

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1979

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 185th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

TUESDAY, 27TH 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 (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

* 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)

Ministers (2)

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

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

* Non elected Minister

Ministers of State (10)

- Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi) (Absent)
- Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Co-operatives (Absent)
- 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)(Absent)
- Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)
- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of National Development (Absent)
- Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice) (Absent)
- Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture (Absent)
- Cde. L.A. Durant, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (North West)(Absent)
- * 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 - on leave)
- 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.F., 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)
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 SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Burnham for that sitting.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

Guyana Chronicle Article on Cde. J. Jagan's Citizenship

Cde. J. Jagan drew the attention of the Assembly to an article appearing in the 'Guyana Chronicle' newspaper of 27th March, 1979, concerning remarks made by her at the sitting of the Assembly on 26th March, 1979, in connection with her Guyanese citizenship, which she claimed was misleading, and made an explanation on the matter.

The Speaker requested the 'Guyana Chronicle' to make the necessary correction.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1979

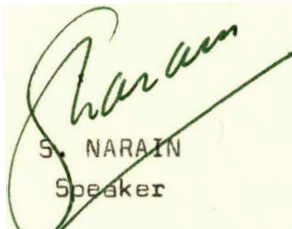
Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1979.

HEAD 32	MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES was <u>passed</u> as <u>amended</u> at	... \$ 3,008,847
DIVISION XVIII	- MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 4,756,600
HEAD 5	AUDIT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	1,098,323
HEAD 80	MINISTRY OF FINANCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	868,932
HEAD 81	MINISTRY OF FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	3,189,578
HEAD 82	MINISTRY OF FINANCE - CUSTOMS AND EXCISE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	3,166,632
HEAD 83	MINISTRY OF FINANCE - INLAND REVENUE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 4,304,526
HEAD 84	MINISTRY OF FINANCE - PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 4,186,791
HEAD 85	MINISTRY OF FINANCE - PUBLIC DEBT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 150,123
HEAD 86	MINISTRY OF FINANCE - REVISION OF WAGES, SALARIES AND RELATED PAYMENTS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 300
HEAD 87	MINISTRY OF FINANCE - POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 5
DIVISION XXXI	- MINISTRY OF FINANCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	54,399,098
HEAD 79	MINISTRY OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	2,574,087
DIVISION XXX	- MINISTRY OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	30,000

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.33 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 Wednesday, 28th March, 1979.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
28th March, 1979