

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

**FOR THE 9TH 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 THURSDAY, 8TH MAY, 2003

**IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE, OCEAN VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,
LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN**

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AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. **MODALITIES TO GIVE EFFECT TO PROVISIONS FOR ARTICLE 119C**

Assembly to resume consideration of the following motion which was moved by the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport at the sitting on 2nd May, 2003.

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;

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)	<p>(b) three persons, at least one being a woman nominated by the Tousehaos Council and two persons including one woman nominated by the Amerindian organizations determined by the votes of not less than two-thirds of all elected members of the National Assembly</p> <p>the determination of consensual mechanism entrusted to the National Assembly and the determination of the entities to make nominations entrusted to the National Assembly</p>

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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 -

“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.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that “the Standing Committee, to address matters relating to the appointment of members of Commissions established under the Constitution”, 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 identify the appropriate bodies for consultation in the appointment of the relevant members of the Commission, conduct the necessary consultations with them and, where necessary, receive nominations from appropriate bodies;
- (b) shall make recommendations to the National Assembly:
 - (i) for a Consensual Mechanism for the Ethnic Relations Commission, the Women and Gender Equality Commission, the Indigenous Peoples’ Commission and the Rights of the Child Commission;
 - (ii) for the appointment of members of the Commissions with the exception of the Public Procurement Commission; and
 - (iii) in connection with any other matter referred to it by the National Assembly from time to time.

- (c) shall report to the National Assembly in relation to each Commission as soon as possible upon the discharge[d] 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 Senior Staff Association with respect to the Public Service Commission; and
- iii the Guyana Police Association, 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

2. **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)

3. **LAND REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2002 - Bill No. 14/2002**

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)

4. **KIDNAPPING BILL 2002 - Bill No. 15/2002**

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

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)


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5th May, 2003