

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1979

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 183rd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 23RD 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 (Absent)

Senior Ministers (12)

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

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

* 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 (Absent)

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

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

Ministers (2)

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent - on leave)

Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

* Non elected Minister

Ministers of State (10)

- Cde. F.U.A. 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 (Absent)

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. (Absent)
- Cde. W. Hussain, M.P.
- 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 - on leave)
- 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)

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

* Non elected Minister

Other Members (12)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Reepu 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. (Absent)
 Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.
 Cde. R. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. Dindoyal, M.P.
 Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.
 Cde. P. Sukhai, M.P. (Absent)

(ii) Liberator Party

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P., (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Burnham and Clarke, and Mr. Singh for that sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1979

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1979.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 36	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT (WORKS) was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$35,857,578
DIVISION XXII -	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT (WORKS) was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 36,727,600
DIVISION XXIII -	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT (WORKS) IBRD/IDA PROJECTS - WEST COAST DEMERARA ROAD PROJECT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 6,786,000

HEAD 37	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	989,017
HEAD 38	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) - POST OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	29
HEAD 39	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) -- TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at...	3,500,000
HEAD 40	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) - CIVIL AVIATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	2,199,923
DIVISION XXIV -	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 17,425,000
HEAD 4	PARLIAMENT OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 218,914
HEAD 13	MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	29,483
HEAD 21	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 1,353,655
HEAD 22	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.	

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.03 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.23 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1979.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 22	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	23,655,907
HEAD 23	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 2,789,606
HEAD 24	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	2,251,682

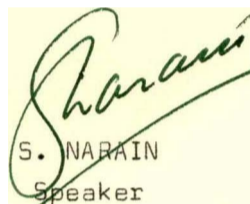
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HEAD 25	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 3,658,044
HEAD 26	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION, IMMIGRATION, BIRTHS, ETC. was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	220,365
DIVISION XII - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS	was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	1,230,000

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.28 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, 26th March, 1979.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
26th March, 1979.