

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 40TH 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 MONDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1994

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

GUYANA RICE DEVELOPMENT BOARD BILL 1994 -

Bill No. 12/1994

The Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House),  
on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide  
for the regulation of the manufacture  
and marketing of rice, for securing  
effectively the development of the  
rice industry through the establish-  
ment of the Guyana Rice Development  
Board and for matters connected  
therewith.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

1. EXTENSION OF LIFE OF CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) ACT 1993  
(ACT NO. 21 of 1993)

The Prime Minister to move the following motion:-

WHEREAS the Constitution (Amendment) Act 1993 (Act No. 21 of 1993), for the purpose of facilitating the holding of local government elections in 1994, altered the Constitution temporarily -

- (i) by substituting a new article 161 providing for the composition of the Elections Commission;
- (ii) by inserting a new article 161A empowering the Elections Commission to appoint the Chief Election Officer and all other officers and staff as may be necessary for the conduct of the local government elections;
- (iii) by substituting for paragraph (5) of article 226 another paragraph fixing the quorum of the Elections Commission as consisting of the Chairman and not less than two-thirds of the other appointed members;

AND WHEREAS, notwithstanding section 2 of the said Constitution (Amendment) Act 1993, paragraph (7) of the inserted article 161A stipulates that the said Act shall stand repealed on the 30th June, 1994, unless its life is extended by the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS it has been recognised that it would be impracticable for local government elections to be held on or before 30th June, 1994 because of the inordinately long time taken to renovate the building housing the Elections Commission to meet the required standard to accommodate the Commission's electronic equipment, the extension of time granted by the Elections Commission for the hearing of claims and objections, and the additional time needed to train the new operators of the said equipment;

AND WHEREAS it is therefore necessary for the life of the said Constitution (Amendment) Act 1993 to be extended for a period of six months commencing from 1st July, 1994, thus ipso facto extending the life of the Elections Commission to enable it to complete the task of preparation for, and the holding of, local government elections for which it was specifically appointed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in accordance with paragraph (7) of article 161A of the Constitution approve the extension of the life of the Constitution (Amendment) Act 1993 for a period of six months commencing from 1st July, 1994 to give the Elections Commission the needed time to make all necessary preparations for, and to conduct, local government elections in 1994.  
(Notice Paper No. 46 (M36 Govt 30) published 20.6.94)

BILLS - Second Reading

2. DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 -  
Bill No. 11/1994 published 13.6.94

The Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House),  
to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal  
the Drainage and Irrigation  
Board (Transfer of Functions)  
Act 1983 and to amend the  
Drainage and Irrigation Act.

(Read a first time on 16.6.94)

3. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 -  
Bill No. 3/1994 published 5.2.94

The Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry to  
move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend  
the Public Utilities Commission  
Act 1990.

(Read a first time on 3.2.94)

**MOTION**

**4. NEW GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN ORDER**

The Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS there is widespread concern over the increase of poverty and hunger and that during this post-Cold War era human development should be accorded the highest priority in national policies and in international development cooperation; and

WHEREAS in December 1992 the United Nations General Assembly, convinced that solving humanitarian problems required international cooperation and harmonization of international action adopted a resolution entitled; "New International Humanitarian Order" urging Governments to provide comments and expertise to the Secretary-General regarding the humanitarian order and to develop international cooperation in the humanitarian field; and

WHEREAS the Commonwealth Heads of Government at their meeting in Cyprus in October 1993 considered the matter "The emergence of a New Global Humanitarian Order" and agreed to establish a high-level intergovernmental group to examine specific ways in which the Commonwealth can contribute to the work of the international community; and

WHEREAS Guyana is a member of that Commonwealth high-level intergovernmental group; and

WHEREAS Guyana introduced an item on the matter at the Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community at St. Vincent and the Grenadines in March 1994 which agreed to work together at the regional level and in concert with the Commonwealth high-level group to advance the concept globally; and

WHEREAS the Conference of Heads at the said meeting in St. Vincent and the Grenadines supported a proposal by Dr. Carlos Saul Menem, President of the Argentine Republic, to establish an International Volunteer Corps for the Fight against Hunger; and

WHEREAS the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana Dr. Cheddi Jagan, has written to a number of Heads of State advancing proposals for a development strategy for the eradication of poverty, which took account of certain recommendations of the Human Development Programme, and seeking the support of Heads of State for a global response to these global problems;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly support the call for a global strategy to combat poverty and hunger as a priority in the New Global Humanitarian Order.

(Notice Paper No. 47 (M37 Govt 31) published 21.6.94)

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\* 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. 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)

F.A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

21st June, 1994.

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting