

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**OF THE 12TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2001) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON TUESDAY, 3RD JULY, 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.

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 - on leave)

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

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. Ramsamy, M.P., Minister of Health

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)

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

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 (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomereroon/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. (Absent)

Dr. Dagleish Joseph, M.D., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Miss Anna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

Miss Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice) (Absent)

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) (Absent - on leave)

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.

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 2.00 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:

The Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally up to the end of the week

and

Mr. E. Lance Carberry,

Dr. Dagleish Joseph

and

Mr. Nasir Ally for that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

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

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2001.

In Committee of Supply

The following Agencies, Programmes and Divisions in the Estimates were considered and were approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:-

01- OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

- 1 Head Office Administration
 - 2 Presidential Advisory (Cabinet and Other Services)
 - 3 Public Service Management
 - 4 Amerindian Development
 - 5 Public Policy and Planning
- Div. 501 Office of the President
Div. 502 Office of the President – El Nino Emergency

06 – MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

- 1 Information Services
- Div. 513 Ministry of Information

09- PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS

- 1 Public and Police Service Commissions
- Div. 505 - Code 25002 Public Service Commission

10- TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION

- 1 Teaching Service Commission
- Div. 505 – Code 25008 Teaching Service Commission

11- ELECTIONS COMMISSION

- 1 Elections Commission

14 – PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY

- 1 Public Service Management

53 – GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE

- 1 Defence Headquarters

57- OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

- 1 Ombudsman
- Div. 505 - Code 25005 Office of the Ombudsman

58- PUBLIC SERVICE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL

- 1 Public Service Appellate Tribunal
- Div. 505 - Code 25009 Public Service Appellate Tribunal

02- OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

- 1 Prime Minister's Secretariat

31 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1 Ministry Administration
 - 2 Public Works
 - 3 Communication and Transport
- Div. 517 Ministry of Public Works and Communications -
Air Transport Reform Programme
- Div. 518 Ministry of Public Works and Communications -
Bridges
- Div. 519 Ministry of Public Works and Communications -
Sea Defences
- Div. 520 Ministry of Public Works and Communications
- Div. 521 Ministry of Public Works - Road Construction,
Rehabilitation and Studies

07 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE

- 1 National Assembly
- Div. 505 - Code 25003 Parliament Building

04 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- 1 Ministry Administration
 - 2 Foreign Relations
 - 3 Foreign Trade and International Co-operation
- Div. 506 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

44 - MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

- 1 Ministry Administration
- 2 Culture
- 3 Youth
- 4 Sports

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.06 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 2001.

In Committee of Supply

The following Agencies, Programmes and Divisions were considered and were approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:-

44 – MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

- 5 Youth Entrepreneurial Skills Training
- Div. 541 Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports

41 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

- 1 Main Office
- 2 National Education Policy –
Implementation and Supervision
- 3 Ministry Administration
- 4 Training and Development
- 5 Education Delivery
- Div. 542 Ministry of Education – Primary Education
Improvement Programme
- Div. 543 Ministry of Education
- Div. 544 Ministry of Education – Secondary School
Reform Project

Assembly resumed.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6.25 p.m., the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 4th July, 2001.



HARI N. RAMKARRAN
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,

Public Buildings,

Georgetown.

3rd July, 2001.