

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 8TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION

(2002-2003) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 2ND MAY, 2003

IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE, OCEAN VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,

LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

SUBSTITUTED

1. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARLIAMENTARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport to move the following motion:

WHEREAS after discussions it has been agreed by the Political Parties represented in the National Assembly that a Parliamentary Management Committee shall be established by the National Assembly on certain terms and conditions.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana approves of the establishment of a Parliamentary Management Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") which shall comprise representatives from the Parties represented in the National Assembly, to consider and decide on matters relating to:-

- The business of the National Assembly;
- Such other matters which the Committee may wish to consider; and
- Such other matters referred to it by the National Assembly.

2. That the Committee shall report to the National Assembly from time to time on such matters which it considers necessary to bring to the attention of the National Assembly or as the National Assembly may require.

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3. In the event that the Committee is unable to arrive at a decision on an issue, or it has not been possible to convene a meeting because of a lack of a quorum as provided for in clause 8, the Committee shall so inform all Members of the Committee and the Committee shall seek direction from the National Assembly on the resolution of that issue.
4. That the composition of the Committee shall be ten (10) Members - five (5) from the PPP/C, three (3) from the PNC/R, one (1) from the GAP/WPA and one (1) from ROAR.
5. That the Committee shall be chaired by the Speaker of the National Assembly and, in his or her absence, the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly. The Chair of the Committee shall not have an original or a casting vote.
6. That the nomination of Members to the Parliamentary Management Committee and the subsequent filling of vacancies shall be made by the Committee of Selection.
7. That the National Assembly adopts and approves the decisions of the Committee of Selection at its meetings held on Friday, 4th April, 2003 and Wednesday, 9th April, 2003 relating to the composition, membership and other matters relating to the Parliamentary Management Committee.

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8. A quorum shall be four (4) Members, two (2) Members representing the Government and two (2) Members representing the Opposition, one (1) of whom shall be a representative of the main Opposition Party, together with the Speaker or Deputy Speaker in the absence of the Speaker. If a meeting of the Committee is fixed and cannot be held for the lack of a quorum, the Members of the Committee shall be given forty eight (48) hours notice of the holding of another Meeting at which other Meeting the Members present shall comprise a quorum provided at least one member of the Opposition is present.

9. Except where the terms of this Motion provide otherwise the procedure relating to Select Committees, as provided for in Standing Order 70A, shall apply to the Committee. The terms herein shall apply where there is conflict with the Standing Orders.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE IN RELATION
TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF A COMMISSION**

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport to move the following motion:

WHEREAS in respect of each Commission in Column 1 of the TABLE the National Assembly has in relation to the corresponding article in Column 2 of the TABLE the power mentioned in Column 3 of the TABLE;

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TABLE

COMMISSION	ARTICLE	POWERS
Judicial Service Commission	198 (2) (b)	the meaningful consultation with such bodies as appear to it to represent attorneys-at-law in Guyana to be done by the National Assembly and the signification of its choice of members to be made to the President
Public Service Commission	200 (1) (b)	two members appointed by the President upon nomination by the National Assembly after it has consulted such bodies as appear to represent public officers or classes of public officers
Police Service Commission	210 (1) (c)	four members appointed by the President upon nomination by the National Assembly after it has consulted such bodies as appear to it to represent the majority of the members of the Police Force and any other such body it deems fit
Ethnic Relations Commission	212B. (1) (a)	the determination of the consensual mechanism entrusted to the National Assembly and the determination of the entities to make nominations entrusted to the National Assembly

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Women and Gender Equality Commission	212Q.(2) (a)	the determination of consensual mechanism entrusted to the National Assembly and the determination of the entities to make nominations entrusted to the National Assembly
Indigenous Peoples' Commission	212S.(2) (a)	the determination of consensual mechanism entrusted to the National Assembly and the determination of the entities to make nominations entrusted to the National Assembly
Rights of the Child Commission	212U.(2) (a)	the determination of consensual mechanism entrusted to the National Assembly and the determination of the entities to make nominations entrusted to the National Assembly

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COMMISSION	ARTICLE	POWERS
Public Procurement Commission	212X.(1) and (2)	the five members of the Public Procurement Commission should have expertise and experience in procurement, legal, financial and administrative matters and be nominated by the Public Accounts Committee and approved by not less than two-thirds of the elected members of the National Assembly.

AND WHEREAS article 119C reads -

“119C There shall be a Standing Committee of the National Assembly which shall have the 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.”

8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Committee, appointed by the Committee of Selection on April 4, 2003, as provided for by and pursuant to article 119C of the Constitution and under the provisions of Standing Order 70A:

- (a) shall have the powers mentioned in Column 3 of the TABLE:
- (b) and such powers within the contemplation of article 119C as may be necessary for the discharge of its functions:
- (c) shall report to the National Assembly in relation to each Commission as soon as possible upon the discharged of its function in relation thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this National Assembly approves that the under-mentioned entities shall be included among the entities to be consulted in respect of the appointment of the Service Commissions mentioned below:

- i the Guyana Bar Association and the Guyana Association of Women Lawyers; with respect to the Judicial Service Commission
- ii the Guyana Public Service Union and the Public Service Senior Staff Association with respect to the Public Service Commission; and
- iii the Guyana Police Association and the Association of former members of the Guyana Police Force and the National Community Policing Executive with respect to the Police Service Commission.

BILLS - Second Reading

3. **FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 3/2003-**
published on 2003-04-14

The Minister of Finance, to move the second reading of the following

Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Tax Act and the
Income Tax Act.

(Read a first time on 2003-04-14)

4. **LAND REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2002 - Bill No. 14/2002-**
published on 2002-12-05

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, to move the
second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL Intituled AN ACT to amend the Land Registry Act.

(Read a first time on 2002-12-05)

5. **KIDNAPPING BILL 2002 - Bill No. 15/2002-publishes on 2002-12-05**

The Minister of Home Affairs, to move the second reading of the
following Bill:

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A BILL Intituled AN ACT to provide for the punishment of the offences of abduction, wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement for ransom and other related offences and for matters incidental thereto.

(Read a first time on 2002-12-05)



S.E. ISAACS

Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,

Public Buildings,

Brickdam.

28th April, 2003.