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Extract from the Minutes of the House of Representatives on the 28th day of July, 1998:

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

The Minister of Environment and Housing having obtained suspension of the Standing Orders moved that the Wild Life Protection Act (Amendment) Order 1998 under The Natural Resources Conservation Authority Act, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 28th day of July, 1998 be approved.

Seconded by Mrs. Doreen Chen.

Agreed to.

I certify that the above is a true extract from the Minutes.

S. M. Lewis,
Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.
THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACT

THE WILD LIFE PROTECTION ACT (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1998

In exercise of the power conferred on the Minister by section 40 of the Natural Resources Conservation Authority Act, the following Order is hereby made:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Wild Life Protection Act (Amendment) Order, 1998 and shall be read and construed as one with the Wild Life Protection Act (hereinafter referred to as the Act) and all other amendments thereto.

2. Section 2 of the Act is amended—

(a) by deleting from the definition of “close season” the words “the period declared in each year by the Minister by order during which the hunting of game birds of that kind is prohibited” and substituting therefor the words “any period not included in the shooting season”;

(b) by deleting from the definition of “protected bird” the words “(excluding birds kept in a domesticated state)”;

(c) by deleting from the definition of “shooting season” the words “any period not included in the close season” and substituting therefor the words “the period declared by the Minister by Order, in that year during which the hunting of game birds of that kind is allowed”;

(d) by inserting next after the definition of the word “trap” the following definition—

“vehicle” includes a motor vehicle as defined in section 11 (1) of the Road Traffic Act, a bicycle or an airplane;”.

3. Section 6 of the Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting therefor the following—

“(2) Every person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence against this Act”.

4. The Act is amended by inserting next after section 6, the following as section 6A—

“Every person who—

(a) has in his possession the whole or any part of any protected animal or protected bird; or

(b) takes or has in his possession the nest or egg of any protected bird,
shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

5. Section 11 of the Act is amended—

(a) by deleting the words “from any factory” and substituting therefor the words “or sewage or any noxious or polluting matter”;

(b) by deleting the words “fifty thousand dollars” and substituting therefor the words “one hundred thousand dollars”.
6. Section 14 of the Act is amended by inserting next after subsection (2), the following as subsections (3) and (4)—

"(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 29 of the Interpretation Act, regulations made under this Act may prescribe greater penalties than those specified in that section so, however, that the maximum penalty that may be imposed shall be a fine of one hundred thousand dollars and imprisonment for two years.

(4) The Minister may, subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives, amend the penalty specified in subsection (3)."

7. Section 18 of the Act is amended by deleting the words "two thousand dollars" and substituting therefor the words "forty thousand dollars".

8. Section 20 of the Act is amended by deleting the words "ten thousand dollars" and substituting therefor the words "one hundred thousand dollars".

9. Subsection (2) of section 23 of the Act is amended by inserting next after the word "Any" the word "vehicle."

10. The First Schedule of the Act is amended by deleting the words "., except the Peak Bay Forest Reserve".

11. The Second Schedule of the Act is amended by deleting the First Part and Second Part thereof and substituting therefor the following—

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FIRST PART

Mourning Dove (Long-tailed Pea Dove) — (Zenaida macroura)
White-winged Dove — (Zenaida asiatica)
White-crowned Pigeon (Bald pate) — (Columba leucocephala)
Blue-winged Teal — (Anas discors)
Green-winged Teal — (Anas crecca)

SECOND PART

Cattle Egret — (Bubulcus ibis)
Rock Dove (Pigeon) — (Columba livia)
Ringed-turtle Dove (Barble Dove) — (Streptopelia risoria)
European Starling — (Sturnus vulgaris)
Saffron Finch (Wild Canary) — (Sicalis flaveola)
House Sparrow — (Passer domesticus)
Yellow-crowned Bishop — (Euplectes afer)
Red Bishop — (Euplectes orix)
Nutmeg Mannikin — (Lonchura punctulata)
Chestnut Mannikin — (Lonchura malacca)
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SECOND PART, contd.

Shiny Cowbird — (Molothrus bonariensis)
Chickens — (Gallus gallus)
Geese — (Anser spp.)
Turkey — (Meleagris gallopavo)
Guinea fowl — (Numida meleagris)
Pea fowl — (Pavo cristatus)
Budgerigars — (Melopsittacus undulatus)
Cockatiel — (Nymphicus hollandicus)

Ducks excluding endemic and migratory species."

Dated this 28th day of August, 1998.

EASTON DOUGLAS,
Minister of Environment and Housing.