

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 14TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY, 1990

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS -

OATHS -

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Minister of Education:

State Paper on Education Policy.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

No. 1 - BILLS AFFECTING STATUS OF WOMEN

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Vice-President, Culture and Social Development and Deputy Prime Minister, the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister ensure that, as soon as the Bills affecting the status of women are published, copies will be sent to women's organisations, trade union federations, political parties and organisations of lawyers and doctors at least two weeks before the second reading of the bill?

(Notice Paper No. 8 (Q1 Opp 1) published 1990-03-16)

No. 2 - SIMAP BENEFITS FOR RETIRED WATERFRONT WORKERS

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Vice-President, Culture and Social Development and Deputy Prime Minister, the following question:

QUESTION: (i) In view of the fact that retired waterfront workers get an average of about \$130 per month as pension, will the Minister agree to include this group of workers among vulnerable groups in considering SIMAP support payments?

- (ii) As their number is relatively small, will the Minister consider applying any such benefits as lasting while the need for SIMAP support to vulnerable groups is necessary?

(Notice Paper No. 9 (Q2 Opp 2) published 1990-03-16)

No. 3 - PAYMENT OF SIMAP BENEFITS

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Vice-President, Culture and Social Development and Deputy Prime Minister, the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister give an up-to-date report on the payments of SIMAP benefits to pregnant and nursing mothers and in favour of children up to the age of five years?

- (ii) In view of the continuing need for support, will the Minister say whether she intends to apply these payments and those to old age pensioners and to any other groups for an additional period?

(Notice Paper No. 10 (Q3 Opp 3) published 1990-03-16)

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

PRESIDENT'S COLLEGE BILL 1990 - Bill No. 14, 1990

The Minister of Education, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act for the establishment of the President's College for the promotion of excellence in secondary education, for the vesting of the administration and governance of the College in the Board of Governors and for matters connected therewith.

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

MOTIONS

1. REMOVAL OF SQUATTERS FROM AMERINDIAN SETTLEMENTS

Cde. H. Nokta to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Amerindian Act, Chapter 29:01, section 18, provides for the establishment of Amerindian Councils for the control of lands that fall within the boundaries of each Amerindian settlement:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That squatters occupying lands in Amerindian settlements, as in the case of Capoey Amerindian settlement, Essequibo, be removed forthwith and the Amerindian Council be allowed to develop the lands without interference and hindrance.

(Notice Paper No. 18 (M9 Opp 3) published 1990-03-16)

2. USE OF AMERINDIAN HOSTEL AT CHARITY, POMEROON

Cde. H. Nokta to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Amerindian Hostel at Charity, Pomeroon, has been used as an office for over two years by GUYCONSTRUCT;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Hostel be vacated by GUYCONSTRUCT and handed back forthwith to the Amerindian community in good condition.

(Notice Paper No. 19 (M10 Opp 4) published 1990-03-16)

*3. REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION

Cde. K.B. Bancroft to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the present Constitution of Guyana was promulgated on 6th October, 1980;

AND WHEREAS a Constituent Assembly had been established to take evidence from the public and to submit a draft Constitution to the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the said draft Constitution was debated in the National Assembly and, with some amendments, was passed into law as the present Constitution;

AND WHEREAS the People's Progressive Party, the largest minority party in the National Assembly, had boycotted the Constituent Assembly and made no contribution to the fashioning of the present Constitution;

AND WHEREAS on 6th October, 1990, the said Constitution would have been in existence for a decade;

AND WHEREAS it seems appropriate and timely to review the said Constitution to see how well its various provisions have worked in securing its objectives of a democratic society based on the Rule of Law in which all citizens can find full scope for participation in the social, cultural and political life of the country;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly appoint a select committee to study this issue and report to the National Assembly its opinion on whether it is desirable and appropriate that the Constitution be reviewed;

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That should the Select Committee report in the affirmative, the National Assembly urge the Government to set in train appropriate processes for a National review of the Constitution.

(Notice Paper No. 12 (MO Govt. 6) published 1990-03-16)

BILLS - Second Reading

*4. EQUAL RIGHTS BILL 1990 - Bill No. 5/1990 published 1990-03-17

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

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for the enforcement of the principles enshrined in article 29 of the Constitution so as to secure equality for women and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-19)

*5. FAMILY AND DEPENDANTS PROVISION BILL 1990 - Bill No. 6/1990 published 1990-03-17,

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

A Bill intituled An Act of empowering the Court to make provision out of the estate of a deceased person for the spouse, child, child of the family or dependant of that person; and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-19)

*6. MARRIED PERSONS (PROPERTY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 7/1990 published 1990-03-17

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 Married Persons (Property) Act.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-19.)

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

*7. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 -
Bill No. 8/1990 published 1990-03-24

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
Registration of Births and Deaths Act.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-23)

*8. PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 13/1990

The Minister of the Public Service to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
Pensions Act.

(Read a first time on 1990-04-25)

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1990-05-04

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