

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 25TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1992-1994) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1994

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER PUBLIC BUILDINGS, 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.-

By the Senior Minister of Finance:

Insurance (Variation of Deposit) Order 1994
(No. 1 of 1994), made under section 18
of the Insurance Act, Chapter 91:02, on
8th December, 1993.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTION NO. 6 - ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN REGION 6

Mr. David Subnauth to ask the Prime Minister the
following question:

Will the Prime Minister say when will Sandvoort,
Maida, Cromarty, Eversham and Tarlogie, in Region
6, be provided with electricity from the national
grid?

(Notice Paper No. 19 (Q4 Opp4) published 26.11.93)

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 -

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. VISIT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly -

Notes that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh will be visiting Guyana during February, 1994

Welcomes a visit by Her Majesty and His Royal Highness to the National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana;

Authorises the Speaker to appoint and to chair a Committee to consider the form which the visit to the National Assembly should take;

and

Empowers that Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the visit to the Assembly.

(Notice Paper No. 26 (M19 Govt 14) published 17.1.

2. REFERRING OF MEDICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY BILL 1993 TO SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE

The Senior Minister of Health to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the present Government is committed to a process of open, and transparent consultation in seeking to formulate legislation for the sensitive issue of the medical termination of pregnancy;

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AND WHEREAS in pursuit of that process the Government facilitated an extensive public debate since May of 1993;

AND WHEREAS a Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill 1993 was presented to the National Assembly on 3rd December, 1993;

AND WHEREAS there have continued to be calls for further consultation and specifically for multi-party consultation;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 49(1) of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly requires that before any Bill be referred to a Committee, it has to be considered and read a second time;

AND WHEREAS in response to the calls for further consultation, it is proposed to have the Bill considered by a Special Select Committee of the National Assembly before its second reading;

BE IT RESOLVED:

- (i) that Standing Order No. 49(1) be suspended in order to facilitate the placing of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill 1993 before a Special Select Committee without recourse to a substantive debate at this time;
- (ii) that in the exercise of its functions the Select Committee be empowered to invite and receive memoranda from members of the public or from organizations; and to co-opt into its service any persons who are deemed to have special skills relevant to the conduct of its business;
- (iii) that the Select Committee, having examined the Bill and considered the submissions received, propose such recommendations and/or amendments to the Bill as it sees fit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the submission of the report of the Special Select Committee, the National Assembly should proceed with the second reading and the remaining stages of the Bill in accordance with the Standing Orders.

(Notice Paper No. 27 (M20 Govt 15) published 17.1.94)

BILL - Second Reading

3. GEORGETOWN SEWERAGE AND WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 - Bill No. 1/1994 published 8.1.94

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act and the Georgetown Sewerage and Water Act to vest the power to supply water to the city of Georgetown in the Georgetown Sewerage and Water Commissioners and to make the Commissioners an autonomous body.
(Read a first time on 13.1.94)

MOTION

4. GUYANA'S AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA

Mrs. Clarissa Riehl to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the office of Ambassador should be filled by persons of impeccable character;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana has appointed Mr. Satyadeo Sawh to be Ambassador to Venezuela;

AND WHEREAS the said Mr. Satyadeo Sawh was convicted under Section 367/368 of the Canadian Penal Code in a Canadian Court on August 21, 1989;

AND WHEREAS both the Prime Minister and the Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs were apprised of Mr. Sawh's conviction and, notwithstanding supported his appointment to the office of Ambassador to Venezuela;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly condemns this blatant disregard for international diplomatic norms and deplores the lack of concern for our special relationship with our neighbour Venezuela;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls for the withdrawal of Mr. Satyadeo Sawh, the Ambassador designate to Venezuela.

(Notice Paper No. 23 (M17 Opp5) published 26.11.93)

BILLS - Second Reading

- *5. MEDICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY BILL 1993 - Bill No. 27/1993
published 11.12.93

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to reform the law relating to abortion and to provide for matters connected therewith.
(Read a first time on 3.12.93)

- *6. GUYANA GOLD BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 - Bill No. 2/1994

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Guyana Gold Board Act 1981.
(Read a first time on 13.1.94)

- *7. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BILL 1993 - Bill No. 28/1993

The Senior Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to regulate the business of banking and other financial business.
(Read a first time on 30.12.93)

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F.A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

17th January, 1994.

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting