

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 7TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION
(2002-2003) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON MONDAY, 14TH APRIL, 2003
IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE, OCEAN VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,
LILIENDAAL, GREATER 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.

(1) By the Speaker (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

Minutes of the Proceedings of the 3rd Meeting of the Committee of Selection of the Second Session held on 8th April, 2003.

(To be Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security:

State Paper on the following Convention and Recommendation which were adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 89th Session held in June, 2001:

- (i) Safety and Health in Agriculture Convention, 2001, No. 184.
- (ii) Safety and Health in Agriculture Recommendation, 2001, No. 192.

(To be Circulated)

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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

MOTIONS

1. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2003**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

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. 1/2003 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$4,917,393,445, for the period ended 31st December, 2002.

(Paper presented on 2003-02-19)

2. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/2003**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

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. 2/2003 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$1,293,396,680, for the period 11th October, 2002 to 31st December, 2002 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund.

(Paper presented on 2003-02-19)

3. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/2003**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

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. 3/2003 - Supplementary Estimates (Capital) totalling \$3,827,000, for the period ended 31st December, 2002.

(Paper presented on 2003-02-19)

4. **ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the establishment of a Special Select Committee to review the public holidays appointed by the Public Holidays Act, Chapter 19:07, with a view to including as public holidays, the following days, namely:

Independence Day, that is to say, the 26th May, or, if that day is a Sunday, the following day, and

Arrival Day, that is to say, the 5th May, or, if that day is a Sunday, the following day.

(Notice Paper No. 7(M7 Govt7) published 2003-02-17)

5. **THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING COOPERATION TO SUPPRESS ILLICIT TRAFFIC BY SEA AND AIR 2001**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Agreement between the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Government of the United States of America concerning cooperation to Suppress Illicit Traffic by Sea and Air 2001 was concluded in April, 2001;

AS WHEREAS the Agreement has as its principal objective the suppression and eradication of the illicit trafficking in narcotics by sea;

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AND WHEREAS the Agreement seeks to reduce the ability of illicit narcotics traffickers to elude maritime law enforcement agencies within and outside the territorial waters of Guyana as well as to strengthen Guyana's maritime law enforcement capabilities in this area;

AND WHEREAS the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotics Drugs and its 1972 Protocol, the 1971 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea recognise that effective measures against abuse of narcotic drugs require co-ordinated and universal action through international co-operation;

AND WHEREAS the Agreement seeks to further international co-operation in the fight against the illegal narcotics trade as well as to strengthen and enhance legal measures for international co-operation in criminal matters for suppressing illicit traffic by sea:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve of the decision of the Government of Guyana to become party to the aforementioned Agreement.

(Notice Paper No.4(M4 Govt4) published 2002-11-28)

6. **THE CONVENTION ON THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction was concluded at Oslo on September 18, 1997 and opened for signature in Ottawa, Canada on December 2, 1997;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana signed the Convention on December 4, 1997;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana supports the international effort to put an end to the use of landmines, a practice which not only contradicts the provisions of international humanitarian law, but also causes serious and unnecessary suffering to non-combatants, particularly children:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly hereby agrees to the Secretary General of the United Nations being informed of Guyana's intention to ratify the Government on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction by the deposit of an appropriate Instrument of Ratification.

(Notice Paper No. 5(M5 Govt5) published 2002-11-28)

7. **THE KYOTO PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Guyana ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on 29th August, 1994;

AND WHEREAS the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was adopted at the Third Conference of the Parties (COP3) in 1997;

AND WHEREAS the said Protocol has its primary objective the reduction of combined green house gas emissions of industrialized countries by at least 5 percent (5%) of 1990 levels, by the period 2008-2012;

AND WHEREAS the said Protocol allows for developing countries to participate in the process of achieving sustainable development, through joint projects with developed countries under the Clean Development Mechanism;

AND WHEREAS Guyana endorses the view that existing levels of green house gas (GHG) emissions if left unabated, will continue to render vulnerable, small island and low lying coastal states:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly hereby agrees to the Secretary General of the United Nations being advised of Guyana's intention to sign, and ratify the Kyoto Protocol by depositing an appropriate Instrument of Ratification.

(Notice Paper No. 6(M6 Govt6) published 2002-11-28)

BILLS - Second Reading

8. DEMERARA HARBOUR BRIDGE CORPORATION BILL 2003 - Bill No. 2/2003

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish the Demerara Harbour Bridge Corporation.

(Read a first time on 2003-04-09)

***9. LAND REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2002 - Bill No. 14/2002**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL Intituled AN ACT to amend the Land Registry Act.

(Read a first time on 2002-12-05)

***10. KIDNAPPING BILL 2002 - Bill No. 15/2002**

The Minister of Home Affairs, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL Intituled AN ACT to provide for the punishment of the offences of abduction, wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement for ransom and other related offences and for matters incidental thereto.

(Read a first time on 2002-12-05)


S.E. ISAACS

Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam.

10th April, 2003.

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting