

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 10TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
FIRST SESSION (1981) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1981
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (82)

Speaker (1)

Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P.

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (69)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. ~~Dr. P.A.~~ Reid, O.E., M.P.

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. S.S. Maraine, A.A., M.P. (Works and Transport)(Absent - on leave)
Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P. (Economic Planning and Finance)
Cde. H. Green, M.P. (Public Welfare)
Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P. (Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations)

Senior Ministers (10)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P. (Higher Education)
Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P. (Regional Development)
Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P. (National Development)
* Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P. (Trade and Consumer Protection) (Absent)
* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P. (Energy and Mines) (Absent)
* Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General(Justice)(Absent)
* Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P. (Foreign Affairs)
* Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P. (Agriculture) (Absent)
* Cde. S.A. Moore, M.P. (Home Affairs) (Absent)
* Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P. (Education)

Ministers (13)

Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P. (Environment and Water Supply, in the Ministry of Public Welfare) (Absent)
Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P. (Co-operatives)
Cde. J.N. Maitland-Singh, M.P. (Consumer Protection, in the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection)
Cde. S. Prashad, M.P. (Crops and Livestock, in the Ministry of Agriculture)
Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P. (Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance)
Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P. (Fisheries, in the Ministry of Agriculture)
* Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P. (Mechanical Equipment, in the Ministry of Works and Transport)
* Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P. (Information)
* Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P. (Forestry, in the Ministry of Agriculture)
* Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P. (Public Service) (Absent - on leave)
* Cde. H. Rashid, M.P. (Office of the President)
* Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P. (Drainage and Irrigation, in the Ministry of Agriculture)
* Cde. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P. (Health, in the Ministry of Public Welfare)

* Non elected Member

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Ministers of State (3)

- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P. (Culture, in the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture)
 Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P. (Youth and Sport, in the Ministry of National Development)
 * Cde. C.E. Wright, M.P. (Construction, in the Ministry of Works and Transport)

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A. Bend-Kirton, M.P. (Women's Affairs and Housing)
 Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P. (Office of the Prime Minister)
 * Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P. (Office of the Prime Minister)

Other Members (23)

- Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P.
 Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. M. Armogan, M.P.
 Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P.
 Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P.
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.
 Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.
 Cde. E.B. Davidson, M.P.
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
 Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. P. Fredericks, M.P.
 Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.
 Cde. J. Gill, M.P.
 Cde. A. McRae, M.P.
 Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
 Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
 Cde. H.B. Walcott, J.P., M.P., Government Chief Whip

Members from the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs (2)

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P.
 Cde. B. Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

- Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
 Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
 Cde. C.A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
 Cde. W. Bipat, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
 Cde. H.I. London, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
 Cde. I. Chowritmoote, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
 Cde. N.R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
 Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
 Cde. A. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)
 Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

* Non elected Member

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Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P.

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Minority Chief Whip

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.

Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P.

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.

Cde. I. Basir, M.P.

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A.

Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. M.B. Henry

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

(a) Cde. Harewood-Benn up to 7th March, 1981, and

(b) Cde. H.L.B. Singh for that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION - APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1981

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1981.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 1	OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET	
	was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$2,596,000
	with the following corrections:	

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Column

1	1981 Estimates	Reduction of amount of \$15,760 shown against item 3 to read \$15,750.	
	Subhead No.	Between items 8 and 9, insertion of an item 8(a) and in the next column insertion of Deputy Director of Protocol and Household A36. Under column 1981, insertion of amount of \$10 with explanation in the appropriate column reading 8(a) New Office created. Under establishment 1981 Estimates, insertion of the number 1 and making the consequential changes in the totals.	
HEAD 2	GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE	was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ..	\$51,000,000
HEAD 3	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS	was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 18,600
DIVISION I -	PRESIDENT	was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at with the following corrections:	\$36,000,000

Column

7	Code No.	Against subheads 1, 2 and 3, changing of code numbers to read 101,001, 101,002 and 101,003, respectively. Against subhead 4, insertion of code number number 101,004.	
	Other Finance	Against subhead 4, changing of amount of \$1,500,000 to read \$1,000,000 and total to read \$36,000,000.	
HEAD 10	PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS	was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 663,900
HEAD 13	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER	was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$1,550,000
DIVISION V -	PRIME MINISTER	was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at with the following corrections:	... \$2,100,000

Column

26	Code No.	Against subhead 5, insertion of code number 105,017.	
	Total	Deletion of figures against subheads 1, 2 and 3 and insertion of amount of \$400,000 against subhead 5.	
	Other Finance	Deletion of figures against subheads 1, 2 and 3 and changing of amount of \$1,300,000 against subhead 4 to read \$1,700,000. Insertion of amount of \$400,000 against subhead 5 and changing of total to read \$2,100,000.	

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HEAD 15	PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$2,618,600
DIVISION VII - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at .. \$17,725,000 with the following correction:		
	<u>Column</u>	of
31	Code No. Against subhead 5, changing/code number to read 122,007 instead of 122,077.	
HEAD 46	MINISTRY OF WORKS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...\$18,131,400
DIVISION XXIV - MINISTRY OF WORKS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...\$35,469,000		
HEAD 47	MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...\$ 915,600
HEAD 48	TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...\$ 4,300,000
HEAD 49	CIVIL AVIATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...\$ 3,235,000
HEAD 50	POST OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...\$ 200
DIVISION XXV - MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...\$ 6,570,000		
HEAD 51	PLANT MAINTENANCE AND HIRE DIVISION	

With leave of the Speaker under Standing Order No. 83 and on a motion by Cde. Hoyte, Vice-President (Economic Planning and Finance), Standing Order No. 66(1) was suspended to enable amendments to be moved to this Head.

On a motion by Cde. Hoyte who signified Cabinet's recommendation, the Head was amended as follows:

Column

147 1981 Estimates Against item (92), changing of figure to read \$2,346,100 instead of \$1,542,100 and total Personal Emoluments to read \$4,554,000 instead of \$3,750,000.

Against subhead 2, changing of figure to read \$3,428,000 instead of \$2,500,000 and Total Other Charges to read \$3,428,000 instead of \$2,500,000.

Changing of Total Personal Emoluments and Other Charges to read \$7,982,000 instead of \$6,250,000 and Grand Total: Head 51 to read \$6,982,100 instead of \$5,250,100.

HEAD 51	PLANT MAINTENANCE AND HIRE DIVISION was <u>passed</u> as <u>amended</u> at	6,982,100
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Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1981.

In Committee of Supply

DIVISION XXVI - PLANT MAINTENANCE AND HIRE DIVISION was		
<u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at		\$ 8,500,000
HEAD 8 AUDIT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at		\$ 1,703,500
HEAD 81 ECONOMIC PLANNING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u>		
at	...	\$ 2,764,200
DIVISION XXX - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING was <u>passed</u>		
as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$25,225,000
with the following correction:		

Column

194	Total	Against subhead 8, changing of the amount to read \$5,500,000 instead of \$5,000,000.	
HEAD 82	FINANCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at		\$ 4,516,200
HEAD 83	ACCOUNTANT GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 7,311,500
HEAD 84	CUSTOMS AND EXCISE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 3,650,000
HEAD 85	INLAND REVENUE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at		\$ 5,977,300
HEAD 86	PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u>		
	at		\$ 5,216,600
HEAD 87	PUBLIC DEBT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at		\$ 144,000
HEAD 88	REVISION OF WAGES, SALARIES AND RELATED		
	PAYMENTS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 300
HEAD 89	POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK was <u>passed</u> as		
	<u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 100
DIVISION XXXI - MINISTRY OF FINANCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u>			
	at		\$74,275,000
	with the following corrections:		

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DIVISION XXI:1 - MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER
SUPPLY was passed as printed at ... \$10,706,000
with the following correction:

Column

91 Code No. Against subheads 1, 2, 3 and 4 insertion
of code numbers 137,001; 137,002; 137,003
and 137,004, respectively.

Division XXI:1 Division XXI:1 Ministry of Environment
and Water Supply to read Environment
and Water Supply.

Explanatory
Notes

Ditto.

Total

Division XXI:1 Total Division XXIA to read/Division XXI:1.

HEAD 38	HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,445,900
HEAD 39	MEDICAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 8,100,000
HEAD 40	PATHOLOGICAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,000,000
HEAD 41	RADIOLOGICAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 800,000
HEAD 42	HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$33,700,000
HEAD 43	ANALYST was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 500,000
HEAD 44	PAIMS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 1,200,000
DIVISION XXII - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at		... \$18,742,000
with the following correction:		

Page Column

108	Code No. Against subhead 24, completion of code number to read 116,036	
HEAD 45	HOUSING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,520,700
DIVISION XXIII - MINISTRY OF HOUSING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at		... \$ 6,485,000
HEAD 6	MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PARTY AND STATE RELATIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 117,500
HEAD 7	PARLIAMENT OFFICE was passed as printed at...	\$ 286,700

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

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RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 52 MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION was passed as printed at \$ 1,769,400
with the following corrections:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Column</u>	
149	Establishment 1981	Against item (9), changing of figure to read 13. Against item (10) changing of figure 1 to read 2. Changing of total to read 35.
	Head 52	Against item (9) changing of 1 Confidential Secretary to read 3 Confidential Secretary and 1 Typist/Clerk II/I. to read 5 Typist/Clerk II/I. Between the offices Confidential Secretary and Typist/Clerk II/I insertion of 3 Accounts Clerk II A9.

DIVISION XXVII - MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION was passed as printed at \$ 3,500,000
with the following corrections:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Column</u>	
150	Code No.	Against subheads 1 and 2, changing of code numbers to read 138,001 and 138,002 respectively. Against subhead 3, insertion of code number 138,003. Deletion of figures shown in columns 1980 Revised Estimates, 1980 Approved Estimates and 1979 Actual.

HEAD 11	TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 276,900
HEAD 53	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$24,400,000
HEAD 54	CULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 1,700,000
HEAD 55	IN-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 390,000
HEAD 56	PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$50,000,000
HEAD 57	NURSERY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 9,202,100
HEAD 58	PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,234,500
HEAD 59	CYRIL POTTER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,100,000

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HEAD 60	TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GEORGETOWN was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 1,161,600
HEAD 61	CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 191,400
HEAD 62	QUEEN'S COLLEGE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at...	\$ 576,300
HEAD 63	BISHOPS' HIGH SCHOOL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 453,900
HEAD 64	ANNA REGINA SECONDARY SCHOOL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 200
HEAD 65	BERBICE HIGH SCHOOL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 248,000
HEAD 66	NEW AMSTERDAM TECHNICAL INSTITUTE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 725,000
HEAD 67	LILIAN DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 355,800
HEAD 68	- CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT UNIT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 933,500
HEAD 69	- GUYANA INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 285,300
HEAD 70	- PROBATION AND WELFARE SERVICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at with the following correction:	... \$ 500,000

Column

174	Code No.	Against subhead 3 changing of code number 023,004 to read 023,0004.	
HEAD 71	-	BYGEVAL/MAHAICA SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTI- LATERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 503,300
HEAD 72		ANNA REGINA SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTI- LATERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 750,000
HEAD 73	-	BLADEN HALL SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTI- LATERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 580,000
HEAD 74	-	NEW AMSTERDAM SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTI- LATERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 558,700
HEAD 75	-	CHRISTIANBURG/WISMAR SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 505,000
HEAD 76	-	RUIMVELDT SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 570,900
HEAD 77	-	PORT KAITUMA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL (RESIDENTIAL) was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 600,000
HEAD 78	-	BOOKS DISTRIBUTION UNIT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 104,600

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DIVISION XXVIII - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE was passed as printed at ... \$ 9,900,000

DIVISION XXVIII:1 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - IDA PROJECTS - SECOND EDUCATION PROJECT was passed as printed at ... \$12,115,000 with the following corrections:

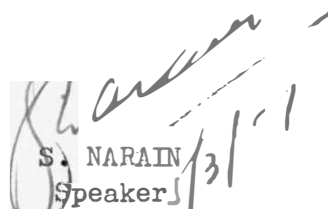
Column

185	Division XXVIII:1	Total Division XXVIII:1 to read Total Division XXVIII:1.
	Total	Amount of \$7,170,000 against subhead 1 to read \$7,140,000.
	Other Finance	Amount of \$3,298,000 to read \$3,268,000. Total to read \$3,844,000 instead of \$3,874,000.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.55 p.m., on a motion by Cde. Clarke, Senior Minister (Regional Development), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 5th March, 1981.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
5th March, 1981