

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 46TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD  
SESSION (1983-1985) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON FRIDAY 1985-05-17

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 (Absent - on leave)

Other Vice President and First Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Social Infrastructure and First Deputy Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent - on leave)

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

Senior Ministers (9)

- \* Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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

Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines (Absent - on leave)

- \* Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance

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

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

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

- \* Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Transport

Ministers (5)

Cde. Urmia E. Johnson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of National Development (Absent - on leave)

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

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

- \* Cde. Dr. S.P. Da Silva, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture (Absent)

\* Non - elected Member

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Ministers of State (3)

- 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  
 Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Education (Absent)

Parliamentary Secretaries (2)

- Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Housing within the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare  
 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. (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.  
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.  
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P. (Absent)  
 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, A.A., 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. Bishoo, 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/Siparauri)  
 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)  
 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)

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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

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. (Absent)

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

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

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

Cde. M.B. Henry, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Acknowledgement from Widow of W.A. Blair

The Speaker reminded Members that following the death of William Alexander Blair, a former Parliamentarian, the National Assembly at its sitting on 14th March, 1985, had passed a Resolution in which it had paid tribute to the distinguished service which Cde. Blair had rendered to Guyana and to its Parliament, and had directed that an expression of the Assembly's sympathy be conveyed to the sorrowing widow and children of Cde. Blair. He informed the Members that in an acknowledgement, Cde. Sybil Blair, the widow of Cde. Blair, expressed the grateful thanks of her family and herself to the Members of Parliament for their kind thoughts and that they had been touched and comforted in being remembered by Members.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave from that sitting had been granted to Comrades Hoyte, Green, Shahabuddeen, Rashid, Van West-Charles, Johnson J.P. Chowritmootoo and Belgrave.

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(iii) Letter from the D.P.R.K.

The Speaker informed Members that he had received from the Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Georgetown, a copy of a letter sent from the 4th Session of the 7th Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the National Assembly of South Korea, on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the August 15 restoration, and that the letter which consisted of five pages was available at the Table.

(iv) Address from U.S.S.R. on 40th Anniversary of the End of World War II

The Speaker informed Members that he had received through the Ambassador of the USSR in Guyana, a copy of an Address by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet and the Council of Ministers of the USSR. The Address had been made for the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the end of World War II and had been sent to Peoples, Parliaments and Governments of all countries.

It consisted of seven pages and was available at the Table.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

(1) By the Minister of Home Affairs on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 1985 (No. 18), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Chapter 1:07, on 1st March, 1985 and published in the Gazette on 2nd March, 1985.

(ST: 8/5) (Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Forestry:

Annual Report of the Guyana Forestry Commission for the year 1980.

(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

N TION PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT)  
BILL 1985 - Bill No. 8/1985 published 1985-05-15

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act for the purpose of re-enacting Part II thereof with modifications and for certain other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 14:08 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Thursday 1985-05-23.

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