

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 29TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD  
SESSION (1983-1984) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON FRIDAY 1984-06-22

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 (Absent - on leave)

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)

Senior Ministers (6)

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

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)

\*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

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 (Absent - on leave)

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

\*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

\*Non elected Member

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Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, with 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 (Absent - on leave)

Other Members (23)

- Cde. M. Ally, M.P. (Absent)  
 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.  
 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. Primo, M.P.  
 Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 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.

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 (9)

- 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, 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)  
 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 - 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.

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

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(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

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Dr. Reid, Hoyte, Green, Chandisingh, Bhaggan, Rayman, and Belgrave for that day's sitting;

(b) Cde. Harewood-Benn until 5th July, and

(c) Cde. Dr. C. Jagan for five weeks from 20th June.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

GENERAL LOCAL LOAN (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 - Bill No. 10/1984

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 amend the General  
Local Loan Act.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER No. 1/1984

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of proposals set out in 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).

After consideration of the Schedule the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

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

"RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in 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)."

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 2 - GUYANA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS BILL 1984 - Bill No. 7/1984 published 1984-05-19

The Minister of Finance and Economic Planning moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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.

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Cde. N. Persaud and Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 18 were passed as printed.

Clause 19 was passed with the following corrections:

Insertion of the following which was omitted after subsection (2)(b):-

"(c) makes, in connection with the sale of any commodity, any reference, directly or indirectly, to a standardization mark in a manner or under circumstances".

Clauses 20 to 27 were passed as printed.

Clause 28 was passed with the following correction:-

Insertion of the words "that person concerning" between the words "question" and "any" in the third line of subsection (19).

Clauses 29 to 42 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning the Bill was read the third time and passed as corrected in Committee.

MOTION

ITEM 3 - AFFIRMATION OF THE PUBLIC LOAN ORDER 1984 (No. 21)

The Minister of Finance and Economic Planning moved the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 2(2) of the Public Loan Act 1973 (No. 11), affirms the Public Loan Order 1984 (No. 21), which was made on 9th March, 1984, and published in the Gazette on 17th March, 1984.

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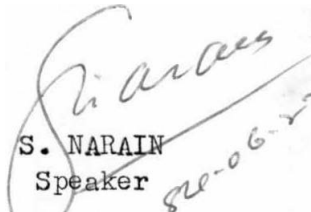
Cde. N. Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 15:25 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker 82-06-27

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Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
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