

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 34TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD
SESSION (1983-1984) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON THURSDAY 1984-09-27

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (61)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Prime Minister

Other Vice-President and First Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Social Infrastructure and
First Deputy Prime Minister

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

*Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President,
Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Vice-President, National Development
and Deputy Prime Minister

Other Deputy Prime Minister (1)

*Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Planning (Absent)

Senior Ministers (8)

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

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

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

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

*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent)

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister of Forestry

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

*Cde. M.L. Parris, M.P., Minister of Education

Ministers (6)

Cde. Urmia Johnson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of National
Development

Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of
Education

*Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P., Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives (Absent -
on leave)

Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of Youth and Sport within the
Ministry of Education (Absent - on leave)

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

*Cde. Dr. S.P. SaSilva, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture

* Non elected Member

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

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

Cde. Agnes 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, Youth

Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, National Development

Government Chief Whip (1)

Cde. Bidiawattie Tiwari, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (24)

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P.

Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P.

Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.

Cde. Philomena A. Rayman

Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.

Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.

Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.

Cde. M. Ally, M.P.

Cde. M. Armogan, M.S., J.P., M.P.

Cde. Bissoondai Beniprashad, M.P.

Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.

Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.

Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.

Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.

Cde. Patricia Fredericks, M.P.

Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.

Cde. A. McRae, M.P.

Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.

Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.

Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.

Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.

Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.

Cde. Y. Khan, M.P.

(One seat vacant)

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

Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P.

Cde. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

Cde. Dianne Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)

Cde. W. Bipat, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

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

Cde. I. Chowritmootoo, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam) (Absent)

Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Cde. H.I. London, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

Cde. Cora A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
(Vacant) (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

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

Other Members (8)

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

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

(ii) United Force (2)

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

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

OFFICERS

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

Cde. M.B. Henry, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (Absent - on leave)

Cde. Roney Dasrath, Accountant

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cde. Jackson up to 13th October,
- (b) Cde. R.C. Fredericks up to 3rd October,
- (c) Cde. Rayman up to 10th October,
- (d) Cde. Doobay up to 30th September, and
- (e) Cdes. Sallahuddin, Denny and Khan, and Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

(ii) Absence of Deputy Clerk

The Speaker informed Members that the Deputy Clerk, Cde. Maurice Henry, was on leave and, that at the Table to assist the Clerk at that sitting was a female, who was the most senior and available member of the Parliament Office Staff.

She was Cde. Roney Dasrath, an Accountant. On behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, the Speaker congratulated and welcomed Cde. Dasrath and extended best wishes to her in the performance of her duties.

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(iii) Repairs to Roof of Public Buildings

The Speaker drew the attention of Members to the work being done. He said that as a result of leaks, the eastern half of the roof of the Public Buildings was being repaired. The slate on the roof was being removed and replaced. That exercise would last for some time and may cause some amount of inconvenience to Members. However, the inconvenience would be kept to the minimum and work would be suspended during sittings. He therefore asked Members to give their co-operation as necessary and to bear with any inconvenience which may be caused during the exercise.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning:

Annual Reports of the Ministry of Economic Planning for the years 1982 and 1983.

(ECP: 7/14) (Circulated)

(2) By the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

Government's Comments on the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Public Accounts for the year 1967.

(ST:34/1/3^{II}) (Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Energy and Mines:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Energy and Mines for the year 1983.

(EM:4/49) (Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

Presentation and First Reading

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF GUYANA BILL 1984
B'l No. 16/1984 published 1984-09-29

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:-

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the Establishment of the Agricultural Research Committee, the National Agricultural Research Institute of Guyana and the Agricultural Research Advisory Council, and for matters connected therewith.

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PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS Second and Third ReadingsITEM 1 - PUBLIC SERVICE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL BILL 1984 - Bill No. 14/1984
published 1984-09-08

The Prime Minister moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to alter the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164 thereof, and to make provision for the establishment of a Public Service Appellate Tribunal and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister replied.

The motion was then put and carried with all the following fifty-three elected Members who were present at the time voting in support of it:

Mr. Abraham	Cde. Doobay
Cde. Belgrave	Cde. Davidson
Cde. Basir	Cde. Chin
Cde. Mohamed	Cde. Beniprashad
Cde. Collymore	Cde. Armogan
Cde. N. Persaud	Cde. Ally
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud	Cde. Gill-Mingo
Cde. Ram Karran	Cde. Fowler
Cde. C.A. Singh	Cde. Caldeira
Cde. London	Cde. Williams
Cde. Jones	Cde. Clarke
Cde. Hinds	Cde. Tiwari
Cde. I. Chowritmootoo	Cde. Bhaggan
Cde. Charles	Cde. Ainsworth
Cde. Bipat	Cde. Bend-Kirton-Holder
Cde. Latchminarayan	Cde. H.L.B. Singh
Cde. Bishop	Cde. Corrica
Cde. Khan	Cde. Prashad
Cde. Melville	Cde. Harewood-Benn
Cde. Vandenburg	Cde. Johnson
Cde. Sharma	Cde. Sallahahuddin
Cde. Primo	Cde. Rashid
Cde. Munroe	Cde. Corbin
Cde. McRae	Cde. Chandisingh
Cde. Gilbert	Cde. Green
Cde. P. Fredericks	Cde. Hoyte
Cde. Felix	

The Bill was read a second time.

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

In CommitteeCorrection of Typographical Errors

The Chairman invited the attention of Members to typographical errors to be corrected as follows:-

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Clause 2 - Substitution of "2" for "(2)" in the number of the clause.

Clause 3 - Substitution of "3" for "(3)" in the number of the clause.

Clause 4 - Insertion of a closing bracket after the word "appointment" in the fifth line of the new paragraph (2A).

Clause 8 - Insertion of the word "and" between the words "which" and "the" in the first line of paragraph (7)(d) of the new article 215A.

Substitution of the word "question" for the "questions" between the words "any" and "whether" in the first line of paragraph (12) of the new article 215A.

Clause 9 - Insertion of the word "article" between "and" and "215A (12)" in the last line of paragraph (c).

Clause 12 - Substitution of the word "organisation" for the word "body" between the words "the" and "to" in the last line of subsection (2).

Clause 29 - Substitution of the word "provision" for the word "provisions" between the words "any other" and "of" in the second line of subsection (4).

Clause 31 - Substitution of the word "Part" for the word "Act" between the words "this" and "shall" in the first line.

Schedule - Substitution of the word "officer" for the word "officer" at the end of item 1.

Consideration of Clauses

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clauses 2 to 9 were passed as printed, with all the following fifty-two elected Members who were present at the time voting in support thereof:

Mr. Abraham	Cde. Davidson
Cde. Belgrave	Cde. Chin
Cde. Mohamed	Cde. Beniprashad
Cde. Collymore	Cde. Armogan
Cde. N. Persaud	Cde. Ally
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud	Cde. Gill-Mingo
Cde. C.A. Singh	Cde. Fowler
Cde. London	Cde. Caldeira
Cde. Jones	Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo
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Cde. Charles	Cde. Tiwari
Cde. Bipat	Cde. Bhaggan
Cde. Latchminarayan	Cde. Ainsworth
Cde. Bishop	Cde. Bend-Kirton-Holder
Cde. Khan	Cde. H.L.B. Singh
Cde. Melville	Cde. Corrica
Cde. Vandenburg	Cde. Prashad
Cde. Sharma	Cde. Farewood-Benn
Cde. Primo	Cde. Johnson
Cde. Munroe	Cde. Sallahahuddin
Cde. McRae	Cde. Rashid
Cde. Gilbert	Cde. Corbin
Cde. P. Fredericks	Cde. Chandisingh
Cde. Felix	Cde. Green
Cde. Doobay	Cde. Hoyte

Clauses 10 to 34 and the Schedule were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

A motion by the Prime Minister that the Bill be read the third time and passed as corrected was carried with the support of the votes of all the following fifty-two elected Members who were present at the time:

Mr. Abraham	Cde. Davidson
Cde. Belgrave	Cde. Chin
Cde. Mahamed	Cde. Beniprashad
Cde. Collymore	Cde. Armogan
Cde. N. Persaud	Cde. Ally
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud	Cde. Gill-Mingo
Cde. C.A. Singh	Cde. Fowler
Cde. London	Cde. Caldeira
Cde. James	Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo
Cde. Hinds	Cde. Williams
Cde. I. Chowritmootoo	Cde. Clarke
Cde. Charles	Cde. Tiwari
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Cde. P. Fredericks	Cde. Chandisingh
Cde. Felix	Cde. Green
Cde. Doobay	Cde. Hoyte

ITEM 2 GUYANA MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BILL 1984 -
Bill No. 12/1984 published 1984-09-15

The Prime Minister moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the establishment and function of the Guyana Manufacturing and Industrial Development Agency and for matters connected therewith.

Cde. N. Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister replied.

The Bill was then read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clause 1 to 18 were passed as printed.

Clause 19 was passed with the correction of the following typographical error:

Deletion of the second word "or" at the end of subsection (4)(c).

Clause 20 to 27 were passed as printed.

Clause 28 was passed with the correction of the following Typographical error:

Substitution of "20(1) for "20" in the number of the clause.

Clause 29 and the Schedule were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Prime Minister, the Bill was read the third time and passed as corrected.

ITEM 3 - ENERGY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 - Bill No. 15/1984 published 1984-09-01

The Minister of Energy and Mines moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Energy Act 1981.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud spoke to the motion.

The motion was then put and carried.

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

ITEM 4 - BANK OF GUYANA (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 - Bill No. 13/1984 published 1984-08-25

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Bank of Guyana Act.

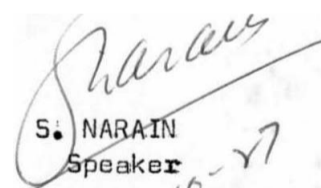
Cde. N. Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister replied.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 16:00 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to date to be fixed.


S. NARAIN
Speaker
84-10-27

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Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1984-10-27