NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 27TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION (1992-1994) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 10.00 A.M.

ON MONDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1994

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

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 (43)

- 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
- *The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security
- 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.
- 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
- *The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Finance

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Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, M.P.
Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, 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.
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.
Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P. (Absent)
Mrs. Pauline Sukhai, M.P.
Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.
Mr. Reuben A. Gilbert, M.P.
Mr. Edward DaSilva, 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 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 Ramdas, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
Mr. Ramrattan, M.P. a/k Balkarran (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/
     West Demerara)
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Members of the Minority (29)

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People's National Congress (26)
Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minority Leader
Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P.
Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P.
    Patrick L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Chief Whip
Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P.
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)
Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P.
Mr. Phillip Bynoe, M.P. (Region No. 10 -Upper Demerara/Berbice)
    (Absent)
Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P.
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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(There is one vacancy)

(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

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The sitting commenced at 10.00 a.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.04 a.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10:35 a.m. the sitting was resumed.

ARRIVAL OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, His Excellency The President, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Honour the Speaker entered the Chamber.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

His Excellency the President, Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan, made an address.

ADDRESS BY HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, addressed the Assembly.

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THANKS TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Speaker thanked Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh for their visit to the National Assembly and Her Majesty for her speech. He also wished the Queen and the Duke a pleasant stay in Guyana.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:57 a.m., the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Georgetown.

21st February, 1994.