

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 26TH 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, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1994

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, 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. -

By the Senior Minister of Agriculture:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Agriculture
for the year 1992.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

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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

Presentation and First Reading

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

The Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry,
on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

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

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second Reading

1. GUYANA GOLD BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 - Bill No. 2/1994
published 15.1.94

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend
the Guyana Gold Board Act 1981.

(Read a first time on 13.1.94)

MOTIONS

2. AFFIRMATION OF THE INSURANCE (VARIATION OF DEPOSIT)
ORDER 1994 (No. 1 of 1994)

The Senior Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 18(2) of the Insurance Act, Chapter 91:02, affirm the Insurance (Variation of Deposit) Order 1994 (No. 1 of 1994), which was made on 8th December, 1993.

(Notice Paper No. 28 (M21 Govt 16) published 17.1.94).

3. DEVELOPMENT OF A CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY CHARTER OF CIVIL SOCIETY

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

WHEREAS the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, at a Special Meeting in October, 1992, in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, agreed to the development of a Caribbean Community Charter of Civil Society which would provide a nominative basis for the Community and would deal, inter alia, with matters such as a free press, a fair and open democratic process, the effective functioning of the parliamentary system, morality in public affairs, respect for fundamental civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, the rights of women and children, respect for religious diversity, and greater accountability and transparency in governance;

AND WHEREAS a draft of the Charter was considered at the Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government in Nassau, The Bahamas, in July, 1993, and it was agreed to adopt the Charter as prepared as a basis for the holding of consultations on it at the national level, preparatory to the preparation of a final draft of the Charter

AND WHEREAS Cabinet considered the draft Charter of Civil Society for the Caribbean Community and noted its contents on August 4, 1993;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly wholeheartedly welcomes the development of the Charter of Civil Society for the Caribbean Community and gives its fullest support to the process of national consultations.

(Notice Paper No. 29 (M22 Govt 17) published 26.1.94)

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF A CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY COURT OF APPEAL

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

WHEREAS the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, at a Special Meeting in October, 1992, in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, considered the recommendations of the West Indian Commission on the establishment of a Caribbean Community Supreme Court with original jurisdiction in matters arising under the Treaty of Chaguaramas, including the issuing of orders to facilitate the implementation of Caribbean Community decisions, and with an appellate jurisdiction from the Courts of Member States desirous of abolishing the jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in respect of appeals from the superior Courts of those States;

AND WHEREAS the Conference decided that those Member States desirous of establishing the Court with an appellate jurisdiction should indicate as early as possible and that the matter of an original jurisdiction for the Court should be the subject of an indepth study in order to facilitate the taking of a decision by Member States;

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AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana, at the Fourth Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government, in Roseau, Dominica, in March, 1993, supported the establishment of the Court as a Court of Appeal with an appellate jurisdiction only;

AND WHEREAS the Conference noted that the Caribbean Community Supreme Court as an Appellate Court could be established in Trinidad and Tobago by the Member States which are desirous of so doing, namely, Guyana, Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly looks forward to the urgent establishment of a Caribbean Court of Appeal in order to provide a final Appellate Court for the determination of appeals from the courts of Guyana.

(Notice Paper No. 30(M23 Govt 18) published 26.1.94)

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY PARLIAMENTARIANS

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

WHEREAS the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community decided in St. Kitts and Nevis, in July, 1991, to establish the Assembly of Caribbean Community Parliamentarians;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana became a signatory to the Agreement Establishing the Assembly of Caribbean Community Parliamentarians on February 19, 1992, at Kingston, Jamaica;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, having considered the aforesaid Agreement, confirmed and ratified the same and undertook faithfully to perform the stipulations therein;

AND WHEREAS the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana signed the Instrument of Ratification on October 8, 1993, which was duly deposited with the Caribbean Community Secretariat, in Georgetown.

5.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly unanimously welcomes the Establishment of the Assembly of Caribbean Community Parliamentarians and endorses the Government of Guyana's ratification of the aforesaid Agreement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this Assembly gives its full support to the activities of the Assembly of Caribbean Community Parliamentarians.

(Notice Paper No.31 (M24 Govt 19) published 26.1.94)

BILLS - Second Reading

*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)

*7. 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)

F.A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

27th January, 1994

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting