

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 74TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (2002-2005) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 2005
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (69)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government (38)

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

(ii) Non-elected Ministers (3)

(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 Office of the 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

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

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

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. 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

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

The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

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. Harry Narine Nawbatt, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, 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. (Absent)

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P.

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

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

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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

Mr. Ramesh C. Rajkumar, 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)

Dr. Moti Lall, C.C.H., M.P.

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P.

Mr. Neendkumar, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

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

*Non-Elected Minister

**Elected Member from The United Force

Members of the Opposition (30)

(i) People's National Congress/Reform (27)

Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Vincent L. Alexander, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Dr. Dalglish 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) (Absent - on leave)

Mr. James K. McAllister, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Dr. Carl Max Hanoman, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Miss Lurlene A. Nestor, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)

Mr. Abdul Kadir, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Ricky Khan, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini) (Absent)

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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. (Absent - on leave)

OFFICERS

Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

Mr. Maurice B. Henry, Head of Committees Division

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The sitting commenced at 2.10p.m.

PRAYERS

The Deputy Clerk read prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

TRIBUTE TO HUBERT NATHANIEL CRITCHLOW

Mr. Winston Murray, M.P., on behalf of Mr. Robert Corbin, M.P., moved the following motion:

WHEREAS November 28, 2005 marks 100 years since the beginning of the pioneering and heroic struggle to organise workers in Guyana;

AND WHEREAS Hubert Nathaniel Critchlow played a leading role in this struggle to organise the Guyanese working class;

AND WHEREAS the outstanding efforts of Hubert Nathaniel Critchlow throughout his life contributed to the development of the Trade Union Movement in Guyana and the British Commonwealth;

AND WHEREAS Hubert Nathaniel Critchlow made a significant and lasting contribution towards the official recognition and acceptance of the rights and benefits which now accrue to workers in Guyana, through his efforts in the Trade Union Movement, the British Guiana Legislature and the international arena;

AND WHEREAS the significant contribution of Critchlow to the development of Trade Unionism in Guyana and the Caribbean has been internationally recognized and acknowledged,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That on this historic occasion the National Assembly of Guyana pays tribute to the outstanding contribution of Hubert Nathaniel Critchlow to the improvement of lives of workers, to the Trade Union Movement and to the Legislature of Guyana;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. That this National Assembly calls on the Government of Guyana to declare November 28 henceforth "Hubert Nathaniel Critchlow Day" in acknowledgment of his heroic and pioneering contribution as an exemplar Trade Unionist and the champion of the Working Class;
2. That this National Assembly declares Hubert Nathaniel Critchlow a National Hero from this day November 30, 2005.

(Notice Paper No. 227 (M93 Opp6) published on 2005-11-04)

The Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, seconded the motion and spoke to it.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Basil Williams,

Mr. Donald Ramotar,

Mr. Cecil Belgrave was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

Mr. Cecil Belgrave continued and concluded his speech.

Mrs. Shirley Melville also spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, Mr. Winston Murray replied and acknowledged the presents of the following overseas invitees for the occasion:

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DESIGNATION

Ms Joyce Greene	-	Executive Member - Antigua & Barbuda Workers Union
Mr. Maurice Christian	-	President - Antigua & Barbuda Trade Union Congress
Senator Chester Hughes	-	President - Antigua & Barbuda Workers Union
Ms Lynette Springer	-	Executive Member - Antigua & Barbuda Public Service Association
Mr. Wigley George	-	President - Antigua Trade & Labour Union

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- Mr. Stanley Franks - Asst. General Secretary - St.Kitts Nevis Trades & Labour Union
- Mr. Ernest Wigley - Vice President - St. Kitts Nevis Trades & Labour Union
- Mr. Henk Shields - Executive Member - Caribbean Congress of Labour
- Mr. Kertist Augustus - President - Dominica Waterfront & Allied Workers Union
- Mr. Joseph Goddard - General Secretary - National Union of Public Employees (Barbados)
- Sir Leroy Trotman - General Secretary - Barbados Workers Union
- Mr. Robert Farquharson - General Secretary - Bahamas National Trade Union Centre
- Mr. Howard Saltus - 2nd Vice President - Bermuda Industrial Union
- Mr. Orin Simmons - Asst. General Secretary - Bermuda Public Service Union
- Mr. Armell Thomas - President - Bermuda Public Service Union
- Mr. David Cockroft - General Secretary - International Transport Workers Federation
- Mr. Williams A. Reed - Executive Member - Windward Island Civil Service Union.
- Mr. Vincente Cabrera - General Secretary - National Trade Union Centre of Trinidad & Tobago
- Mr. Robert Guisseppi - President - National Trade Union Centre of Trinidad & Tobago
- Mr. Leo J. Bernard Nicholas - General Secretary - Dominica Trade Union

Before putting the motion the Speaker extended a warm welcomed to the overseas invitees.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

Workshop on the Draft Revised Standing Orders

The Speaker reminded Members of the workshop on the draft revised Standing Orders to be held at the Le Meridien Pegasus Hotel at 2.00 p.m., on Monday, 5th December, 2005.

The following Members were specifically identified for the workshop:

Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P.

Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P.

Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Leslie Ramsammy, M.P.

Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

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Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.
Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.
Mr. James McAllister, M.P.
Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P.
Ms Judith David, M.P.
Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.
Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.50 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to Thursday, 15th December, 2005.



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HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

30th November, 2005.