

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 21ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
FIRST SESSION (1981) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 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., Speaker of the National Assembly
- Members of the Government - People's National Congress (69)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. Dr. P.A. Reid, O.E., M.P., Prime Minister (Absent)

Other Vice-President (4)

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

Senior Ministers (10)

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

Ministers (13)

- Cde. J.P. Chowrimootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister, Environment and Water Supply, in the Ministry of Public Welfare (Absent)
- Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. J.N. Maitland-Singh, M.P., Minister, Consumer Protection, in the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection
- Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister, Crops and Livestock, in the Ministry of Agriculture (Absent)
- Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance
- Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P., Minister, Fisheries, in the Ministry of Agriculture
- * Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister, Mechanical Equipment, in the Ministry of Works and Transport
- * Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P., Minister of Information (Absent)
- * Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister, Forestry, in the Ministry of Agriculture

* Non elected Member

/...

- * Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Public Service
- * Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister, Office of the President
- * Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P., Minister, Drainage and Irrigation, in the Ministry of Agriculture (Absent)
- * Cde. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister, Health, in the Ministry of Public Welfare (Absent)

Ministers of State (3)

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

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Women's Affairs and Housing
- Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister
- * Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, 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. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.
- Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.
- Cde. E.B. Davidson, M.P. (Absent)
- 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. (Absent)
- Cde. J. Gill-Mingo, 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.
- Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
- Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.
- Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
- Cde. H.B. Walcott-Nascimento, 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 - Pomerom/Supenaam) (Absent - on leave)

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)(Absent)
Cde. I. Chowritmootoo, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
Cde. N.R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni) (Absent)
Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
Cde. A. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)(Absent)
Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

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. (Absent)
Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)
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. (Absent)

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly, F.A. Narain. A.A.
Special Assistant to the Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. A. Knight

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Congratulations to Prime Minister

The Speaker, on behalf of Members and himself, extended congratulations and best wishes to Cde. Dr. Reid on his being authorised to perform the functions of the Office of the President during the absence of the President.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cdes. Chandisingh, Clarke, Tyndall, Johnson, Corrica, Jairam and Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting;
- (b) Cde. Jackson up to 9th October, 1981;
- (c) Cde. Bhaggan from 15th September to 31st December, 1981, and
- (d) Cde. Dr. Jagan for a period of 5 weeks from 2nd September, 1981.

/...

(iii) Performance of Parliamentary Duties of Minority Leader

The Speaker announced that he had been advised by the Minority Leader that during his absence Cde. Ram Karran would be performing his Parliamentary Duties.

(iv) Death of Joseph Lyttleton Wills

The Speaker, on behalf of Members and himself, expressed regret at the death of Joseph Lyttleton Wills, a former member of the Legislative Council, and extended sympathy to his relatives.

(v) Death of Cde. Dalchand's Father-in-law

The Speaker, on behalf of Members and himself, extended sympathy to Cde. Dalchand on the recent loss of his father-in-law.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance:

- (a) Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Guyana National Insurance Scheme for the year ended 31st December, 1978.

(ST: 25/2/1/6)(Circulated)

- (b) National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations 1981 (No. 19), made under sections 14, 20, 21, 39 and 51 of the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Chapter 36:01, on 4th August, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 8th August, 1981.

(ST: 1/8^I) (Circulated)

- (c) National Insurance and Social Security (Sickness Benefit Medical Care) Regulations 1981 (No. 20), made under sections 19, 20, 21, 24 and 51 of the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Chapter 36:01, on 4th August, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 8th August, 1981.

(ST: 1/8^I) (Circulated)

- (d) Statements of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, Chapter 77:01, for the Quarters ended 31st March, 1980, 30th June, 1980, 30th September, 1980 and 31st December, 1980.

(ST: 49/0/1)(Circulated)

- (e) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, Chapter 77:01, which remained unexpired for the period ended 31st December, 1980.

(ST: 49/0/1)(Circulated)

/...

- (f) Financial (Amendment) Regulations 1981 (No. 18)
made under section 5 of the Financial Administration
and Audit Act, Chapter 73:01, on 7th July, 1981,
and published in the Gazette on 18th July, 1981.

(ST. 34/0)(Circulated)

(2) By the Vice-President, Public Welfare:

- (a) State Paper on Ratification of International
Labour Convention and Implementation of
International Labour Recommendation adopted
at the 66th Session of the International
Labour Conference held in Geneva from
4-25 June, 1980. (State Paper No. 2/1981).

(23/2^{VI}) (Circulated)

- (b) State Paper on Ratification of International
Labour Convention and Implementation of
International Labour Recommendations adopted
at the 65th Session of the International
Labour Conference held in Geneva from 6-27 June,
1979. (State Paper No. 3/1981).

(23/2^{VI})(Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Annual Report of the Guyana Prison Service
for the year 1976.

(HA: 1/2/1^{III})(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

- (1) NATIONAL INSURANCE BOARD (TRANSFER OF SUPERVISION AND CONTROL
BILL 1981 - Bill No. 9/1981 published 24.9.81

The Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning
and Finance on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and
Finance, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend certain
enactments for the purpose of transferring
the supervision and control of the National
Insurance Board from the Guyana State
Corporation to the Co-operative Finance
Administration.

/...

(2) PREMIUM BONDS BILL 1981 - Bill No. 10/1981
published 24.9.81

The Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to authorise the raising of loans by the Government, by the issue of Premium Bonds, for purposes related to the defence of Guyana and for other purposes.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and third Readings

RENT CONTROL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981 -
Bill No. 8/1981 published 1.8.81

The Vice-President, Public Welfare, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Rent Restriction Act and the Rice Farmers (Security of Tenure) Act and to make certain incidental provision on the expiry of the Rent Control (Special Provisions) Act.

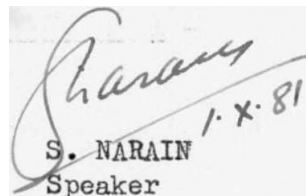
Cde. Collymore and Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Vice-President, Public Welfare, replied.

The Bill was then read a second time and was taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.20 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of National Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 2nd October, 1981.



S. NARAIN
Speaker
1. X. 81.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1st October, 1981