

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1979

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 178th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1979

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (63)

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (46)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., M.P., Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. P.A. Reid, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development

Senior Ministers (12)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Transport

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House

Cde. C.V. Mingo, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs (Absent)

\* Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Health, Housing and Labour (Absent)

\* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)

\* Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent)

\* Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)

\* Cde. M. Shahabuddeen, C.C.H., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Justice (Absent)

\* Cde. V.R. Teekah, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture

\* Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent - on leave)

\* Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent - on leave)

\* Non elected Minister

Ministers (2)

- Cde. D.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister - Regional (East Berbice/  
Corentyne) (Absent)  
Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister, Office of the Prime  
Minister (Absent)

Ministers of State (10)

- Cde. F.U. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional  
(Rupununi)  
Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of  
Economic Development and Co-operatives  
Cde. K.B. Bancroft, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional  
(Mazaruni/Potaro)  
Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional  
(Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)  
Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime  
Minister  
Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of  
National Development  
Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East  
Demerara/ West Coast Berbice)  
Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of  
Agriculture  
Cde. L.A. Durant, M.P., Minister of State - Regional  
(North West)  
\* Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P., Minister of State for Information,  
Ministry of National Development

Parliamentary Secretaries (5)

- Cde. M.M. Ackman, C.C.H., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office  
of the Prime Minister, and Government Chief Whip  
Cde. E.L. Ambrose, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of  
Agriculture  
Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of  
Education, Social Development and Culture  
Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of  
Trade and Consumer Protection.  
Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry  
of Economic Development and Co-operatives

Other Members (15)

- Cde. W.G. Carrington, C.C.H., M.P.  
Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.  
Cde. J. Gill, M.P.  
Cde. W. Hussain, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P.  
Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P.  
Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.  
Cde. A. Salim, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.  
Cde. C. Sukul, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. H.A. Taylor, M.P.  
Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P.  
Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, M.P.

Members of the Opposition (16)(i) People's Progressive Party (14)Leader of the Opposition (1)

- Cde. C. Jagan, M.P., Leader of the Opposition (Absent - on leave)

\* Non elected Minister

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Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (12)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.  
Cde. Roopu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Opposition Chief Whip  
Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.  
Cde. C. Collymore, M.P.  
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.  
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.  
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. R. Ally, M.P.  
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. Dindayal, M.P.  
Cde. H. Nukta, M.P.  
Cde. P. Sukhai, M.P.

(ii) Liberator Party (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P.  
Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly (F.A. Nairn, A.A.)  
Acting Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (A. Knight)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Loave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Burnham and Jackson for that sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - BUDGET FOR 1979

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1979.

The Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and the Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture spoke to the motion.

Cde. Mohamed was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

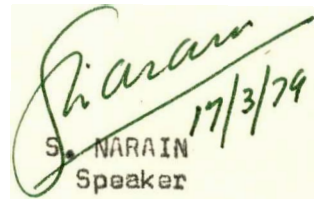
At 5.25 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Mohamed concluded his speech.

The Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture, the Minister of State for Information, and Cde. Sukhu spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8.30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 19th March, 1979.



S. NARAIN  
Speaker

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Georgetown,  
17th March, 1979.