

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 31st SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION
(1992-1999) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1999
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.-

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS-

No. 31 - GUYANA NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE BANK TRUST

Mr. Dunstan Barrow to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

- *Would the Minister of Finance tell us what plans and strategies his Government has for the future development and growth of the Guyana National Co-operative Bank (GNCB) Trust?

(Notice Paper No. 35 (Q18 Opp18) published 17.12.98)

No. 32 - SEVERANCE PAY TO GMI STAFF

Mr. Sherwood Lowe to ask the Minister of the Public Service the following questions:

- * (i) What are the reasons for the non-payment up to November 17, 1998, of severance packages to the staff of the Guyana Management Institute, which was dissolved by Government in February 1998?
- * (ii) Can the Minister ensure the payment of severance pay to the GMI staff?

(Notice Paper No. 53 (Q33 Opp33) published 3.2.99)

No. 33 - FIRE AT MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Miss Jean Persico to ask the Prime Minister the following questions:

- (i) Could the Prime Minister say whether or not the report on the fire which gutted the Ministry of Public Works and Communications is complete?
- (ii) What steps have been taken to replace lost documents?

(Notice Paper No. 54 (Q34 Opp34) published 4.3.99)

No. 34 - FIRE AT MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Miss Jean Persico to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

Has the probe into the fire at the Ministry of Finance begun?

(Notice Paper No. 55 (Q35 Opp35) published 4.3.99)

No. 35 - FIREARMS

Miss Jean Persico to ask the Minister of Home Affairs the following questions:

- (i) Could the Minister say how many firearm licences were issued per year and per Region, for the period 1992-1998?
- (ii) How many firearms were imported since December 15, 1998?

(Notice Paper No. 56 (Q36 Opp36) published 4.3.99)

No. 36 - INSPECTION VISITS

Miss Jean Persico to ask the Minister of Health and Labour the following questions:

In the 1996 Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security (the most recent report), item 4 on page 153 states that 1492 inspection visits were made to business premises.

- (i) Could the Minister say whether the premises included restaurants, garment factories, supermarkets and hotels?
- (ii) What were the findings?
- (iii) Was any action taken?

(Notice Paper No. 58 (Q38 Opp38) published 4.3.99)

No. 37 - STRIKES

Miss Jean Persico to ask the Minister of Health and Labour the following questions:

In the 1996 Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security (the most recent report), strikes were said to be on the downward slide between 1993 and 1996. Could the Minister say -

- (i) what was the position in 1997 and 1998?
- (ii) what Government did with the \$87,387,181.00 saved from wages because of strikes in 1996?
- (iii) whether the chart on page 232 of the Report correctly shows the number of strikes during that year?
(See page 153 of the Report).

(Notice Paper No. 59 (Q39 Opp39) published 4.3.99)

No. 38 - EMPLOYERS PROSECUTED

Miss Jean Persico to ask the Minister of Health and Labour the following question:

Would the Minister say who were the thirty-five employers who were placed before the Courts in 1996 for failure to comply with the Labour Laws?

(Notice Paper No. 60 (Q40 Opp40) published 4.3.99).

No. 39 - ACCIDENTS AT WORKPLACES

Miss Jean Persico to ask the Minister of Health and Labour the following questions:

- (i) How many workplaces have so far set up Occupational Safety and Health Committees to deal with accidents at the workplace, since the enactment of the Occupational Safety and Health Act?
- (ii) What are these workplaces?
- (iii) Were any accidents reported so far?
- (iv) If so, were any fatal?
- (v) How many agencies have trained staff to deal with accidents, and which are these agencies?

(Notice Paper No. 61 (Q41 Opp41) published 4.3.99)

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

(i) FACTORIES HOURS AND HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1999 - Bill No. 9/1999

The Minister of Health and Labour, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Factories Hours and Holidays Act.

**(ii) EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS AND CHILDREN (AMENDMENT)
BILL 1999 - Bill No. 10/1999**

The Minister of Health and Labour, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Employment of Young Persons and Children.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

1. **FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1999**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or the 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. 1/1999 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$922,257,857, for the period ended 31st December, 1998 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund.

(Thursday, 22nd April, 1999, was named as the day for the consideration of the Financial Paper).

BILLS - Second Reading

2. **CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1999 - Bill No. 7/1999 published 13.4.99**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend
the Customs Act.

(Read a first time on 13.4.99)

3. **TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND SEVERANCE PAY (AMENDMENT)**
BILL 1999 - Bill No. 6/ 1999

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Termination
of Employment and Severance Pay Act 1997.

(Read a first time on 18.3.99)

*4. **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)

*5. **TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING BILL 1999 -**
Bill No. 3/1999 published 23.1.99

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the
promotion of technical and vocational
education and training, and for purposes
connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 3.2.99)

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported thereon:

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)

(Read a second time and committed to a Select Committee on 30.11.98)

***7. SUMMARY JURISDICTION (LAY MAGISTRATES) BILL 1999 - Bill No. 5/1999
published 6.2.99**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT for the constitution of lay magistrates' courts; for the appointment of lay magistrates; for the regulation of their jurisdiction, practice and procedure and for other like purposes.

(Read a first time on 3.2.99)

(Read a second time and committed to a Select Committee on 18.3.99)

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16th April, 1999

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