

NOTICE

DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF REFERENDUM BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Under section 99 of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03 of the Laws of Guyana, as modified by the Referendum (Modification of the Representation of the People Act) Regulations 1978, the Speaker of the National Assembly is required to publicly declare the results of the Referendum as soon as practicable after Referendum Day.

The Referendum was held on Monday, 10th July, 1978. The question to which the electors were asked to answer either "Yes" or "No" was "Do you approve of the Constitution (Amendment) Bill 1978, which was passed by the National Assembly on 10th April, 1978, and published in the Official Gazette dated 13th May, 1978?".

The results of the Referendum have been submitted to me by the Chief Election Officer and I now publicly declare them.

The number of valid votes cast for the question was	— 419,936
The number of valid votes cast against the question was	— 8,956
The number of rejected ballot papers was	— 2,228

In the circumstances, I hereby declare that the Constitution (Amendment) Bill No. 8 of 1978 has been approved by a majority of the electors who voted on the Bill in accordance with article 73(3) of the Constitution.

S. Narain,
Speaker of the National Assembly.

Speaker's Chambers,
Parliament Office,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

13th July, 1978.

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1978

ORDER PAPER

161ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY, 21ST JULY, 1978

AT 2.00 P.M.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second Reading

1. CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1978 - Bill No. 15/1978
published 13.7.78

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO EFFECT AN ALTERATION TO ARTICLE 82 OF THE CONSTITUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 73 THEREOF.

(Read a first time on 17.7.78)

MOTION

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

The Prime Minister to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the people of Guyana are entitled as of right to enjoy the highest possible standard of living and quality of life consistent with their work and the development of the country's resources;

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid right cannot be assured unless the society and the economy are reconstructed on socialist principles;

AND WHEREAS the existing Constitution is not a suitable vehicle for effecting the necessary reconstruction of the society and the economy of the State;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to adopt a new Constitution designed to ensure social and economic justice for all of the people of Guyana:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly resolve itself into a Committee consisting of all the members of the Assembly (including the Speaker) to be known as a Constituent Assembly for the purpose of preparing a new Constitution for the Republic of Guyana, provided that members of the National Assembly who are not elected members of the National Assembly shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Constituent Assembly but without the right to vote thereat;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Constituent Assembly shall have power -

- (a) to elect its Chairman and a Deputy Chairman from among persons who are members of the Constituent Assembly;
- (b) to appoint the Secretary of the Constituent Assembly and such other staff which may be considered requisite by the Constituent Assembly for the carrying out of its functions;
- (c) to delegate to the Chairman the powers conferred by paragraph (b), other than the power to appoint the Secretary;
- (d) to co-opt permanent advisory delegations representing other groups of persons in the society, in particular, the Guyana Association of Local Authorities, the Trades Union Congress and religious organisations, to assist the Constituent Assembly in its deliberations in the preparation of the new Constitution for the Republic of Guyana;

(e) to invite and receive memoranda from members of the public or from organisations and to take evidence from persons desiring to testify before it;

(f) to hold meetings in any part of Guyana; and

(g) to regulate its own procedure.

(Notice Paper No. 162 published 17.7.78)

BILLS - Second Reading

3. AMERINDIAN (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 - Bill No. 14/1978
published 10.6.78

The Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
AMERINDIAN ACT.

(Read a first time on 17.7.78)

4. SALE OF TRAVEL TICKETS BILL 1978 - Bill No. 9/1978 published
15.4.78

The Minister of Works and Transport to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO IMPOSE
RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE OF TRAVEL
TICKETS IN RESPECT OF JOURNEYS
BETWEEN GUYANA AND ANY OTHER
COUNTRY.

(Read a first time on 12.5.78)

Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown
18th July, 1978

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SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

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AT 2.00 P.M.

OATH -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

By the Minister of Agriculture:

Report and Accounts of the Guyana Sugar Corporation
for the year 1977.

(Circulated)