

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 6TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1992-1993) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH MARCH, 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 (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 Bisnauth, M.P., Senior Minister of
Education and Cultural Development

*The Hon. Darnard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and
Minister of Legal Affairs (Absent - on leave)

*The Hon. Dr. Henry R. 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

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

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

The Hon. Indranie 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. Funn-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, M.P.
 Mr. Randolph Evans, M.P.
 Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, M.P.
 Ms Una A. James, M.P.
 Mr. Alston A. Kisson, M.P.
 Dr. Moti Lall, M.P.
 Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.
 Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.
 Mr. Lawrence E. Podney, 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) (Absent)
 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, O.P., S.C., 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.S. King, M.P.
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.
 Dr. Faith A. Hardino, 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 (Absent)
 Mr. Simon H. Ng-See-Quan, M.P.
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P.
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 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. 11 - 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)

(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 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 for that day's sitting had been granted to the following Members:-

The Hon. Attorney General and Minister of
Legal Affairs

Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, and
Mr. David Subnauth

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

Presentation and First Reading

(1) CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILLS 1993 - Bill No. 7/1993

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 Customs Act.

(2) PUBLIC OFFICERS WIDOWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 - Bill No. 8/1993

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
Public Officers Widows Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 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:

Mr. Winston S. Murray
The Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry
Mr. Andy Gouveia
Mr. Alston A. Kissoon
Ms Clarissa Riehl

The Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs 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 5.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs concluded his speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard
The Senior Minister of Education and Cultural Development
Mr. Winslow M. Terbyr
Mr. Manzoor Nadir
Dr. Moti Lall
Dr. Faith A. Harding
The Senior Minister of Health

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.20 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 Thursday, 18th March, 1993.



D.C. Jaqan

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown

17th March, 1993