

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1976

ORDER PAPER

102ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1976

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

(1) By the Prime Minister:

Seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the National Insurance Board for the year 1975.

(GSC: 11/404/2)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Economic Development:

Annual Report of the National Science Research Council for the year 1975.

(Ec.D: 25/4/1/16)(Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation:

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Kuru Kuru Co-operative College for the year ended 31st December, 1975.

(CNM: 5/1/4)(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) State Pensions (Amendment)(Increase in Rates) Order 1976 (No. 75), made under section 4 of the State Pensions Act, Chapter 27:04, on the 18th of August, 1976, and published in the Gazette on the 4th of September, 1976.

(F. 5/1) (Circulated)

By (b) State Pension (LESLIE CHARLTON DAVIS) Order 1976 (No. 80), made under section 4 of the State Pensions Act, Chapter 27:04, on the 1st of September, 1976, and published in the Gazette on the 11th of September, 1976.

(F. 5/1) (Circulated)

(c) Customs Duties (Amendment)(No. 3) Order 1976 (No. 83), made under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, on the 20th of September, 1976, and published in the Gazette on the 20th of September, 1976.

(CEX.22 11) (Circulated)

(d) Consumption Tax (Exemption) Order 1976 (No. 84), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, on the 20th of September, 1976, and published in the Gazette on the 20th of September, 1976.

(CEX.22 11) (Circulated)

(e) State Pension (Claude Allister Robinson) Order 1976 (No. 104), made under section 4 of the State Pensions Act, Chapter 27:04 on the 27th of October, 1976, and published in the Gazette on the 6th of November, 1976.

(F. 5/1) (Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

Question No. 5

Cde. Ally to ask the Minister of Agriculture the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister of Agriculture confirm that rice received at the Springlands Bond of the Rice Marketing Board is blended and that shipments made to overseas markets are effected from that point?

If so, will the Minister say why farmers are made to pay freight to Georgetown.

(Notice Paper No. 81 published 10th September, 1976)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

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

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY
AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -Presentation and First Reading

- (1) NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF BAHA'IS OF GUYANA (INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES) BILL 1976 - Bill No. 13/1976 published 16.10.76, 23.10.76 and 30.10.76

Cde. Van Sluytman to present the following Private Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF BAHA'IS.

- (2) POST AND TELEGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 - Bill No. 14/1976

The Minister of Works and Housing, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE POST AND TELEGRAPH ACT IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POST OFFICE AS A PUBLIC CORPORATION UNDER THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACT TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED BY THE POST AND TELEGRAPH ACT AND TO MAKE CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO OTHER WRITTEN LAWS.

- (3) REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 - Bill No. 15/1976

The Minister of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONS

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF HOUSING SCHEME AT PLANTATION HOPE

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS conditions at Plantation Hope are deplorable with some 70 family units living under the most primitive conditions without pure water, sanitation or electricity and in houses unfit for human habitation:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly recommends to the Government that immediate steps be taken to establish a proper housing scheme for the inhabitants of Plantation Hope, East Coast, Demerara.

(Notice Paper No. 79 published 9th September, 1976)

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 23(3)

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 23(3) be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at its sitting on Wednesday, 24th November, 1976, with the motion submitted by Cde. J.R. Thomas, notice of which was published on 19th November, 1976, on Notice Paper No. 84.

(Notice Paper No. 85 published on 19th November, 1976)

3. RECONSTITUTION OF SESSIONAL SELECT COMMITTEES

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House to move the following motion:

WHEREAS at the Sittings of the National Assembly held on 26th July, 1973, and 28th March, 1974, the Assembly nominated the following Members to comprise the Committee of Selection for the present Session of Parliament, with the Speaker as Chairman:

From the People's National Congress

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P.,
Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and
Leader of the House

Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of National Development

Cde. M.M. Ackman, C.C.H., M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister, and
Government Chief Whip

Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh, M.P.

Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P.

Cde. L.E. Willëms, M.P.

From the Liberator Party

Mr. M.F. Singh

AND WHEREAS Members from the People's Progressive Party List of Candidates took their seats in the Assembly on 24th May, 1976;

AND WHEREAS the balance of Parties in the Assembly is to be reflected in Select Committee of the Assembly:

BE IT RESOLVED:

(i) That this National Assembly nominate three Members from the People's Progressive Party, to the Committee of Selection, and

(ii) That the Committee of Selection reconstitute the other Sessional Select Committees to provide for the inclusion therein of Members from the People's Progressive Party.

(Notice Paper No. 86 published 19th November, 1976)

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) ORDER 1976 (No. 83)

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in accordance with section 9 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirm the Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1976 (No. 83), which was made on the 20th of September, 1976, and published in the Gazette on the 20th of September, 1976.

(Notice Paper No. 82 published 30th September, 1976)

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE CONSUMPTION TAX (EXEMPTION) ORDER 1976 (No. 84)

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in accordance with section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, confirm the Consumption Tax (Exemption) Order 1976 (No. 84), which was made on the 20th of September, 1976, and published in the Gazette on the 20th of September, 1976.

(Notice Paper No. 83 published 30th September, 1976)

BILL - Second Reading

6. PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 - Bill No. 7/1976 published 24.3.76

The Prime Minister to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENSIONS ACT.

(Read a first time on 5th April, 1976)

Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

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By the Prime Minister:

- (a) Fifteenth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Guyana Electricity Corporation for the year 1975. (GSC: 5/404/2)(Circulated)
- (b) Annual Report and Accounts of the Guyana Forest Industries Corporation for the year 1975. (GSC: 22/404/2)(Circulated)
- (c) Public Corporation (Post Office) Order 1976 (No. 109), made under section 45 of the Public Corporations Act, Chapter 19:05, on the 15th of November, 1976, and published in the Gazette on the 20th of November, 1976. (C: 17/1/1/1)(Circulated)

By the Minister of Finance:

Financial Paper No. 5/1976 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 15th November, 1976, totalling \$71,904,470. (Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Question No. 6

Cde. Ally to ask the Minister of Works and Housing the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister of Works and Housing say what was the amount voted for the completion of the Crabwood Creek-Orealla Road, how much has been spent, and why work has ceased on the road?

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976

Bill No. 16/1976

The Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION ACT.