

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 48TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1992-1995) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1995

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. (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

\* The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Finance

\* Non-elected Member

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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.  
 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)

#### **Members of the Minority (29)**

##### **(i) 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.  
 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.  
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, 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. David Subnauth, M.P.  
 Mr. Reynold N. David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)  
 Mr. M. Idris Deen, M.P.  
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P.  
 Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.  
 Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P.  
 Mr. Phillip Bynoe, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)  
 Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P.  
 Mr. Hukumchand, M.P., a/k Parag  
 Miss Joan C. Richards, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Miss Gwenneth A. Brouet, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Mr. John A. Fredericks, M.P.  
 Mr. Ivan Peters, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)  
 Mr. Hubert K.H. Hyman, M.P.

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(ii) Working People's Alliance (2)

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas, C.C.H., 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

Leave

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

Mrs. Janet Jagan up to 21st February,  
Mr. Simon Ng-See-Quan up to 14th February,  
and  
Miss Gwenneth Brouet up to 28th February,

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Senior Minister of Finance:

- (i) Guyana Co-operative Financial Service Order 1995 (No. 1 of 1995), made under sections 15 and 28 of the Co-operative Financial Institutions Act, Chapter 75:01, on 8th February, 1995, and published in the Gazette on 11th February, 1995.

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- (ii) Guyana Co-operative Agricultural and Industrial Development Bank (Dissolution and Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 1995 (No. 2 of 1995), made under section 56 of the Co-operative Financial Institutions Act, Chapter 75:01, on 8th February, 1995, and published in the Gazette on 11th February, 1995.

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- (iii) Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1995  
(No. 3 of 1995), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, on 6th February, 1995, and published in the Gazette on 11th February, 1995.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1995

Corrections to Estimates

Before the Assembly proceeded on the debate of the 1995 Estimates of Expenditure, the speaker drew the attention of Members to the following corrections which had been circulated:

Page 139 - Head 36 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - OTHER HEALTH PROGRAMME

- (i) TOTAL APPROPRIATION EXPENSES TO BE VOTED  
Substitute "217,195" for "109,195" in  
the Column Budget 1995
- (ii) OTHER CHARGES  
Substitute "157,706" for "49,706" in  
the Column Budget 1995
- (iii) Subhead 302, Code No. 000 Materials, Equipment and Supplies  
Substitute "130,500" for "22,500" in  
the Column Budget 1995
- (iv) Subhead 302, Code No. 001 Drugs and Medical Supplies  
Substitute "120,000" for "12,000" in  
the Column Budget 1995

The motion and the Schedule thereto would also have to be corrected accordingly.

Resumption of Budget Debate

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1995.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Dr. Kenneth S.F. King

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas

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**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 4.00 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 4.32 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke to the motion;

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance

Mr. Donald Ramotar

Mr. Phillip Bynoe

Mr. Alston A. Kisson

Mr. M. Idris Deen

Mr. Khadim Bacchus

Mr. Andy Gouveia

Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney

Mr. Ivan Peters

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9.00 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 Tuesday, 14th February, 1995.

  
D.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

13th February, 1995.