

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 60TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1992-1995) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 20TH JULY, 1995

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 PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

- (1) By the Senior Minister of Home Affairs:
 - (i) Annual Report of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the year 1993.
(Circulated)
 - (ii) Annual Report of the Guyana Fire Service for the year 1993.
(Circulated)

- (2) By the Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security:
 - (i) State Paper on the following Conventions and Recommendations adopted at the 75th and 76th Sessions of the International Labour Conference held in June, 1988 and June, 1989, respectively:-
 - (a) Safety and Health in Construction Convention, 1988, No. 167
 - (b) Safety and Health in Construction Recommendation, 1988, No. 175
 - (c) Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988, No. 168
 - (d) Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988, No. 176
 - (e) Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989, No. 169.
(Circulated)

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(ii) State Paper on the following Conventions and Recommendations adopted at the 77th Session of the International Labour Conference held in June, 1990:-

- (a) Chemicals Convention, 1990, No. 170
- (b) Chemicals Recommendation, 1990, No. 177
- (c) Night Work Convention, 1990, No. 171
- (d) Night Work Recommendation (Revised) 1990, No. 178.

(Circulated)

(3) By the Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs:
Annual Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 1993.

(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister in the Office of the President:
Annual Report of the Office of the President for the year 1994:

- (I) Presidential Secretariat
- (II) Public Service Management.

(Circulated)

(5) By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance:

(i) Agreements (2) between the International Development Association and the Government of Guyana as detailed below:

- (a) Development Credit Agreement No. 2559 GUA dated January 5, 1994 for Water Supply Technical Assistance and Rehabilitation Project; and
- (b) Development Credit Agreement No. 2168-6 GUA dated June 7, 1994 for Second Structural Adjustment Credit Program.

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(ii) Agreements (2) between the Inter-American Development Bank and the Government of Guyana as detailed below:

- (a) Loan Contract No. 909/SF-GY dated April 13, 1994 for the Remedial Maintenance Project for Georgetown Sewerage and Water Supply System; and
- (b) Loan Contract No. 912/SF-GY dated February 14, 1994 for the Social Amelioration Programme.

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- (iii) Agreements (2) between the Caribbean Development Bank and the Government of Guyana as detailed below:
- (a) Loan Contract No. 9/SFR-GU dated February 14, 1994 for the Drainage and Irrigation Project; and
- (b) Loan Contract No. 10/SFR-GU dated July 22, 1994 for the Second Road Project.
- (Circulated)
- (iv) Agreement between the Government of France and the Government of Guyana on the reorganization of debts in accordance with the third Paris Club Agreed Minute signed in Paris on May 6, 1993. Agreement dated May 30, 1994.
- (Circulated)
- (v) Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Guyana on the consolidation and rescheduling or refinancing of certain debts owed to, guaranteed by, or insured by the United States Government and its agencies in accordance with the third Paris **Club** Agreed Minute signed in Paris on May 6, 1993. Agreement dated April 5, 1994.
- (Circulated)
- (vi) Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of Guyana on the consolidation and rescheduling of certain commercial debts insured by the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) in accordance with the third Paris **Club** Agreed Minute signed in Paris on May 6, 1993. Agreement dated February 21, 1994.
- (Circulated)
- (vii) Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Auditor General for the year 1994.
- (Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTION No. 10 (FOR WRITTEN REPLY)

MONEY GIVEN TO MUNICIPALITY OF GEORGETOWN

Mr. Hukumchand to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

- (i) How much money, by way of subvention or other transfers, was given to the Municipality of Georgetown since the Interim Management Committee was installed?
- (ii) For what specific purpose this money was provided?

- (iii) Apart from projects executed directly by the Council with such money, what specific projects were carried out directly by the Central Government and at what cost?
- (iv) Will the Prime Minister also give the names of the contractors who executed these projects and say whether or not the projects were assigned on the basis of normal tender board procedures?
- (v) Will the Prime Minister also give the cost of these contracts?

(Notice Paper No. 66 (Q10 Oppl0) published 21.6.95)

QUESTION No. 11 (FOR ORAL ANSWER)

PROPOSED BROADCAST LEGISLATION

Mr. Kenrick Tyndall to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

- (i) What is the status of Government's proposed broadcast legislation?
- (ii) When is it likely to be brought before the National Assembly?
- (iii) Is the issuing of licences for privately operated Radio Stations contingent on the passage of the legislation?
- (iv) How many applications for the operation of privately owned stations have so far been received?
- (v) Could the Prime Minister identify the applicants?
- (vi) Could the Prime Minister state what criteria will be applied in granting these licences?

(Notice Paper No. 69 (Q12 Oppl2) published 21.6.95)

QUESTION No. 12 (FOR WRITTEN REPLY)

ACTIVITIES OF GOLDEN STAR IN REGION 8

Mr. Matheson Williams to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

- (i) Has the Prime Minister or the appropriate agency held consultations with the indigenous people of Region 8 and with the domestic mining interests of the same Region relative to the activities and the intentions of Golden Star in the Region?
- (ii) If the answer is yes, will the Prime Minister give the results of these consultations?
- (iii) If the answer is no, will the Prime Minister undertake to put consultations in motion and report to this Assembly?

(Notice Paper No. 74 (Q15 Oppl5) published 22.6.95)

QUESTION No. 13 (FOR WRITTEN REPLY)

FIREARMS IN REGION 8

Mr. Matheson Williams to ask the Senior Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

- (i) Is the Minister aware of reports from Chenapowu in Region 8 of an illegal trade in sidearms bought from Brazil?

- (ii) Is the Minister aware that Chenapowu residents complain of being at a disadvantage when faced with miners with unlicensed sidearms?
- (iii) Is the Minister aware of the widespread need for ammunition in hinterland communities?
- (iv) Will the Minister give this Assembly the assurance that arrangements will be made to restore to licensed firearm owners the means of obtaining adequate supplies of ammunition for their hunting activities?

(Notice Paper No. 71 (Q14 Oppl4) published 21.6.95)

QUESTION No. 14 (FOR WRITTEN REPLY)

PAYMENT TO STUDENT TEACHERS DURING TRAINING

Mr. Matheson Williams to ask the Senior Minister of Education and Cultural Development the following question:

Is it true that while some student teachers in training at the Cyril Potter College of Education receive their salaries during training, interior student teachers receive only a stipend of \$1,800.00 a month?

(Notice Paper No. 76 (Q17 Oppl7) published 22.6.95)

QUESTION No. 15 (FOR WRITTEN REPLY)

MEDICAL FACILITIES IN REGIONS 7 AND 8

Mr. Matheson Williams to ask the Senior Minister of Health the following question:

- (i) In what communities in Regions 7 and 8 are hospitals/health centres/stations established?
- (ii) How is each station staffed?
- (iii) Is any affected by vacancies for more than one month?
- (v) Can the Minister state in regard to each hospital/health centre/station the dispatch and if possible the receipt of essential drugs to each of these hospitals, health centres and health stations?

(Notice Paper No. 70 (Q13 Oppl3) published 21.6.95)

QUESTION No. 16 (FOR WRITTEN REPLY)

IMPACT OF MINING ACTIVITIES ON KAIETEUR FALL

Mr. Matheson Williams to ask the Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry the following question:

Will the Minister investigate the impact, if any, of mining activities in the Potaro district on the Kaieteur Fall and inform this Assembly of his findings?

(Notice Paper No. 75 (Q16 Oppl6) published 22.6.95)

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

Presentation and First Reading

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1995 - Bill No. 11/1995 published 20.5.95

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to effect
an alteration to article 142 of
the Constitution in accordance
with articles 66 and 164 thereof.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION

The Senior 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 and Recommendations 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 and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference must be submitted to the Competent Authority of member states whether ratification of such Conventions is contemplated or not;

AND WHEREAS the submission of Conventions and Recommendations 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;

AND WHEREAS Guyana adheres to the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation of which it is a member since 1966;

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AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana proposes to use the provisions of the Conventions and Recommendations 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 this National Assembly approve the conclusions set out in the State Paper on the following Conventions and Recommendations adopted at the 74th session of the International Labour Conference held in September, 1987:-

- (i) Seafarers Welfare Convention, 1987, No. 163.
- (ii) Seafarers Welfare Recommendation, 1987, No. 173.
- (iii) Health Protection and Medical Care (Seafarers) Convention, 1987, No. 164.
- (iv) Social Security (Seafarers) Convention, (Revised) 1987, No. 165.
- (v) Repatriation of Seafarers Convention (Revised) 1987, No. 166.
- (vi) Repatriation of Seafarers Recommendation, 1987, No. 174,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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

(Notice Paper No. 64 (M53 Govt44) published 17.2.95)

2. RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOLS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANISATION OF AMERICAN STATES: THE PROTOCOL OF WASHINGTON AND THE PROTOCOL OF MANAGUA .

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

WHEREAS the Sixteenth Special Session of the General Assembly of the Organisation of American States (OAS), meeting in Washington, DC, USA, on December 14, 1992, considered amendments to the OAS Charter which would provide for new arrangements relating to representative democracy and extreme poverty;

AND WHEREAS the Sixteenth Special Session adopted the Protocol of Amendments to the Charter of the OAS known as the Protocol of Washington;

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AND WHEREAS the Sixteenth Special Session also approved inclusion in the OAS Charter of new provisions and modifications to address the issue of the elimination of extreme poverty;

AND WHEREAS the Nineteenth Special Session of the OAS General Assembly, meeting in Managua, Nicaragua, on June 10, 1993, adopted another Protocol of Amendments to the Charter of the OAS known as the Protocol of Managua;

AND WHEREAS the Protocol of Managua addresses the problem of extreme poverty in that it specifically provides for greater effectiveness and efficiency in the area of OAS technical co-operation by merging the functions of the two existing OAS technical co-operation Councils, the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) and the Inter-American Council for Education, Science and Culture, into a new Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI);

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana signed the Protocols of Washington and Managua on December 14, 1992 and on June 10, 1993, respectively:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve the ratification by the Government of Guyana of the Protocols of Amendments to the Charter of the Organisation of American States: the Protocol of Washington and the Protocol of Managua.

(Notice Paper No. 77 (M58 Govt 46) published 10.7.95)

3. RATIFICATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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

WHEREAS the 24th Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organisation of American States (OAS), meeting in Belem do Para, Brazil, on June 9, 1994, considered and approved the Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women also known as the Convention of Belem do Para;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana became a signatory to the Convention on January 10, 1995, agreeing, *inter alia*, to pursue, by all appropriate means and without delay, policies to prevent, punish and eradicate such violence;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve the ratification by the Government of Guyana of the Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women (the Convention of Belem do Para).

(Notice Paper No. 78 (M59 Govt47) published 10.7.95)

BILL - Second Reading

4. LAW REFORM (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1995 - Bill No. 10/1995 published 20.5.95

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 Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act and the Accidental Deaths and Personal Injuries (Damages) Act.

(Read a first time on 22.5.95)

BILL

*5 TRADE UNION RECOGNITION BILL 1994 - Bill No. 19/1994 published 26.11.94

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stage(s) of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the improvement and protection of industrial relations by the establishment of the procedures for the certifying of trade unions as recognised majority unions and for matters connected therewith.

F.A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
11th July, 1995

*Not to be proceed with at this Sitting.