

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 22ND 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 MONDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 2003
IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE, OCEAN VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,
LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT-

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Speaker of the National Assembly:

Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of Guyana and on the Accounts of Ministries, Departments and Regions for the fiscal year ended 31 December, 2002.

(To be Circulated)

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(2) By the Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security:

(i) The Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund Committee Annual Review 2002.

(To be Circulated)

(ii) Protocol and Recommendations which were adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 90th Session held in June, 2002.

(a) Protocol of 2002 to the Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981.

(b) Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002, No. 193.

(c) The list of Occupational Diseases Recommendation, 2002, No. 194.

(To be Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 2000.

(To be Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS-

For Written replies

No. 1 - FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVES

Mrs. Volda Lawrence to ask the Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security the following question:

Can the Honourable Minister say when would the vacancies in the Department of Co-operatives, many of which date back to 1999, be filled?

(Notice Paper No. 52 (Q28 Opp28) published on 2003-08-22)

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No. 2 - REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MR. MELVIN EDWARDS

Mrs. Volda Lawrence to ask the Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security the following question:

Can the Honourable Minister say when will the Report and Recommendations of Mr. Melvin Edwards, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Consultant on Co-operatives, be laid in the National Assembly?

(Notice Paper No. 53 (Q29 Opp29) published on 2003-08-22)

No. 3 - ILLEGAL BRAZILIAN MINERS

Ms Judith David to ask the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

Can the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs say whether he is aware of illegal Brazilian miners operating in Guyana?

(Notice Paper No. 59 (Q35 Opp35) published on 2003-08-22)

No. 4 - GUYANA LANDS AND SURVEYS COMMISSION

Ms Judith David to ask the Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock the following question:

Can the Honourable Minister say why there is no Regional Representative for Region #7 on the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission?

(Notice Paper No. 66 (Q42 Opp42) published on 2003-08-22)

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 NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

Presentation and First Reading

1. **LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2003 - Bill No.
20/2003 published on 2003-11-04**

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Authorities (Elections) Act to provide for the postponement of elections of councillors of local democratic organs.

2. **DEMERARA MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY (AMENDMENT) BILL
2003 - Bill No. 12/2003 published on 2003-08-23**

Mr. Cyril Belgrave to present the following Private Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Demerara Mutual Life Assurance Society Ordinance.

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3. **GUYANA FREE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH BILL 2003 - Bill No. 13/2003 published on 2003-09-06**

Mr. Cyril Belgrave to present the following Private Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT for the incorporation of the Church known as the Guyana Free Protestant Episcopal Church.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

4. **INTERIM REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINED FORCES COMMISSION**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 21 dated 16th May, 2003, the National Assembly approved of the establishment of a Disciplined Forces Commission to enquire into the Disciplined Forces, that is, the Guyana Police Force, the Guyana Defence Force, the Guyana Prison and the Guyana Fire Services, and all their Branches, Departments and Units focusing on making recommendations for their reform, sustained professional development and structure;

AND WHEREAS the Commission was required to present an Interim Report to the National Assembly within 3 months of its establishment, that is, on the 18th November, 2003;

AND WHEREAS public hearings were concluded with respect to the Guyana Police Force on Friday, 14th November, 2003;

AND WHEREAS owing to the frequent and extensive hearings conducted, the Commission was unable to submit its Interim Report to the National Assembly on 18th November, 2003;

AND WHEREAS the Commission has requested an extension of the deadline for the submission of the Interim Report from 18th November to 1st December, 2003.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of an extension of the deadline for the submission of the Interim Report on the Guyana Police Force from the 18th November to the 1st December, 2003.

(Notice Paper No.78 (M27 Govt25) published on 2003-11-19)

5. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee to address matters relating to the appointment of Members of Commissions established under the Constitution, and signifies to the President the names of Mr. David Leslie L. Melville and Dr. Kissoon as its choice to be appointed Members of the Public Service Commission in accordance with Article 200 (1)(b) of the Constitution.

(Notice Paper No.80 (M29 Govt27) published on 2003-11-19)

BILLS - Report from Select Committee and Third Reading

***6. INVESTMENT BILL 2003 - Bill No. 17/2003 published on 2003-07-30**

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce to move:

- (i) That the report of the Special Select Committee on the Investment Bill 2003, be adopted, and
- (ii) That the Investment Bill 2003 be read a third time and passed as amended.

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

***7. SMALL BUSINESS BILL 2003 - Bill No. 18/2003 published on 2003-07-30**

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce to move:

- (i) That the report of the Special Select Committee on the Small Business Bill 2003, be adopted, and
- (ii) That the Small Business Bill 2003 be read a third time and passed as amended.

BILL - Second reading

***8. CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 10/2003
published on 2003-07-04**

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

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

(Read a first time on 2003-07-10)



S. E. ISAACS

Clerk of the National Assembly

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

19th November, 2003.

***Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**