Government (Absent - on leave)

*The Hon. F. Vibert DeSouza, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

*The Hon. George E. Fung-On, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

*The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Health and Labour

The Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of Information

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

*The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Livestock and Fisheries

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports

*The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

*The Hon. Shaik K. Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water (Absent)

*Non-elected Minister

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P.

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.

Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.

Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P.

Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.

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

Mr. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal, M.P.

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P.

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

Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, M.P.

Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Alston A. Kisoorn, M.P.

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

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Mr. Hari Narayen Ramkarran, S.C., M.P.

Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.

Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Local Government

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P.

Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Mr. Joseph M. DeSouza, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

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

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

Mr. Geoffrey A. Fraser, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

Mr. Ramsundar Sankat, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Eustace S. Rodrigues, M.S., M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)

Mr. Kumkaran Ramdas, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)

Members of the Minority (29)**(i) People's National Congress (25)**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P.

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

Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P., Chief Whip

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P.

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P.

Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.

Mr. Kadim A. Khan, M.P.

Miss Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P. (Absent)

Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.

Mr. Andy G. Goveia, M.P.

Miss Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. John S. DeFreitas, M.P.

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.

Dr. Dalglish Joseph, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Mr. Joseph L. Hamilton, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Sherwood A. J. Lowe, M.P.

Mr. Andrew Hicks, M.P.

Mr. Neaz Subhan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Colin Bynoe, M.P.

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

Mr. Kelly Andries, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Thakechand Ramnauth, M.P.

(ii) **The United Force (2)**

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

Mr. Matthew R. Charlie, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

(iii) **Alliance for Guyana (2)**

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Albertino Peters, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)

OFFICERS

Mr. Frank A. Narain, C.C.H., Clerk of the National Assembly

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

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.05 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Deputy Speaker announced that leave for that day's sitting had been granted to the following Members:

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth Bisnauth,

Mr. Winston Murray, and

Mr. Neaz Subhan.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

By the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Order 1998
(No. 18 of 1998)

(Circulated)

- (ii) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices
(Emoluments) Order 1998 (No. 19 of 1998).

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

NO. 9 - FILARIA SURVEY

Mr. Sherwood A.J. Lowe asked the Minister of Health and Labour the following questions:

- *Would the Minister of Health and Labour inform this Assembly whether his Ministry has conducted a detailed survey of the incidence of filaria nationwide but in the New Amsterdam area, in particular?

- *Will the Minister further tell the Assembly -
 - (a) the findings of the survey if one has been conducted;
 - (b) if a survey has not been conducted, why one has not been conducted; and
 - (c) what are his Ministry's and/or the Government's plans for dealing with this serious problem now afflicting our country?

(Notice Paper No. 20 (Q10 Opp10) published 27.7.98)

The Minister Health and Labour gave a reply.

NO. 10 - ESSEQUIBO COAST ROAD

Mr Sherwood A.J. Lowe asked the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics the following questions:

- *Will the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics inform the Assembly what is delaying the completion of the Essequibo Coast Road (from Charity to Supenaam)?
- *Will the Minister further say the extent of the cost-overruns on the project and when it is now scheduled for completion?

(Notice Paper No. 21(Q11 Opp11) published 27.7.98)

The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics gave a reply.

NO. 11 - THE CHARITY WHARF

Mr Sherwood A.J. Lowe asked the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics the following questions:

- *Will the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics give this Assembly a full and comprehensive report on the circumstances leading up to and the factors responsible for the sinking of the wharf built in 1997 at Charity, Region 2, at a cost of over \$70 million?
- *Will the Minister further state what steps have been and/or are being taken by his Ministry and/or the Guyana Government to -
 - (a) recover the money spent on the sunken wharf,
 - (b) refloat and restore the wharf,
 - (c) build a new wharf,
 - (d) shore-up the river defences in the Charity area (in the vicinity of the sunken wharf) to protect the interests of farmers, business people and residents generally of that area?

(Notice Paper No. 22(Q12 Opp12) published 27.7.98)

The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics gave a reply.

Supplementary questions were asked by Mr. Lowe and were answered by the Minister.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Dumping of Cocaine in the Atlantic Ocean

A request by Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the destruction by dumping in the Atlantic Ocean the cocaine which was seized on 21st October, 1998, on a vessel moored in the Demerara Harbour, was allowed.

The motion accordingly stood over for moving at 4.30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

- (1) **MONEY LAUNDERING (PREVENTION) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 10/1998 published 10.10.98**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for
the prevention of money laundering and
for matters connected therewith
or incidental thereto.

- (2) **DENTAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 11/1998 published 10.10.98**

The Minister of Health and Labour, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend
the Dental Registration Act.

(3) **PESTICIDES AND TOXIC CHEMICALS CONTROL BILL 1998 -**
Bill No. 12/1998 published 15.10.98

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to regulate the manufacture, importation, transportation, storage, sale, use and disposal of pesticides and toxic chemicals, and to provide for the establishment of the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(4) **SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 -**
Bill No. 13/1998

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act.

(5) **PREVENTION OF CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 14/1998**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Prevention of Crimes Act.

(6) **CATTLE STEALING PREVENTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 15/1998**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Cattle Stealing Prevention Act.

(7) **SUMMARY JURISDICTION (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 -
Bill No. 16/1998**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act.

(8) **GUYANA CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 17/1998**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend
the Guyana Citizenship Act.

(9) **IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 18/1998**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend
the Immigration Act.

(10) **MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 -
Bill No. 19/1998**

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

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

(11) **MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) (AMENDMENT)
BILL 1998 - Bill No. 20/1998**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Motor
Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second Reading, Committee and Third Reading

ITEM 1 - GUYANA SHIPPING BILL 1998 - Bill No. 6/1998 published 10.10.98

The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the regulation of ships, and the property therein and owners thereof, the behaviour of the master and mariners and their respective rights, duties and liabilities as regards the carriage of passengers and goods by ships, collision between ships, salvage, rights, liabilities, claims, contracts, and matters arising in respect of ships and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

(Read a first time on 21.5.98)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Kadim Khan
The Minister of Local Government
Mr. Manzoor Nadir.

Thereafter, the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 3 were passed as printed.

Clause 4

The following amendment by the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics was put and carried:-

Insertion of the words "relating to maritime affairs, including inland waters" at the end of subsection (1).

Clause 4 was passed as amended.

Clauses 5 to 458 and the Schedules were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics, the Guyana Shipping Bill 1998 was read the third time and passed as amended.

ITEM 2 - RICE FACTORIES BILL 1998 - Bill No. 7/1998 published 10.10.98

The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, moved the second reading following Bill :

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal and re-enact the Rice Factories Act to provide for the establishment of the rice factories, the regulation and control of rice factories and the manufacture of rice.

(Read a first time on 11.6.98)

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -

Dumping of Cocaine in the Atlantic Ocean

In accordance with the permission granted earlier, Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte moved the adjournment of the Assembly and spoke on the dumping of cocaine in the Atlantic Ocean.

The following Members spoke on the matter:

The Prime Minister

Mr. Dunstan Barrow

Mr. Navindranauth Chandarpal.

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON SECOND READING OF RICE FACTORIES BILL 1998

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the Rice Factories Bill 1998.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Ivor Allen
 Mr. Fazil Ali
 Mr. Manzoor Nadir
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow
 The Minister of Finance.

Thereafter, the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs replied.

The motion was then put and carried on the following division:-

FOR

Mr. Ramdas
 Mr. Rodrigues
 Mr. Sankat
 Mr. Fraser
 Mr. Ramratan
 Mr. Mohan
 Mr. DeSouza
 Mrs. Sukhai
 Mrs. Sahoye-Shury
 Mr. Rodney
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Ramkarran
 Mr. Lumumba
 Dr. Lall
 Dr. Hanoman
 Mrs. Edwards
 Mr. Chandarpal
 Mr. Chand
 Mr. Husman Alli
 Mr. Fazil Ali
 Mr. Ramotar
 Mr. Belgrave
 Mr. Mohamed
 Miss Teixeira
 Mr. Nokta
 Mr. Chan
 Mr. Jagdeo
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Persaud
 Mr. Hinds

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AGAINST

Mr. Peters
 Mr. Charlie
 Mr. Nadir
 Mr. Ramnauth
 Mr. Andries
 Mr. Bynoe
 Dr. Joseph
 Mr. Goveia
 Mrs. DeJesus
 Miss Persico
 Mr. Allen
 Dr. Harding
 Mr. Carberry
 Mr. Barrow
 Mr. Hoyte

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 and 2 were passed as printed on two divisions as follows:

FOR

Mr. Ramdas
 Mr. Rodrigues
 Mr. Sankat
 Mr. Fraser
 Mr. Ramratan
 Mr. Mohan
 Mr. DeSouza
 Mrs. Sukhai
 Mrs. Sahoye-Shury
 Mr. Rodney
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Ramkarran
 Mr. Lumumba
 Dr. Lall
 Dr. Hanoman
 Mrs. Edwards
 Mr. Chandarpal
 Mr. Chand
 Mr. Husman Alli
 Mr. Fazil Ali
 Mr. Ramotar
 Mr. Belgrave
 Mr. Mohamed
 Miss Teixeira
 Mr. Nokta
 Mr. Chan
 Mr. Jagdeo
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Persaud
 Mr. Hinds

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AGAINST

Mr. Peters
 Mr. Charlie
 Mr. Nadir
 Mr. Ramnauth
 Mr. Andries
 Mr. Bynoe
 Dr. Joseph
 Mr. Goveia
 Mrs. DeJesus
 Miss Persico
 Mr. Allen
 Dr. Harding
 Mr. Carberry
 Mrs. Riehl
 Mr. Barrow
 Mr. Hoyte

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Clause 3 was passed as printed on the following division:-

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Ramdas	Mr. Peters
Mr. Rodrigues	Mr. Charlie
Mr. Sankat	Mr. Nadir
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ramnauth
Mr. Ramratan	Mr. Andries
Mr. Mohan	Mr. Bynoe
Mr. DeSouza	Mr. Hicks
Mrs. Sukhai	Dr. Joseph
Mrs. Sahoye-Shury	Mr. Goveia
Mr. Rodney	Mrs. DeJesus
Dr. Ramsammy	Miss Persico
Mr. Ramkarran	Mr. Allen
Mr. Lumumba	Dr. Harding
Dr. Lall	Mr. Carberry
Dr. Hanoman	Mrs. Riehl
Mrs. Edwards	Mr. Barrow
Mr. Chandarpal	Mr. Hoyte
Mr. Chand	
Mr. Husman Alli	
Mr. Fazil Ali	
Mr. Ramotar	
Mr. Belgrave	
Mr. Mohamed	
Miss Teixeira	
Mr. Nokta	
Mr. Chan	
Mr. Jagdeo	
Mr. Rohee	
Mr. Persaud	
Mr. Hinds	
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Clause 4

The following correction was made to Clause 4:-

Insertion of "or (2)" after "subsection (1)"
in subsection (3).

Clause 4 was passed as corrected on the following division:-

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Ramdas	Mr. Ramnauth
Mr. Rodrigues	Mr. Andries
Mr. Sankat	Mr. Bynoe
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Hicks
Mr. Ramratan	Dr. Joseph
Mr. Mohan	Mr. Goveia
Mr. DeSouza	Mrs. DeJesus
Mrs. Sukhai	Miss Persico
Mrs. Sahoye-Shury	Mr. Allen
Mr. Rodney	Dr. Harding
Dr. Ramsammy	Mr. Carberry
Mr. Ramkarran	Mrs. Riehl
Mr. Lumumba	Mr. Barrow
Dr. Lall	Mr. Hoyte
Dr. Hanoman	
Mrs. Edwards	
Mr. Chandarpal	
Mr. Chand	
Mr. Husman Alli	
Mr. Fazil Ali	
Mr. Ramotar	
Mr. Belgrave	
Mr. Mohamed	
Miss Teixeira	
Mr. Nokta	
Mr. Chan	
Mr. Jagdeo	
Mr. Rohee	
Mr. Persaud	
Mr. Hinds	

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Clauses 5 to 9 were passed as printed on five divisions as follows:

FOR

Mr. Ramdas
 Mr. Rodrigues
 Mr. Sankat
 Mr. Fraser
 Mr. Ramratan
 Mr. Mohan
 Mr. DeSouza
 Mrs. Sukhai
 Mrs. Sahoye-Shury
 Mr. Rodney
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Ramkarran
 Mr. Lumumba
 Dr. Lall
 Dr. Hanoman
 Mrs. Edwards
 Mr. Chandarpal
 Mr. Chand
 Mr. Husman Alli
 Mr. Fazil Ali
 Mr. Ramotar
 Mr. Belgrave
 Mr. Mohamed
 Miss Teixeira
 Mr. Nokta
 Mr. Chan
 Mr. Jagdeo
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Persaud
 Mr. Hinds

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AGAINST

Mr. Ramnauth
 Mr. Andries
 Mr. Bynoe
 Mr. Hicks
 Dr. Joseph
 Mr. Goveia
 Mrs. DeJesus
 Miss Persico
 Mr. Allen
 Dr. Harding
 Mr. Carberry
 Mrs. Riehl
 Mr. Barrow
 Mr. Hoyte

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Clause 10 was passed as printed on the following division:-

FOR

Mr. Ramdas
 Mr. Rodrigues
 Mr. Sankat
 Mr. Fraser
 Mr. Ramratan
 Mr. Mohan
 Mr. DeSouza
 Mrs. Sukhai
 Mrs. Sahoye-Shury
 Mr. Rodney
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Ramkarran
 Mr. Lumumba
 Dr. Lall
 Dr. Hanoman
 Mrs. Edwards
 Mr. Chandarpal
 Mr. Chand
 Mr. Husman Alli
 Mr. Fazil Ali
 Mr. Ramotar
 Mr. Belgrave
 Mr. Mohamed
 Miss Teixeira
 Mr. Nokta
 Mr. Chan
 Mr. Jagdeo
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Persaud
 Mr. Hinds

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AGAINST

Mr. Ramnauth
 Mr. Andries
 Mr. Bynoe
 Mr. Hicks
 Dr. Joseph
 Mr. Goveia
 Mrs. DeJesus
 Miss Persico
 Dr. Harding
 Mr. Carberry
 Mrs. Riehl
 Mr. Barrow
 Mr. Hoyte

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Clauses 11 to 16 were passed as printed on six divisions as follows:-

FOR

Mr. Ramdas
 Mr. Rodrigues
 Mr. Sankat
 Mr. Fraser
 Mr. Ramratan
 Mr. Mohan
 Mr. DeSouza
 Mrs. Sukhai
 Mrs. Sahoye-Shury
 Mr. Rodney
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Ramkarran
 Mr. Lumumba
 Dr. Lall
 Dr. Hanoman
 Mrs. Edwards
 Mr. Chandarpal
 Mr. Chand
 Mr. Husman Alli
 Mr. Fazil Ali
 Mr. Ramotar
 Mr. Belgrave
 Mr. Mohamed
 Miss Teixeira
 Mr. Nokta
 Mr. Chan
 Mr. Jagdeo
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Persaud
 Mr. Hinds

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AGAINST

Mr. Ramnauth
 Mr. Andries
 Mr. Bynoe
 Mr. Hicks
 Dr. Joseph
 Mr. Goveia
 Mrs. DeJesus
 Miss Persico
 Mr. Allen
 Dr. Harding
 Mr. Carberry
 Mrs. Riehl
 Mr. Barrow
 Mr. Hoyte

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Clause 17

The following corrections were made to Clause 17:-

Deletion of "(1)" in the first line.

Substitution of "3" for "4" in the fifth line.

Insertion of "12" at the end of the Clause.

Clause 17 was passed as corrected on the following division:-

FOR

Mr. Ramdas
 Mr. Rodrigues
 Mr. Sankat
 Mr. Fraser
 Mr. Ramratan
 Mr. Mohan
 Mr. DeSouza
 Mrs. Sukhai
 Mrs. Sahoye-Shury
 Mr. Rodney
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Ramkarran
 Mr. Lumumba
 Dr. Lall
 Dr. Hanoman
 Mrs. Edwards
 Mr. Chandarpal
 Mr. Chand
 Mr. Husman Alli
 Mr. Fazil Ali
 Mr. Ramotar
 Mr. Belgrave
 Mr. Mohamed
 Miss Teixeira
 Mr. Nokta
 Mr. Chan
 Mr. Jagdeo
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Persaud
 Mr. Hinds

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AGAINST

Mr. Ramnauth
 Mr. Andries
 Mr. Bynoe
 Mr. Hicks
 Dr. Joseph
 Mr. Goveia
 Mrs. DeJesus
 Miss Persico
 Mr. Allen
 Dr. Harding
 Mr. Carberry
 Mrs. Riehl
 Mr. Barrow
 Mr. Hoyte

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The First to Sixth Schedules were passed as printed on the following division:-

FOR

Mr. Ramdas
 Mr. Rodrigues
 Mr. Sankat
 Mr. Fraser
 Mr. Ramratan
 Mr. Mohan
 Mr. DeSouza
 Mrs. Sukhai
 Mrs. Sahoye-Shury
 Mr. Rodney
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Ramkarran
 Mr. Lumumba
 Dr. Lall
 Dr. Hanoman
 Mrs. Edwards
 Mr. Chandarpal
 Mr. Chand
 Mr. Husman Alli
 Mr. Fazil Ali
 Mr. Ramotar
 Mr. Belgrave
 Mr. Mohamed
 Miss Teixeira
 Mr. Nokta
 Mr. Chan
 Mr. Jagdeo
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Persaud
 Mr. Hinds

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AGAINST

Mr. Ramnauth
 Mr. Andries
 Mr. Bynoe
 Mr. Hicks
 Dr. Joseph
 Mr. Goveia
 Mrs. DeJesus
 Miss Persico
 Mr. Allen
 Dr. Harding
 Mr. Carberry
 Mrs. Riehl
 Mr. Barrow
 Mr. Hoyte

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Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Rice Factories Bill 1998 was read the third time and passed as corrected and amended.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8.30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



W.M. ZEPHYR

Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

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

29th October, 1998