

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 34TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1992-1994) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 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 (Absent)

\*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 (Absent - on leave)

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, 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 (Absent)

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\*Non-elected Member

Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, M.P. (Absent)  
 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. (Absent - on leave)  
 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. 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) (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)  
 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)

Members of the Minority (29)

(i) People's National Congress (26)

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minority Leader (Absent)  
 Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P.  
 Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Dr. 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. (Absent - on leave)  
 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. M. Idris Deen, M.P.  
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P.  
 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. (Absent)  
 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.

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

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:-

- (i) The Hon. Clement Rohee up to 30th March, 1994,
- (ii) Dr. Moti Lall up to 25th March, 1994,
- (iii) Mr. Winston S. Murray and Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad for that day's sitting, and
- (iv) Mr. Simon H. Ng-See-Quan up to 31st March, 1994.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Prime Minister:

- (i) Investment Contract between Government of Guyana and Sunkyong Limited of Korea Samling Corporations SDN. BHD. of Malaysia and Barama Company Limited of Guyana.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Omai Gold Mining Project Mineral Agreement August 16, 1991.

(Circulated)

(iii) Agreements relating to Aroaima Mining Company Limited

Joint Venture Agreement dated 26 May, 1989

Management Agreement dated 18 July, 1989

Management Agreement dated 1 September,  
1989.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services  
and Social Security:

(i) Minimum Wages (Employees at Petrol Filling  
Stations) (Amendment) Order 1994 (No.  
12 of 1994).

(Circulated)

(ii) Minimum Wages (Hire Car and Motor  
Bus Employees) Order 1994 (No.  
13 of 1994).

(Circulated)

(iii) Minimum Wages (Shirt and Garment  
Workers) (Amendment) Order  
1994 (No. 14 of 1994).

(Circulated)

(iv) Minimum Wages (Cinema Employees)  
(Amendment) Order 1994 (No.  
15 of 1994).

(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE  
FOR 1994

The Speaker reported that the Business Sub-Committee of the Committee of Supply met on 11th March, 1994, considered the allocation of time for the consideration of the 1994 Estimates of Expenditure in the Committee of Supply, and passed a Resolution on the matter.

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Copies of the Sub-Committee's Minutes, Resolution and Time Table had been circulated to Members at the sitting on 14th March, 1994.

On a motion by the Senior Minister of Finance, the Committee of Supply agreed with the Business Sub-Committee in its Resolution.

The Committee of Supply then proceeded with the consideration of the 1994 Estimates of Expenditure.

The following Heads and Divisions were approved, as printed in the Estimates:-

Head 1 - Office of the President	\$512,954,000
Head 2 - Guyana Defence Force	\$931,930,000
Head 3 - Guyana National Service	\$129,510,000
Head 4 - Office of the Prime Minister	\$ 15,026,000
Head 7 - Office of the Ombudsman	\$ 740,000
Head 8 - Public and Police Service Commissions	\$ 11,817,000
Head 9 - Teaching Service Commission-	\$ 3,446,000
Head 11- Public Service Appellate Tribunal	\$ 1,611,000
Head 52- Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development	\$377,995,000
Head 53- Civil Aviation Department	\$163,911,000
Head 54- Region 1 - Barima/Waini- Administration	\$ 46,295,000
Head 55- Region 1 - Barima/Waini- Agriculture	\$ 6,144,000
Head 56- Region 1 - Barima/Waini- Education	\$ 53,580,000
Head 57- Region 1 - Barima/Waini- Health	\$ 25,476,000
Head 58- Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam-Administration	\$ 50,462,000
Head 59- Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam-Agriculture	\$ 35,229,000
Head 60- Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam-Education	\$128,637,000
Head 61- Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam-Health	\$ 53,066,000

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Head 62	- Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara - Administration	- \$ 28,349,000
Head 63	- Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara - Agriculture	- \$ 33,313,000
Head 64	- Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara - Education	- \$184,184,000
Head 65	- Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara - Health	- \$ 72,850,000
Head 66	- Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica - Administration	- \$ 62,766,000
Head 67	- Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica - Agriculture	- \$ 49,545,000
Head 68	- Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica - Education	- \$168,153,000
Head 69	- Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica - Health	\$ 92,587,000
Head 70	- Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice - Administration	- \$ 56,023,000
Head 71	- Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice - Agriculture	- \$ 67,272,000
Head 72	- Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice - Education	- \$ 81,633,000
Head 73	- Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice - Health	- \$ 54,399,000
Head 74	- Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Administration	- \$ 86,178,000
Head 75	- Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Agriculture	- \$ 69,119,000
Head 76	- Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Education	- \$182,110,000
Head 77	- Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Health	- \$238,534,000
Head 78	- Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni - Administration	- \$ 67,069,000
Head 79	- Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni - Agriculture	- \$ 3,746,000
Head 80	- Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni - Education	- \$ 33,136,000
Head 81	- Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni - Health	- \$ 32,389,000
Head 82	- Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni - Administration	\$ 40,499,000
Head 83	- Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni - Agriculture	\$ 187,000
Head 84	- Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni - Education	\$ 19,128,000

Head 85	Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni- Health	\$ 6,278,000
Head 86	Region 9 - Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo - Administration	\$ 23,697,000
Head 87	Region 9 - Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo - Agri- culture	\$ 3,502,000
Head 88	Region 9 - Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo - Education -	\$ 44,573,000
Head 89	Region 9 - Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo - Health	\$ 23,433,000
Head 90	Region 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice - Administration	\$ 23,823,000
Head 91	Region 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice - Agriculture	\$ 4,930,000
Head 92	Region 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice - Education	\$114,046,000
Head 93	Region 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice - Health	\$ 28,597,000
Div. 501 -	Office of the President	\$311,000,000
Div. 505 -	Constitutional Agencies	\$ 87,509,000
Div. 517 -	Guyana Water Authority	\$818,260,000
Div. 520 -	Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development	- \$1,118,123,000
Div, 521 -	Ministry of Public Works, Road Construction, Rehab. and Studies	- \$1,392,700,000
Div. 531 -	Region 1 - Barima/Waini	\$ 14,750,000
Div. 532 -	Region 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam -	\$ 55,000,000
Div. 533 -	Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/ <del>West</del> Demerara	- \$ 247,840,000
Div. 534 -	Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica -	\$ 26,000,000
Div. 535 -	Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice -	\$ 33,500,000
Div. 536 -	Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne	- \$ 38,450,000
Div. 537 -	Region 7 - East/Berbice Corentyne	- \$ 41,300,000
Div. 538 -	Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni -	\$ 7,239,000
Div. 539 -	Region 9 - Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo	\$ 29,043,000
Div. 540 -	Region 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice	\$ 30,900,000

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Assembly resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

At 5.10 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

Resumption of Sitting

At 5.40 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The following Heads and Divisions were also approved, as printed in the Estimates:-

Head 5 - Parliament Office	\$	33,971,000
Head 28- Ministry of Agriculture-	\$	30,454,000
Head 29- Crops and Livestock Division	\$	382,842,000
Head 30 -Lands and Surveys Division -	\$	23,908,000
Head 31 -Hydraulics Division -	\$	60,004,000
Head 32 -Hydrometeorological Division	\$	56,511,000
Head 33 -Fisheries Division	\$	6,213,000
Div. 508-Ministry of Agriculture-	\$	2,158,597,000
Div. 510-Ministry of Agriculture MMA III	\$	62,000,000
Div. 512 - Ministry of Agriculture Artisanal Fishery	\$	84,000,000

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.05 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, 24th March, 1994.

  
D.E. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

23rd March, 1994.