

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 26TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION
(2002-2004) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2004
IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE, OCEAN VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,
LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

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By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Customs Duties (Amendment) (No.7) Order 2004. (Circulated)
- (ii) Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 8) Order 2004. (Circulated)
- (iii) Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 9) Order 2004. (Circulated)

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(iv) The Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Order No. 10 of 2004.

(To be Circulated)

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ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second Reading

1. **AUDIT BILL 2004 - Bill No. 5/2004 published on 2004-03-11**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to set out the responsibilities and authority of the Auditor General; to strengthen parliamentary oversight of the working of the Auditor General; to provide for the establishment and administration of an independent Audit Office; and to regulate such other matters connected with or incidental to the independent auditing of the finances of Guyana.

(Read a first time on 2004-03-15)

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2. **CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER 2003] VALIDATION**

BILL 2004 - Bill No. 1/2004 published on 2004-03-04

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to validate the Customs Duties
(Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2003 (No. 29 of 2003) published in
the Gazette on 1st September, 2003.

(Read a first time on 2004-03-15)

MOTIONS

3. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 6/2003**

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. 6/2003 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$130,321,278 for the period 2003-11-18 to 2003-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 104 (M46 Govt 42) published on 2004-03-16)

(Paper presented on 2004-03-15)

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4. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 7/2003**

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. 7/2003 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$6,295,602,453 for the period ending 2003-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 105 (M47 Govt 43) published on 2004-03-16)

(Paper presented on 2004-03-15)

5. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 8/2003**

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. 8/2003 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$1,048,407,320 for the period 2003-12-29 to 2003-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 106 (M48 Govt 44) published on 2004-03-16)

(Paper presented on 2004-03-15)

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6. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) ORDER
NO. 7/ 2004**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirms the Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 2) Order No. 7 of 2004, which was made on 1st March, 2004, under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, and published in the Official Gazette dated 1st March, 2004.

(Notice Paper No. 101 (M43 Govt 39) published on 2004-03-16)

7. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) ORDER
NO. 9/2004**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirms the Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 3) Order No. 9 of 2004), which was made on 1st March, 2004, under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, and published in the Official Gazette dated 1st March, 2004.

(Notice Paper No. 102 (M44 Govt 40) published on 2004-03-16)

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8. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (No. 4) ORDER
NO. 8/2004**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirms the Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 4) Order No. 8 of 2004), which was made on 1st March, 2004, under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, and published in the Official Gazette dated 1st March, 2004.

(Notice Paper No. 103 (M45 Govt 41) published on 2004-03-16)

9. **CONVENTION ON THE SAFETY OF UNITED NATIONS AND ASSOCIATED
PERSONNEL**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel was opened for signature by the United Nations General Assembly on December 9, 1994 and entered into force on January 15, 1999;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations Secretary-General has appealed to Member States to ratify or accede to the said Convention in light of the recent fatal attacks on UN diplomats, workers and other personnel in the Middle East;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana supports the international effort to afford all United Nations and associated personnel greater protection than they currently enjoy.

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly hereby agrees to the Secretary-General of the United Nations being informed of Guyana's intention to accede to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel and for Guyana to formally accede to the said Convention by the deposit of an appropriate Instrument of Accession.

(Notice Paper No. 83 (M33 Govt 30) published on 2004-01-26)

10. **RATIFICATION OF THE GUYANA-BRAZIL VISA ABOLITION AGREEMENT**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS an Agreement was concluded between the Government of the Republic of Guyana and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil on July 30, 2003, for the Partial Abolition of Visa Requirements;

AND WHEREAS the said Agreement allows for nationals of both countries who are holders of valid national passports to enter and stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for the purposes of tourism, vacation or visiting relatives for a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days;

AND WHEREAS Article 9 paragraph 1 of the said Agreement stipulates that the Agreement will enter into force when the internal legal procedures for each Contracting Party have been completed.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly hereby agrees to the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil being informed of Guyana's intention to ratify the Agreement for the Partial Abolition of Visa Requirements.

(Notice Paper No. 92 (M34 Govt 31) published on 2004-02-10)

11. **EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE COOPERATION TREATY**
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA AND THE STATE OF BARBADOS
CONCERNING THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION IN THEIR EXCLUSIVE
ECONOMIC ZONES IN THE AREA OF BILATERAL OVERLAP WITHIN EACH OF
THEIR OUTER LIMITS AND BEYOND THE OUTER LIMITS OF THE EXCLUSIVE
ECONOMIC ZONES OF OTHER STATES

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS as a result of states' entitlements under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), there exists an area of overlap within the outer limits of the exclusive economic zones of Guyana and Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the two countries are in agreement that it is necessary to establish a precise and equitable regime for the orderly and cooperative exercise of jurisdiction in the area of overlap of their exclusive zones, whilst taking into account the legitimate interests of other states;

AND WHEREAS the two countries are convinced that an Exclusive Economic Zone Cooperation Treaty is the best way to preserve the rights and interests of both states over the resources in the area where their Exclusive Economic Zones overlap;

AND WHEREAS the conclusion of the afore-mentioned Treaty is wholly consistent with Article 83(3) of UNCLOS which states that pending delimitation of the continental shelf between States with opposite or adjacent coasts, the States concerned shall make every effort to enter into provisional arrangements of a practical nature in a spirit of understanding and cooperation;

AND WHEREAS the Exclusive Economic Zone Cooperation Treaty between Guyana and Barbados forms part of the said provisional arrangements between the two countries for the management and exploitation of the living and non-living resources within the area of overlap of their exclusive economic zones and does not prejudice the conclusion of a final maritime delimitation agreement between the two sides;

AND WHEREAS the afore-mentioned Treaty was signed by the President of the Republic of Guyana and the Prime Minister of Barbados on December 2, 2003 in London;

AND WHEREAS Articles 11 and 12 of the Treaty makes provision for this Treaty to enter into force 30 days after the date on which the Parties have notified each other in writing that their respective requirements for the entry into force of this Treaty have been met and for this Treaty to be registered with the Secretaries General of the United Nations and the Caribbean Community respectively.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly:

- (i) endorses the conclusion and entry into force of the Exclusive Economic Zone Cooperation Treaty between the Republic of Guyana and the State of Barbados and,
- (ii) agrees to the Secretaries General of the United Nations and the Caribbean Community being informed of the entry into force of the said Treaty.

(Notice Paper No. 95 (M37 Govt 33) published on 2004-02-16)

12. **FINAL REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINED FORCES COMMISSION**

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

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 21 dated 16th May, 2003, the National Assembly approved of the establishment of a Disciplined Forces Commission to enquire into the Disciplined Forces, that is, the Guyana Police Force, the Guyana Defence Force, the Guyana Prison and the Guyana Fire Services, and all their Branches, Departments and Units focusing on making recommendations for their reform, sustained professional development and structure;

AND WHEREAS the Commission was required to present its report and findings, recommendations and implementation timetable to the National Assembly within six (6) months save that the Commission shall give priority to its Inquiry into the Guyana Police Force and shall present an Interim Report thereon to the National Assembly within three (3) months;

AND WHEREAS the Interim Report of the Commission on the Guyana Police Force was laid in the National Assembly on 11th December, 2003;

AND WHEREAS the Commission was required to present its Final Report to the National Assembly by the 18th March, 2004;

AND WHEREAS due to a number of factors, the Commission was unable to submit its Final Report to the National Assembly by 18th March, 2004;

AND WHEREAS the Commission has requested an extension of the deadline for the submission of the Final Report from 18th March, 2004 to 1st May, 2004.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of an extension of the deadline for the submission of the Final Report of the Disciplined Forces Commission from 18th March, 2004 to 1st May, 2004.

(Notice Paper No. 107 (M49 Govt45) published on 2004-03-16)

***13. PROTOCOL AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT THE 90TH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE HELD IN JUNE, 2002**

The Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security to move the following motion:

WHEREAS as a member state of the International Labour Organisation, Guyana is obligated to examine Conventions, Recommendations and other Instruments adopted by the International Labour Conference in accordance with Article 19 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation;

AND WHEREAS Article 19 states that all Conventions, Recommendations and other Instruments adopted by the International Labour Conference must be submitted to the Competent Authority of members' states whether ratification of such Conventions is contemplated or not;

AND WHEREAS the submission of Conventions, Recommendations and other Instruments adopted at sessions of that Conference should always be accompanied or followed by a statement or proposal setting out the Government's view as to the action to be taken on the instruments;

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana, proposes to use the provisions of the Conventions, Recommendations and other Instruments adopted from time to time by the International Labour Conference as aims of policy and to ratify those Conventions which are in keeping with the social philosophy of the Guyanese society.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly approve the conclusion set out in the State Paper on the undermentioned Protocol and Recommendations adopted at the 90th Session of the International Labour Conference held in June, 2002;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the decision of this National Assembly be conveyed to the Director General of the International Labour Organisation:

- (i) Protocol of 2002 to the Occupational Safety and Health Convention 1981.
- (ii) Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002, No. 193.
- (iii) The List of Occupational Diseases Recommendation, 2002, No. 194.

(Notice Paper No. 79 (M28 Govt26) published on 2003-11-19)

BILLS - Second Reading

- *14. **PUBLIC PROCUREMENT COMMISSION TRIBUNAL BILL 2004 - Bill No. 2/2004 published on 2004-03-04**

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

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Public Procurement Commission Tribunal and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

(Read a first time on 2004-03-15)

*15. **RIGHTS COMMISSIONS TRIBUNAL BILL 2004 - Bill No. 3/2004 published on 2004-03-04**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Rights Commissions Tribunal and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

(Read a first time on 2004-03-15)

*16. **PENSIONS (PRESIDENT) BILL 2004 - Bill No. 4/2004 published on 2004-03-04**

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the payment of superannuation benefits in respect of service in the Office of the President.

(Read a first time on 2004-03-15)

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

***17. CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 10/2003**

published on 2003-07-04

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

A Bill intituled AN ACT to alter the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164.

(Read a first time on 2003-07-10)



S. E. ISAACS

Clerk of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.**

17th March, 2004.

***Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**