

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**ORDER PAPER**  
**FOR THE 43<sup>RD</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND**  
**SESSION**  
**(2002-2004) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON THURSDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2004**  
**IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE, OCEAN VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,**  
**LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN**

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**APPOINTMENT OF AN AMBASSADOR TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs the following question:

Will the Government appoint an Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, and if so, when?

(Notice Paper No. 157 (Q94 Opp 93) published on 2004-10-26)

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**BILL - Second Reading**

1. **MINISTRY OF HEALTH BILL 2004 - Bill No. 24/2004 published on 2004-12-02**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to continue the Ministry with responsibility for Health and for matters connected therewith.

*(Read a first time on 2004-12-09)*

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**MOTIONS**

2. **INCREASE IN GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES**

Mr. Donald Ramotar to move the following motion:

WHEREAS amendments were made to the Representation Act pursuant to the Report of the Constitution Reform Commission of July 17, 1999 making recommendations on changes to the electoral system;

AND WHEREAS section 11 of the said Act was amended to provide that Guyana be divided into ten geographical constituencies for the purpose of electing Members of the National Assembly from each geographical constituency;

AND WHEREAS section 11 A of the Representation Act provides that the ten geographical constituencies shall elect twenty five Members of the National Assembly as follows: two Members for Region 1, two Members for Region 2, three Members for Region 3, seven Members for Region 4, two Members for Region 5, three Members for Region 6, two Members for Region 7, one Member for Region 8, one Member for Region 9 and two Members for Region 10;

AND WHEREAS in order to complete the reforms proposed by the Constitution Reform Commission and to consider expanding reforms already made-

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the National Assembly establishes a Special Select Committee to recommend to the National Assembly whether the twenty five seats provided for by section 11 of the Representation of the People Act should be increased and if so, by how many;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Special Select Committee reports to the National Assembly within two months or by such earlier date as the Elections Commission may deem necessary in order to complete preparations for the 2006 General and Regional elections.

*(Notice Paper No. 164 (M61 PPP/C Private Member No. 1) published on 2004-11-22)*

3. **AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 73(5)**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Standing Order 73(5) provides that the deliberations of a Select Committee shall be held in private;

AND WHEREAS the said Standing Order also applies to Standing and Sectoral Committees;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the deliberations of some Committees be held in public or in private if they so decide.

BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Standing Order 73(5) be amended to provide that meetings of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee be held in public except where the said Committees determine otherwise;
2. The said amendment be effected by:
  - (a) deleting the fullstop at the end of Standing Order 73(5) and replacing it by a colon;

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(b) adding the following at the sentence as a new paragraph:

“Provided that (a) the deliberations of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee shall be held in public except where these Committees determine otherwise; (b) meetings of the Parliamentary Management Committee shall not be held in public”.

3. The amended Standing Order will read after the amendment as follows:

“The deliberations of a Select Committee shall be in private and shall be confined to the matter referred to it by the Assembly and any extension or limitation thereof made by the Assembly and, in the case of a Select Committee on a Bill to the Bill committed to it and relevant amendments”;

**Provided that:**

**(a) the deliberations of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee shall be held in public except where these Committees determine otherwise;**

**(b) deliberations of the Parliamentary Management Committee shall not be held in public.**

*(Notice Paper No. 170 (M65 Govt60) published on 2004-12-10)*

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2004**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, confirms the Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 2004 which was made on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2004, under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, and published in the Official Gazette dated 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2004.

*(Notice Paper No. 167 (M64 Govt59) published on 2004-11-30)*

**BILLS - Report from Select Committee and Third Reading**

\*5. **COMBATING OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS BILL 2004 - Bill No. 12/2004**  
**published on 2004-07-27**

The Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security to move:

- (i) That the report of the Special Select Committee on the Combating of Trafficking in Persons Bill 2004, be adopted, and
- (ii) That the Combating of Trafficking in Persons Bill 2004 be read a third time and passed as amended.

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

\*6. **AGE OF CONSENT BILL 2004 - Bill No. 22/2004 published on 2004-11-29**

The Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security to move:

- (i) That the report of the Special Select Committee on the Age of Consent Bill 2004, be adopted, and
- (ii) That the Age of Consent Bill 2004 be read a third time and passed as amended.

**BILL - Second Reading**

\*7. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 10/2003 published on 2003-07-04**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs 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)*

**MOTION**

\*8. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2004**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

**In Committee of Supply**

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/2004 - Supplementary Estimates (Capital) totalling \$330,000,000 for the period ending 2004-12-31

*(Notice Paper No. 118 (M59 Govt55) published on 2004-09-29)*

*(Paper presented on 2004-08-05)*



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*11<sup>th</sup> December, 2004.*