

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 19TH 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, 14TH OCTOBER, 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 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. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P., Attorney General
and Minister of Legal Affairs (Absent - on leave)

*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. 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

Mrs. Janet Jagan, O.E., 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. 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. Fazil M. Ali, M.P. (Absent)
 Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.
 Mr. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Komal Chand, M.P. (Absent)
 Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, M.P.
 Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, M.P.
 Mrs. 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. (Absent)
 Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.
 Mrs. Pauline Sukhai, M.P.
 Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.
 Mr. Reuben A. Gilbert, M.P.
 Mr. Khadim Bacchus, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)
 Mr. Samad A. Baksh, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroun/Supenaam) (Absent)
 Mr. Harrinarine Baldeo, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
 Mr. Joseph 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 - on leave)
 Mr. Kum Karan Ramdas, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
 Mr. Ramrattan, M.P. a/k Balkarran (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

(There is one vacancy)

Members of the Minority (29)

(i) People's National Congress (26)

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minority Leader (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P. (Absent)
 Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P.
 Dr. Patrick L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Chief Whip
 Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.P.
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.
 Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.
 Miss Amna Ally, M.P.
 Miss 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)
 Mrs. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P.
 Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Phillip Bynoe, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

 Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Hukumchand, M.P. a/k Parag
 Miss Joan C. Richards, M.P.
 Miss 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. (Absent - on leave)

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

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The sitting commenced at 2.00 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to the following Members:-

Mrs. Janet Jagan up to 31st December, 1993,

Mr. Sase Narain up to 19th November, 1993,

Hon. Bernard DeSantos

Mr. Shaik Baksh

Mr. Bagot Paul

Mr. Desmond Hoyte

Mrs. Clarissa Riehl

for that day's sitting

Mrs. Jennifer Ferreira

Mr. Andy Gouveia

Dr. Clive Thomas

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Private Bill

Dr. Moti Lall presented a Petition on behalf of the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Life Insurance Company Limited, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to amend the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Life Insurance Company Ordinance, Chapter 209 (1953 Edition).

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

The question that the Promoters be allowed to proceed was put and carried.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Senior Minister of Finance:

Annual Report of the Ministry of
Finance for the year 1992.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Annual Report of the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs for the year 1992.

(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1993

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with Article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Senior Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 1/1993, and thereafter moved the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1993 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$587,953,690 for the period ended 31st December, 1992. (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund).

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Senior Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:-

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RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:-

"RESOLVED That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1993 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$587,953,690 for the period ended 31st DECEMBER, 1992 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund)."

ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1993

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with Article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Senior Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 2/1993, and thereafter moved the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1993 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$28,743,654 for the period ended 4th August, 1993 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund).

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Senior Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:-

"RESOLVED That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1993 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$28,743,654 for the period ended 4th August, 1993 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund)."

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.32 p.m., on a motion by the Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



D.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

14th October, 1993.