

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**ORDER PAPER**  
**FOR THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**  
**(1998) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1998**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

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**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 **Prime Minister:**

Immigration (Amendment) Regulations 1998 (No. 6 of 1998)  
made under section 37 of the Immigration Act,  
Chapter 14:02, on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 1998, and published in  
the Gazette on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 1998.

(Circulated)

(2) By the **Minister of Foreign Affairs:**

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on  
Civil and Political Rights.

(Circulated)

**QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS-**

**No. 12 - REPORT ON SEA DEFENCE BREACH AT MON REPOS**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte to ask the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics the following question:

Would the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics say why the Government has not laid in the National Assembly the Report of the Commission established under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, into the sea defence breach at Mon Repos which was handed over to the Government in January, 1997?

(Notice Paper 12(Q2 Opp 2) published 27.7.98)

**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**

**MOTION**

1. **DENUNCIATION OF THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Government of Guyana became a State Party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on 15 February, 1977;

AND WHEREAS Guyana acceded to the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on 10 May, 1993, thereby allowing individuals who claim to be victims of violations of the rights set forth in the Covenant to approach the Human Rights Committee which was set up under Article 28 of the Covenant;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana is becoming increasingly concerned over the abuse of procedures provided for under the Optional Protocol by persons condemned to death after due legal process and whose sentences have been upheld by the Guyana Court of Appeal;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana is committed to the protection of the rights and freedoms of all persons including those whose lives are threatened by persons who commit heinous crimes for which death penalty is the only punishment;

AND WHEREAS it is Guyana's intention to continue to afford all persons the right of recourse to the Committee on Human Rights should they consider that their rights have been violated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana approve the denunciation of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in accordance with Article 12 thereof and Guyana's simultaneous re-accession thereto with the following Reservation:-

While the Government of Guyana recognises the competence of the Human Rights Committee under Article 41 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and Article 1 of the Optional Protocol thereto, it reserves the right in accordance with its Constitution and other Laws of Guyana, to carry out capital punishment on any person duly convicted of crimes for which the death penalty is imposed. The Government of Guyana therefore does not recognise the competence of the Human Rights Committee to consider any Communication relating to any prisoner under its jurisdiction who is under sentence of death after due legal process in respect of any matter relating to his detention, prosecution, conviction, sentence and the execution thereof and/or any matter connected therewith.

The Government of Guyana wishes to stress that its Reservation to the Optional Protocol in no way detracts from its obligations under the Covenant including its undertaking to respect and ensure to all individuals within its territory and subject to its jurisdiction the rights recognised in the Covenant as set out in Article 2 thereof, as well as its undertaking to report to the Human Rights Committee under the monitoring mechanism established by Article 40 thereof.

(Notice Paper No. 26(M14 Govt 12) published 9.11.98)

**BILLS - Second Reading****2. DENTAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 11/1998 published 10.10.98**

The Minister of Health and Labour to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend  
the Dental Registration Act.  
(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

**\*3. MONEY LAUNDERING (PREVENTION) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 10/1998 published 10.10.98**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for  
the prevention of money laundering and  
for matters connected therewith  
or incidental thereto.  
(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

**\*4. PESTICIDES AND TOXIC CHEMICALS CONTROL BILL 1998 - Bill No. 12/1998 published 15.10.98**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to regulate the manufacture, importation,  
transportation, storage, sale, use and disposal of pesticides and  
toxic chemicals, and to provide for the establishment of the  
Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board, and for matters  
connected therewith or incidental thereto.  
(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

**\*5. SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 -  
Bill No. 13/1998**

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  
Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act.  
(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

**\*6. PREVENTION OF CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 14/1998**

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  
Prevention of Crimes Act.  
(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

**\*7. CATTLE STEALING PREVENTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 15/1998**

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  
Cattle Stealing Prevention Act.  
(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

**\*8. SUMMARY JURISDICTION (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 -  
Bill No. 16/1998**

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  
Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act.  
(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

\*9. **GUYANA CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 17/1998**

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 Guyana Citizenship Act.  
(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

\*10. **IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 18/1998**

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 Immigration Act.  
(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

\*11. **MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998**  
**Bill No. 19/1998**

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  
Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.  
(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

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

\*12. **MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) (AMENDMENT)**  
**BILL 1998 - Bill No. 20/1998**

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 Motor  
Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act.  
(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

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**F. A. NARAIN**  
**Clerk of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,**  
**Public Buildings,**  
**Georgetown.**  
**9<sup>th</sup> November, 1998.**

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