

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 28TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD  
SESSION (1983-1984) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON MONDAY 1984-06-18

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (70)

Speaker (1)

\*Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (57)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Production

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Social Infrastructure (Absent - on leave)

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Party and State Matters

\*Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President and  
Attorney General (Absent - on leave)

Senior Ministers (6)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development  
and Culture (Absent)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of National Mobilisation

Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines

\*Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent - on leave)

\*Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

\*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance and Economic  
Planning

Ministers (7)

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of  
Agriculture (Absent - on leave)

Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of Youth and Sport within  
the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Transport within the Vice-Presidency  
of Social Infrastructure

Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information and Public Service

\*Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health and  
Public Welfare (Absent - on leave)

\*Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P., Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives

Ministers of State (2)

Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of  
Internal Trade and Consumer Protection

Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.S., M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of  
Regional Development (Absent - on leave)

\* Non elected Member

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Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, within the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare  
 Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, within the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture  
 Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, in the Office of the Prime Minister

Other Members (23)

- Cde. M. Ally, M.P.  
 Cde. M. Armogan, M.S., J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P.  
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.  
 Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. O.E. Clarke, 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. E. Melville, M.P.  
 Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. R.N. Frimo, M.P.  
 Cde. F.A. Rayman, M.P.  
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P., **Government Chief Whip**  
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.  
 Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. B. Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (9)

- Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini) (Absent)  
 Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam) (Absent)  
 Cde. C.A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)  
 Cde. W. Bipat, J.P., 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)  
 Cde. N.R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni) (Absent)  
 Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)  
 Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

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Members of the Minority (12)(i) People's Progressive Party (10)Minority Leader (1)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P. (Absent)

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

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.

Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)

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

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

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

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.

Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P. (Absent)

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(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave from that day's sitting had been granted to Cdes. Dr. Reid, Green, Dr. Shahabuddeen, Jackson, Sallahuddin, Dr. Van West-Charles, H.L.B. Singh, Chin and Williams.

(ii) Letter from Dr. Mark Kendall - Re Death of Father

The Speaker reminded Members that following the death of former Member of Parliament, W.O.R. Kendall, the National Assembly had passed a Resolution in which it had requested that its condolences be conveyed to the family of Cde. Kendall, and informed them that a letter had been received from Cde. Kendall's son in the U.S.A., Dr. Mark Kendall, acknowledging receipt of the Resolution and requesting that the grateful thanks of himself and of the other members of the family of Cde. Kendall be conveyed to the Members of the Assembly.

(iii) Letter from Mr. M.F. Singh - Re Death of Mother

The Speaker informed Members that he had also received a letter from Mr. Feilden Singh requesting that his sincere thanks be conveyed to them for the sympathy which they had extended to him at the last sitting of the Assembly following the death of his mother in Canada.

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Vice-President Production:

(i) Annual Report of the East Demerara Water Conservancy Board for the year 1982.

(5/13/2) (Circulated)

(ii) Annual Report of the Ministry of Agriculture for the year 1983.

(A17/6) (Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (No. 7), made under section 103 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 51:02, on 22nd March, 1984, and published in the Gazette on 31st March, 1984.

(P: 16/22/1) (Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning:

(i) Financial Paper No. 1/1984 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$21,403,260 for the period ended 1983-12-31 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1983).

(Circulated)

In terms of Standing Order No. 68, the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning named Friday 1984-06-22, as the day for the consideration of the Financial Paper.

(ii) Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Government of Guyana for the Financial Years ended 31st December, 1975, 31st December, 1976, and 31st December, 1977.

(ST:1/7/2) (Circulated)

(iii) Loan Agreement between Guyana and The OFEC Fund for International Development (Abaro Drainage and Irrigation Project) Dated March 12, 1984 (Loan No. 345p).

(ST: 3/2/12/4) (Circulated)

(iv) Public Loan Order 1984 (No. 21) made under section 2(2) of the Public Loan Act 1973 (No. 11) on 9th March, 1984 and published in the Gazette on 17th March, 1984.

(ST: 3/1)(Circulated)

(v) State Pension (TRYPHENA CEASAR) Order 1984 (No. 23) made under section 4 of the State Pensions Act Chapter 27:04, on 21st March, 1984 and published in the Gazette on 1984-03-24.

(ST:4/24<sup>TJ</sup>)(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Manpower and  
Co-operatives for the year 1983.

(L: 7/1/42)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

(1) GUYANA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS BILL 1984 - Bill No.7/1984  
published 1984-05-19

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

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the  
preparation and promotion of standards in  
relation to commodities, services, processes  
and practices by the establishment and operation  
of a Bureau of Standards, to establish the Guyana  
National Bureau of Standards and the National  
Standards Council, to vest the management of the  
Bureau in the Council, to define the objects of  
the Bureau and the powers and functions of the  
Council and for matters incidental thereto.

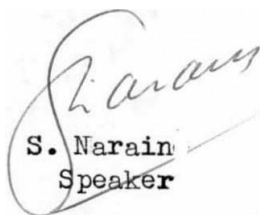
(2) RICE FARMERS (SECURITY OF TENURE) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 -  
Bill No. 8/1984

The Vice-President, Production, on behalf of the Government,  
presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Rice  
Farmers (Security of Tenure) Act.

ADJOURNMENT

At 14.15 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Party and  
State Matters, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Friday 1984-06-22.

  
S. Narain  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
1984-06-20