

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1979

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 184th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 26TH 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)

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

* Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Health, Housing and Labour

* 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)

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

Ministers (2)

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

Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister, Office of the Prime Minister

* 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) (Absent)
- 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 (Absent - on leave)
- 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. (Absent - on leave)
- 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 - 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. (Absent)

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

(ii) Liberator Party (2)

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 -

- (a) Cde. Corbin and Mr. Singh for that sitting, and
- (b) Cde. Gill for 3 days from 26th March, 1979.

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 69	MINISTRY OF HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,805,731
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ARTICLE IN THE 'NEW NATION' OF 25TH MARCH, 1979

The Speaker drew to the attention of the Assembly an article appearing prominently in the 'New Nation' of Sunday, 25th March, 1979, under the caption "Unpunctuality in Parliament - No time to waste time", made comments thereon, and requested that the same prominence be given to his comments as was given to the article referred to.

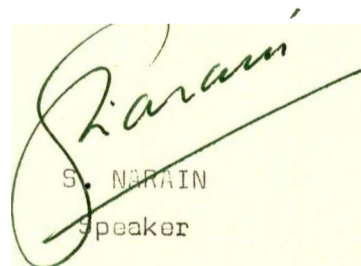
HEAD 70	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 7,631,910
HEAD 71	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - PATHOLOGICAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 1,116,432
HEAD 72	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - RADIOLOGICAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 448,323
HEAD 73	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 27,270,806
HEAD 74	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ANALYST was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 404,626
HEAD 75	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - PALMS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 1,032,006
DIVISION XXVIII -	MINISTRY OF HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 8,932,000
HEAD 35	MINISTRY OF HOUSING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 1,669,224
DIVISION XXI -	MINISTRY OF HOUSING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 3,237,000
HEAD 76	MINISTRY OF LABOUR was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 1,151,131
HEAD 77	MINISTRY OF LABOUR - EMPLOY- MENT EXCHANGE SERVICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 120,848
HEAD 78	MINISTRY OF LABOUR - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 6,198,726

Assembly resumed.

The Speaker informed the Assembly that it was agreed that the Estimates falling under the Ministry of Trade would be considered at the next sitting on Tuesday, 27th March, 1979, in addition to those Estimates already scheduled for consideration at that sitting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.15 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 Tuesday, 27th March, 1979.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
27th March, 1979