

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (2001) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2001**

**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (68)**

**Speaker (1)**

The Hon. Hari N. Ramkarran, S.C., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

**Members of the Government (37)**

**(i) People's Progressive Party/Civic (34)**

**(ii) Non-elected Ministers (2)**

**(iii) The United Force (1)**

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works  
and Communications (Absent - performing the functions of the Office of President)

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation (Absent)

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister of Finance

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

The Hon. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal, M.P., Minister of Agriculture  
(Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

The Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs  
(Region No. 3 -Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and  
Social Security (Absent)

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and  
Regional Development

The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock  
(Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

\* The Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Minister in the Office of the  
President with responsibility for Foreign Affairs (Absent)

\* The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

The Hon. Bibi S. Shadick, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and  
Social Security (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

\*\* The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Health (Absent)

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Cyril C.L. Belgrave, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.

Mr. Husman Alli, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P.

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Mr. Ramesh C. Rajkumar, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Kumkaran Ramdas, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.D., M.P.

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Water

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

\* Non-elected Minister

\*\*Elected Member from The United Force

**Members of the Opposition (30)****(i) People's National Congress/Reform (27)**

- Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Leader of the Opposition (Absent)
- Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P.
- Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P.
- Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly
- Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip
- Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam) (Absent - on leave)
- Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.
- Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.
- Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P.
- Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.
- Mr. Vincent L. Alexander, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
- Mr. Andy Goveia, M.P.
- Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.
- Dr. Dagleish Joseph, M.D., M.P.
- Miss Amna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
- Miss Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
- Mr. Jerome Khan, M.P.
- Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.
- Miss Myrna E.N. Peterkin, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
- Mr. James K. McAllister, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
- Miss Lurlene A. Nestor, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
- Mr. Abdul Kadir, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
- Mr. Ricky Khan, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
- Mrs. Rajcoomarie Bancroft, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
- Mr. Nasir Ally, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
- Miss Judith David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
- Miss Genevieve Allen, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

**(ii) Guyana Action Party/Working People's Alliance (2)**

Mrs. Sheila V.A. Holder, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Shirley J. Melville, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

**(iii) Rise, Organise and Rebuild Party (1)**

Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P.

**OFFICERS**

Mr. Frank A. Narain, C.C.H., Clerk of the National Assembly

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 2.05 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read Prayers.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-**

By the Speaker (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

Minutes of the Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2001.

(Circulated)

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2001 (2001 BUDGET)**

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2001.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Vincent L. Alexander

The Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Mr. Ravindra Dev

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman.

### **SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 4.55 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

### **RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 5.30 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

### **Withdrawal of People's National Congress/Reform from the Chamber**

As the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs rose to speak, the Members of the PNC/R, with the exception of Mr. C. Stanley Ming and Mr. Jerome Khan, withdrew from the Chamber, but returned after Mr. Singh had concluded his speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. C. Stanley Ming

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Mrs. Shirley J. Melville

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai

Mr. Andy Goveia

### **Presiding by Mr. Komal Chand**

While Mr. Andy Goveia was speaking to the motion, the Speaker withdrew for a short while from the Sitting and Mr. Komal Chand presided during his temporary absence.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Housing and Water

Mrs. Rajcoomarie Bancroft

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards

Miss Sandra M. Adams

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11.35 p.m., the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2001.



**HARI N. RAMKARRAN**

**Speaker of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,**

**Public Buildings,**

**Georgetown.**

**27<sup>th</sup> June, 2001.**