

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 38TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION
(1998-1999) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1999
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. **ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**
RE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana, on 9th August, 1999, approved of the establishment of a Special Select Committee to consider the Report of the Constitution Reform Commission;

AND WHEREAS the Special Select Committee presented its Report to the National Assembly on 11th November, 1999;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana -

- ◆ Express its thanks to the Special Select Committee for its Report, and
- ◆ Adopt the Report of the Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the Government, in consultation with the Political Parties represented in the National Assembly, and with civil society as necessary, establish forthwith an **Oversight Committee** with appropriate Terms of Reference and Authority, that is charged with the responsibilities of:

Preparing for the approval of the Assembly, a time-bound plan for the drafting of Constitutional Revision;

Overseeing and guiding the implementation of the Recommendations of the Report of the Special Select Committee; and

3.

Submitting written monthly progress reports to the Assembly, the first such report being made not later than 31st December, 1999;

- ◆ That the **Oversight Committee** be required to give priority to the establishment and functioning of separate **Task Forces** mandated to pursue, in accordance with the target dates of the Herdmanston Accord, the implementation of the recommendations pertaining to:

Reform of the Electoral System; and

Establishment of the Ethnic Relations Commission.

(Notice Paper No. 70 (M29 Govt 25) published 30.11.99)

2. **RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL III WHICH AMENDS THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Protocol III amending the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community signed at Chaguaramas on 4 July 1973 was signed by ten Heads of Government at the Nineteenth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community which was held in Castries, St. Lucia during the period 30 June - 4 July, 1998;

AND WHEREAS the said Protocol III was signed by Her Excellency Janet Jagan, the President of Guyana on behalf of the Government of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS the said Protocol provides for an Industrial Policy within the Community within the context of the Single Market and Economy;

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AND WHEREAS Protocol III amending the Treaty establishing the Caribbean Community has as its primary goal the achievement of an export-led, internationally competitive sustainable production of goods services in Member States, and which will maximize employment and consumer welfare;

AND WHEREAS Guyana remains committed to the established goals and objectives of the Caribbean Community in this new era of globalisation;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly hereby agrees to the Secretary General of the Caribbean Community being informed of Guyana's intention to ratify the said Protocol III and for Guyana to formally ratify the said Protocol III by the deposit of an appropriate Instrument of Ratification.

(Notice Paper No. 65 (M24 Govt 20) published 22.7.99)

3. **RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL V WHICH AMENDS THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Protocol V amending the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community signed at Chaguaramas on 4th July 1973 was signed by ten Heads of Government at the Nineteenth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community which was held in Castries, St. Lucia during the period 30 June - 4 July, 1998;

AND WHEREAS the said Protocol V was signed by Her Excellency Janet Jagan, the President of Guyana on behalf of the Government of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS the said Protocol provides for an Agricultural Policy within the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME), which the Caribbean Community is in the process of establishing;

AND WHEREAS Protocol V amending the treaty establishing the Caribbean Community seeks to establish and implement an agricultural policy designed to achieve structural transformation of the agricultural sector in Member States based on efficient, diversified, internationally competitive, sustainable and environmental-friendly development;

AND WHEREAS Guyana remains committed to the established goals and objectives of the Caribbean Community in this new era of globalisation;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly hereby agrees to the Secretary General of the Caribbean Community being informed of Guyana's intention to ratify the said Protocol V and for Guyana to formally ratify the said Protocol V by the deposit of an appropriate instrument of Ratification.

(Notice Paper No. 67 (M26 Govt 22) published 29.7.99)

BILLS - Second Reading

***4. CARIBBEAN INVESTMENT FUND BILL 1999 - Bill No. 11/1999 published 3.7.99**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect to the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Investment Fund and to provide for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1.7.99)

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

***5. GUYANA LANDS AND SURVEYS COMMISSION BILL 1999 -
Bill No. 14/1999 published 2.7.99**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission, to provide for its functions and for other purposes connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1.7.99)

***6. 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)

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

***7. 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)

***8. 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)

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

*9. **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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Clerk of the National Assembly

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1st December, 1999

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