

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 2ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1992-1993) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 1993

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (72)

Speaker (1)

The Hon. Derek C. Jagan, S.C., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the  
National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's Progressive Party/Civic (42)

The Hon. Samuel A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Senior Minister of  
Agriculture (Leader of the House)

The Hon. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Senior of Home Affairs  
(Government Chief Whip)

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Senior Minister in the Ministry  
of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development

\*The Hon. Asgar Ally, M.P., Senior Minister of Finance

\*The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth Bisnauth, M.P., Senior Minister of  
Education and Cultural Development

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

\*The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Senior Minister of Labour,  
Human Services and Social Security

\*The Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office  
of the President

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Senior Minister of Health

The Hon. M. Shree Chan, M.P., Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism  
and Industry (Absent)

Ms Janet Jagan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry  
of Agriculture

The Hon. Indranie Chandarnal, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of  
Labour, Human Services and Social Security

\*The Hon. F. Vibert DeSouza, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public  
Works, Communications and Regional Development

\*The Hon. George E. Fung-On M.P., Minister in the Office of  
the President

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\*Non-elected Member

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.  
 Mr. Brindley H. Benn, M.P.  
 Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P.  
 Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.  
 Mr. Shaik K.Z. Baks', M.P.  
 Mr. Komal Chand, M.P.  
 Ms Shirley V. Edwards, M.P.  
 Mr. Randolph Evans, M.P.  
 Dr. Hughley H. Hancock, M.P.  
 Ms Una A. James, M.P.  
 Mr. Alston A. Kissoon, M.P.  
 Dr. Moti Lall, M.P.  
 Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.  
 Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.  
 Mr. Lawrence F. Rodney, M.P.  
 Ms Pauline Sukhai, M.P.  
 Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.  
 Mr. Khadim Bacchus, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)  
 Mr. Samad A. Baksh, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)  
 Mr. Harrinarine Baldeo, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)  
 Mr. Joseph M. DeSouza, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)  
 Mr. Eugene La Cruz, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)  
 Mr. Bagot Paul, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)  
 Mr. Kum Karan Ramdass, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)  
 Mr. Ramratan, M.P. a/k Balkarran (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/  
 West Demerara

Members of the Minority(29)

(i) People's National Congress (26)

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minority Leader  
 Mr. Sase Narain, C.N., S.C., M.P.  
 Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P.  
 Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P.  
 Dr. Patrick L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P. (Chief Whip)  
 Ms Clarissa Riehl, M.P.  
 Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.P.  
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.  
 Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.  
 Ms Anna Ally, M.P.  
 Ms Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.  
 Mr. Arthur A. Alexander, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly  
 Mr. Simon H. Ng-See-Quan, M.P.  
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P.  
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P.  
 Mr. Reynold N. David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)  
 Ms Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P.  
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P.  
 Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P.  
 Mr. Phillip Bynoe, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)  
 Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P.  
 Mr. Hukumchand, M.P. a/k Parag  
 Ms Joan C. Richards, M.P.  
 Ms Gwenneth A. Brouet, M.P.  
 Mr. John A. Fredericks, M.P.  
 Mr. Ivan Peters, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

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(ii) Working People's Alliance (2)

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas, M.P.  
Mr. Matheson Williams, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic  
Organs)

(iii) The United Force (1)

Mr. Manzoor Madin, M.P.

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) New Year Greetings

The Speaker welcomed Members to the Sitting and extended best wishes and good health to them for 1993.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Ms Janet Jagan for that day's sitting.

(iii) Appointment of P.N.C. Chief Whip

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Minority Leader had advised him that Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., had been appointed Chief Whip for the People's National Congress, with effect from 17th December, 1992.

(iv) Publication of Hansard

The Speaker made a statement on the production of Hansard.

(Copies of the statement were circulated to Members of the Assembly).

(v) Recording of Proceedings For Broadcast

The Speaker informed Members that he had given permission to the Guyana Broadcasting Corporation for speeches made in the Assembly at Sittings to be recorded by the Corporation for subsequent broadcasts.

(vi) Video Taping of Proceedings

The Speaker stated that he had given permission for representatives of the G.P.C.A. and of CNS TV Channel 12 to be present at sittings to film the proceedings on video for public viewing.

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(vii) Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Journal - The Parliamentarian - July 1992

The Speaker informed Members that copies of the quarterly journal of the C.P.A. for July, 1992 had been received from the Secretariat of the Association in London and had been distributed to Members of the Assembly.

(viii) Drinking Water

The Speaker stated that the water provided in the flasks for Member's use was distilled water from Banks DIH Ltd. and was safe for drinking.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 1991.

(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS) BILL  
Bill No. 32/1992 published 1992-12-31

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Authorities (Elections) (Amendment) Act to provide for the postponement of elections of councillors of municipal councils.

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

MOTION

1. APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Senior Minister of Home Affairs moved the following motion.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the President, Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan, for his Address to the National Assembly which was made on the occasion of the Ceremonial Opening of the First Session of the Sixth Parliament of Guyana on Thursday, 17th December, 1992, and approves of the policy adumbrated therein.

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Mr. Sase Narain, the Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Mr. Winston Murray spoke to the motion.

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Minister in the Office of the President continued and concluded his speech.

Ms Jean Persico, Mr. Manzoor Nadir, the Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ms Clarissa Riehl and the Senior Minister of Health spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m., on a motion by the Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 8th January, 1993.



D.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

8th January, 1993.