

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 24TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FIRST SESSION (1981) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1981

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (81)

Speaker (1)

- \* Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly  
Members of the Government - People's National Congress (68)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-Presidents (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  
Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Public Welfare (Absent)  
Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and  
Party/State Relations

Senior Ministers (10)

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

Ministers (12)

- Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, 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
- 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
- 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. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P., Minister of Information (Absent - on leave)
- \* Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister, Forestry, in the Ministry  
of Agriculture

\* Non elected Member

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- \* 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
- \* 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
- 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.
- Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
- Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cde. P. Fredericks, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.
- 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. (Absent)
- 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. (Absent - on leave)
- 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. Chowritmootoo, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

\* Non elected Member

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Cde. N.R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni) (Absent)  
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)

Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader

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. (Absent)  
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.  
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P.  
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  
Cde. Campbell for that day's sitting.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 4/1981

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 171 (2) of the Constitution, the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, signified Cabinet's recommendation that the Assembly should proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 4 of 1981, and thereafter moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 4/1981 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ended 31st October, 1981 - totalling \$20,164,851.

A motion by the Minority Leader that Item 2 of section "A" of the Schedule be reduced to \$1.00 was put and negatived.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion for the approval of the Financial Paper was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

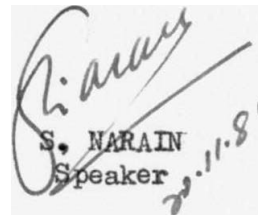
On a motion by the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 4/1981 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ended 31st October, 1981 - totalling \$20,164,851."

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.10 p.m., on a motion by the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



S. NARAIN  
Speaker  
22.11.81

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
20th November, 1981