

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 5TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION
(1992-1993) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P

ON TUESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1993

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (72)

Speaker (1)

The Hon. Derek C. Jaan, 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 (Absent - on leave)

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 Minister 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 B. Snauth, 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 R. Jeffrey, M.F., Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security

The Hon. Moses V. Nagoomotoo, 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

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

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

The Hon. Indranic Chandarpal, 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. Baksh, M.P.
 Mr. Komal Chand, M.P.
 Ms Shirley V. Edwards
 Mr. Randolph Evans, M.P.
 Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, 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 E. 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 - Pomeroun/Supenaam)
 Mr. Harrinarine Baldec, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
 Mr. Joseph M. DeSouza, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
 Mr. Eugene LaLaCruz, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) Mr. Bagot
 Paul, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
 Mr. KumKaran 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.F., J.P., M.P.
 Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 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.G. King, M.P.
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.
 Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.
 Ms Amna Ally, M.P.
 Ms Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.
 Mr. Arthur A. Alexandre, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the
 National Assembly (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Simon H. Ng-See-Quan, M.P.
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P.
 Mr. Reynold N. David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
 Ms Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P.
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahmad, 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. Rrouet, M.P.
 Mr. John A. Fredericks, M.P.
 Mr. Ivan Peters, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

(ii) Working People's Alliance (2)

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas, M.P.

Mr. Matheson Williams, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs) (Absent)

(iii) The United Force (1)

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, 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

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:-

- (i) the Hon. Prime Minister for 16th and 17th March, 1993,
- (ii) Ms Janet Jaagan up to the 19th March, 1993, and
- (iii) Mr. Robert Corbin, Mr. Arthur Alexander and Mr. Dunstan Barrow for that day's sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

Presentation and First Reading

(1) SPIRITS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 - Bill No. 4/1993

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Senior Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend
the Spirits Act.

(2) EXCISE REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 - Bill No. 5/1993

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Senior Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Excise Regulations Act.

(3) CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 - Bill No. 6/1993

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Senior Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Consumption Tax Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1993

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1993.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Dr. Kenneth F. S. King
The Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
Mr. Hukumchand a/k Parag
The Minister in the Ministry of Public Works,
Communications and Regional Development
Mr. Phillip Bynoe

Mr. Cyril Belgrave was speaking to the motion when the time agreed for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Belgrave concluded his speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion.

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas
Mr. Donald Ramotar
The Minister in the Ministry of Labour
Human Services and Social Security,
Ms Jean M.G. Persico
The Minister in the Office of the President
Mr. David Subnauth
Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman

ADJOURNMENT

At 8.30 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 Wednesday, 17th March, 1993.



O.C. Jagan
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown

16th March, 1993.