

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 44TH 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, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1994

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

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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 Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Office of the  
President for the year 1993.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Senior Minister of Finance:

Amendment to the Report of the Auditor  
General on the Public Accounts of  
Guyana and on the Accounts of  
Ministries/Departments/Regions for  
the Fiscal year ended 31st December,  
1993.

(Circulated)

(3) By the Senior Minister of Education and Cultural  
Development:

Annual Report of the Teaching Service  
Commission for the year 1993.

(Circulated)

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- (4) By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs:  
Annual Report of the Ministry of Legal Affairs for the year 1993.

(Circulated)

- (5) By the Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security:  
Review of the Operations of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund for the year 1993.

(Circulated)

- (6) By the Chairman of the Special Select Committee appointed to review the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill 1993:  
Report of the Special Select Committee appointed to review the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill 1993.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second Reading

1. LICENSED PREMISES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 - Bill No. 14/1994  
published 30.7.94

The Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend  
the Licensed Premises Act.

(Read a first time on 4.8.94)

2. LABOUR (CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN WORKERS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 - Bill No. 15/1994 published 30.7.94

The Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Labour (Conditions of Employment of Certain Workers) Act.

(Read a first time on 4.8.94)

3. BAKERIES (HOURS OF WORK) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 - Bill No. 16/1994 published 30.7.94

The Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Bakeries (Hours of Work) Act.

(Read a first time on 4.8.94)

4. LABOUR (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 - Bill No. 17/1994 published 30.7.94

The Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Labour Act.

(Read a first time on 4.8.94)

5. CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1994 - Bill No. 18/1994 published 22.9.94

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Customs Act.

(Read a first time on 22.9.94)

MOTIONS

6. THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS the Fifth Inter-sessional meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, in Kingston St. Vincent and the Grenadines, agreed that the Caribbean Community's member states would indicate to the United States their desire to be listed as eligible for accession to the North American Free Trade Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Heads of Government recognised "that the implementing legislation for NAFTA did not seek to alleviate the potential adverse impact" on the economies of the Region;

AND WHEREAS the Heads recognised that NAFTA is a critical factor which has implications for the immediate development of the Region, and decided to seek to be included in the list of countries eligible for early negotiations for entry into NAFTA;

AND WHEREAS the Caribbean Community Secretariat has been mandated to organise a comprehensive study of the implications of NAFTA and NAFTA membership for CARICOM and its individual member states;

AND WHEREAS it was also agreed, at the Fifth Inter-sessional meeting of Heads of Government to continue to seek parity of treatment for CBI excluded products since the negotiating process for negotiating the Community's relationship with NAFTA may take some time;

AND WHEREAS the President of the United States of America has assured the Chairman of the Caribbean Community that the Government of the United States, in consultation with the Congress, is examining a package of measures to address the concerns of the Community on the impact of NAFTA on their economies;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana has been discussing with the private and public sector agencies the implications of the North American Free Trade Agreement;

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AND WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America has submitted a draft Bilateral Investment Treaty and a draft Intellectual Property Rights Agreement to the Government of Guyana for its consideration;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana is committed to ensuring the involvement of every interested citizen and organisation in the national consultations on the draft Treaty and Agreement and on the implications of the North American Free Trade Agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly supports the initiative of the Government to promote the national interest of Guyana as well as its commitments to the Caribbean Community in seeking accession to the NAFTA.

(Notice Paper No. 52 (M42 Govt 36) published 28.10.94)

7. RATIFICATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

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

WHEREAS the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea was opened for signature in Kingston, Jamaica, on 10 December, 1982;

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid Convention has been hailed as the most significant legal instrument to be negotiated by the international community, in so far as it prescribes a comprehensive regime for all uses of the maritime spaces beyond national jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS participation in the aforesaid Convention has particular importance and relevance for the conduct of Guyana's foreign policy, both bilaterally and multilaterally;

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid Convention requires the Deposit of sixty Instruments of Ratification of Accession for its entry into force;

AND WHEREAS by the deposit by Guyana of the sixtieth Instrument of Ratification on 16 November, 1993, the aforesaid Convention shall enter into force on November 16, 1994;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly hereby endorses the decision of the Executive to Ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

(Notice Paper No. 53 (M43 Govt 37) published 1.11.94)

\*8. GOVERNMENT'S VISION OF DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Donald Ramotar to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly support the proposals in the State Paper on Guyana: The Government's vision of Development, by His Excellency the President, Dr. Cheddi Jagan, which was laid in the National Assembly on 7th March, 1994.

(Notice Paper No. 50 (M40 Govt 34) published 27.7.94)

\*9. 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)

\*10. 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.

1st November, 1994