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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 48TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION (1986-1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1987

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. -

1. By the Prime Minister:

(i) Review of the Operations of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund for the year 1986.
(OP: 6/5^{III}) (Circulated)

(ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Guyana Gold Board for the year 1986.
(Circulated)

2. By the Minister of Finance:

(i) Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Order 1987 (No. 45), made under section 5 of the Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Act, Chapter 27:11, on 30th July, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 8th August, 1987.
(Circulated)

(ii) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 1987 (No. 46), made under section 8 of the Ministers Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Chapter 1:07, on 30th July, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 8th August, 1987.

(Circulated)

(iii) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Allowances) (Amendment) Order 1987 (No. 51), made under section 4 of the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Chapter 1:07, on 4th September, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 5th September, 1987.

(Circulated)

(iv) State Pensions (Maximum Annual Rate) Order 1987 (No. 53), made under section 4 of the State Pensions Act, Chapter 27:04, on 2nd August, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 12th September, 1987.

(Circulated)

(v) Financial (Amendment) Regulations 1987 (No. 7), made under section 5 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act, Chapter 73:01, on the 11th November, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 14th November, 1987.

(ST:34/2/1/2^{TJ}) (Circulated)

(vi) Annual Report and Accounts of the Guyana National Co-operative Bank for the year 1986.

(ST:28/1/5/3^{II}) (Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

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

The Minister of Regional Development, on behalf of the Government to present the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act.

(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 17/1987

The Minister of Regional Development, on behalf of the Government to present the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
Local Government Act.

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

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for the payment of superannuation benefits in respect of service in the offices of chairman and vice-chairman of a regional council.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONS1. PUBLIC HOUSING FACILITIES

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS persons in the lower income group have been experiencing severe hardship in obtaining housing facilities commensurate with their income;

AND WHEREAS no effort should be spared in seeking to put an end to overcrowding and in solving this grave social problem;

AND WHEREAS the 1986 budget provision for public housing was very inadequate;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends to the Government the adoption of a positive programme of public housing and the provision of adequate funds to finance it.

(Notice Paper No. 114 published 1987-03-04)

2. REPEAL OF LABOUR (AMENDMENT) ACT 1984 (No. 9)

Cde. Belgrave to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government to repeal the Labour (Amendment) Act, No. 9 of 1984.

(Notice Paper No. 128 published 1987-03-04)

3. PENSION AND/OR GRATUITY FOR WORKERS

Cde. Belgrave to move the following motion:

WHEREAS many workers, after long and dedicated service, receive very little as pension and/or gratuity, and in some cases none at all:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agrees to the setting up of a Committee including representatives of the TUC to examine and report back on this situation.

(Notice Paper No. 129 published 1987-03-04)

4. INQUESTS INTO DEATHS OF VINCENT TEEKAH AND WALTER RODNEY

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agrees that coroners inquests into the circumstances of the deaths of former Minister of Education, Vincent Teekah, and Dr. Walter Rodney be now held.

(Notice Paper No. 130 published 1987-03-04)

BILLS - Second Reading

*5. CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
BILL 1987 - Bill No. 4/1987 published 1987-06-13

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the implementation by Guyana of the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute.

(Read a first time on 1987-06-10)

*6. SEA DEFENCE LAWS (AMENDMENT AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS)
BILL 1987 - Bill No. 6/1987 published 1987-08-06

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Sea Defences Act and the Sea Defence Act for certain purposes.

(Read a first time on 1987-08-07)

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

*7. DOMICILE REFORM BILL 1987 - Bill No. 7/1987 published 1987-08-06

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to reform the Law relating to domicile.

(Read a first time on 1987-08-07)

*8. CRIMINAL LAW REFORM BILL 1987 - Bill No. 8/1987 published 1987-08-06

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for suspended sentences and for certain other matters relating to sentences.

(Read a first time on 1987-08-07)

*9. REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS BILL 1987 - Bill No. 9/1987 published 1987-08-06

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for rehabilitation of offenders and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1987-08-07)

*10. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 10/1987 published 1987-08-06

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to give effect to article 153(6) of the Constitution and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1987-08-07)

*11. LAW REFORM (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 11/1987 published 1987-08-06

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the High Court Act, the Summary Jurisdiction (Magistrates) Act, the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, the Cattle Stealing Prevention Act, the Pounds Act and the Slaughter of Cattle (Control) Act.

(Read a first time on 1987-08-07)

*12. HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 12/1987
published 1987-08-06

The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
Hydro-Electric Power Act.

(Read a first time on 1987-08-07)

*13. FUGITIVE OFFENDERS BILL 1987 - Bill No. 13/1987 published
1987-08-06

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision with respect to the extradition of fugitive offenders from and to Guyana and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1987-08-07)

*14. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (DISQUALIFICATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 -
Bill No. 14/1987 published 1987-08-06

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
National Assembly (Disqualification)
Act.

(Read a first time on 1987-08-07)

*15. NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) BILL 1987 -
Bill No. 15/1987 published 1987-10-30

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney-General, to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision with respect to the control of the possession of, and trafficking in, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and cultivation of certain plants and for matters connected therein.

(Read a first time on 1987-11-17)

MOTIONS

*16. AFFIRMATION OF THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1987 (No. 38)

The Prime Minister to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly affirm the Constitution (Amendment) Order 1987 (No. 38), which was made under article 47(4) of the Constitution on 30th June, 1987, and published in the Gazette on 18th July, 1987.

(Notice Paper No. 220 (M109) published 1987-08-04)/..

*Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting

*17. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (INTEGRITY COMMISSION)

The Prime Minister to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Government has always been of the considered opinion that integrity should be maintained by persons in public life;

AND WHEREAS the President by commission dated 15th August, 1986, issued under section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, Cap. 19:03, appointed the following commissioners, namely, -

- (1) Cde. Ronald Hewley Luckhoo, C.C.H., chairman;
- (2) Cde. Joseph Henry Pollydore, C.C.H.;
- (3) Cde. Harold Jules de Cambra, A.A.,

to inquire into and make a report containing recommendations as to -

- (1) the need for a code of conduct for persons holding positions in public life, including public officers and members and employees of public corporations, and, if it is necessary to have a code of conduct, the provisions thereof and the categories of persons to whom
- (2) whether the aforesaid code of conduct should be legally enforceable, and if so the nature of the authority to enforce it;
- (3) the consequences of the contravention of the code of conduct, including penalties;
- (4) whether any amendments to the Constitution or other existing written laws are necessary to give effect to the recommendations of the commissioners and if so their nature,

and all other incidental and consequential matters connected therewith;

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid commissioners submitted their report to the President on 4th June, 1987;

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid report has been presented to this National Assembly by the Prime Minister;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly accepts in principle the recommendations of the aforesaid commissioners on the matters referred to them for inquiry and report, and recommends early implementation thereof.

(Notice Paper No. 222 (M 111) published 1987-10-12)

*Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting

BILLS - Second Reading

- *18. MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 -
Bill No. 12/1986 published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
Municipal and District Councils Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

- *19. LOCAL DEMOCRATIC ORGANS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 -
Bill No. 13/1986 published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
Local Democratic Organs Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

- *20. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No.
14/1986 published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
Local Government Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

F.A. NARAIN
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
GEORGETOWN.

1987-11-15

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.