#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# OF THE 49TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION (1992-1995) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

#### AT 2.00 P.M.

# ON TUESDAY, 14TH 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 (Absent)
- 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

<sup>\*</sup>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)(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)
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)

# (i) People's National Congress (26)

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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. (Absent)
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. (Absent)
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.

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS

### ITEM 1 FILLING OF VACANCY IN COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

On a proposal by Dr. Patrick McKenzie, Chief Whip, seconded by the Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House), the Assembly nominated Mr. Kenrick Tyndall to be a Member of the Committee of Selection, in the place of Mr. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., J.P., who had resigned from the Assembly with effect from 8th February, 1994.

# ITEM 2 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1995

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:

Mr. Winston S. Murray

The Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry.

Mr. Manzoor Nadir was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

### SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

# RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Manzoor Nadir continued and concluded his speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman

Dr. Patrick L. McKenzie

The Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture

Mr. Hukumchand

Mr. Shaik K.Z. Baksh

The Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security.

#### **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 Wednesday, 15th February, 1995.

D.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Georgetown.

14th February, 1995.