

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 10TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION (1992-1993) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON TUESDAY, 23RD 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. Feruze 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. Asger 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 of Information in the Office of the President

The Hon. Clement J. Rahee, 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.

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. Vihert DeSouza, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development

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

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*Non-elected Member

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.F.
 Mr. Brindley H. Bern, M.F.
 Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P.
 Mr. Hasmen Alli, M.P.
 Mr. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.F.
 Mr. Komal Chand, M.F.
 Ms Shirley V. Edwards, M.P.
 Mr. Randolph Evans, M.P.
 Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, M.P.
 Ms Una A. James, M.F.
 Mr. Alston A. Kisson, M.P.
 Dr. Monty Lall, M.P.
 Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.
 Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.F.
 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 - Pomeroon/Supernam) (Absent - on leave)
 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 Ramdoss, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
 Mr. Ramratan, M.P. a/k Balkarren (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/
 West Demerara)

Members of the Minority (29)

(i) People's National Congress (26)

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyt S.C., M.P., Minority Leader
 Mr. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., J.F., M.P.
 Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.F.
 Dr. Patrick L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Chief Whip
 Ms Clarissa Riehl, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.F.
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.
 Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.F.
 Ms Anna Ally, M.F.
 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.F.
 Mr. David Suhnauth, M.F.
 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 Dymoe, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
 Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 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. Iven 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 S. Isaacs, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to the following
Members for that day's sitting:

The Prime Minister
Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin
Mr. Andy Gouveia

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1993

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume
consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1993.

In Committee of Supply

The Committee of Supply considered and approved of the following Heads
and Divisions, as printed in the Estimates:-

Head 21 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs	\$ 751,447,000
Div.506 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2,600,000
Head 7 - Office of the Auditor General	45,000,000
Head 53 - Ministry of Finance	3,306,554,000
Head 54 - Accountant General Department	525,075,000
Head 55 - Customs and Excise Department	90,958,000
Head 56 - Inland Revenue Department	152,528,000
Head 107- Public Debt	950,000
Div.526 - Ministry of Finance	1,863,488,000
Div.527 - Ministry of Finance - Human Resources Development Programme	293,532,000
Head 38 - Ministry of Education and Cultural Development	666,610,000
Head 40 - Nursery Schools	31,650,000

Head 40 - Secondary/Multilateral and Community High Schools	\$ 86,975,000
Head 43 - Technical and Vocational Schools	45,194,000
Head 44 - Practical Instruction Centres	7,345,000
Head 45 - Teacher Training Institutions	36,132,000
Head 46 - Resource Centre	26,356,000
Div. 543 - Ministry of Education	762,100,000
Head 11 - Public Prosecutions	9,279,000
Head 15 - Ministry of Legal Affairs	3,777,000
Head 16 - Supreme Court of Judicature	18,146,000
Head 17 - Magistrates	13,920,000
Head 18 - Attorney General	18,387,000
Head 19 - Official Receiver	3,641,000
Head 20 - Deeds Registry	4,527,000
Div. 514 - Ministry of Legal Affairs	7,300,000
Head 49 - Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security	229,030,000
Div. 504 - Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security	764,500,000

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1993

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1993.

In Committee of Supply

The Committee of Supply considered and approved of the following Heads and Divisions as printed in the Estimates:-

Head 1 1 - Office of the President	\$ 542,748,000
Head 2 - Guyana Defence Force	670,687,000
Head 3 - Guyana National Service	106,327,000
Head 5 - Office of the Prime Minister	8,633,000
Head 8 - Office of the Ombudsman	425,000
Head 9 - Public and Police Service Commissions	6,569,000
Head 10 - Teaching Service Commission	2,589,000
Head 12 - Public Service Appellate Tribunal	803,000
Div. 501 - Office of the President	152,558,000

Div.	505 - Constitutional Agencies	\$ 68,010,000
Head	35 - Ministry of Health	303,477,000
Head	36 - Ministry of Health National Hospitals	420,596,000
Head	37 - Ministry of Health Other Health Programmes	190,762,000
Div.	516 Ministry of Health	1,108,700,000
Head	14 Public Utilities Commission	8,167,000
Head	59 Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry	144,288,000
Div.	528 - Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry	282,200,000

Assembly resumed.

The Senior Minister of Finance reported to the Assembly that the Committee of Supply had approved of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1993.

Thereafter, the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1993 was put and carried.

BUSINESS FOR NEXT SITTING

Before the adjournment was taken, the Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House) stated that, at the next sitting on Wednesday, 24th March, 1993, the Appropriation Bill 1993 would be introduced and would be considered along with the other motions and Bills on the Order Paper.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.17 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, 24th March, 1993.



D.C. JAGAN
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

24th March, 1993.