

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 6TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1986) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 HRS

ON THURSDAY 1986-03-06

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

Speaker (1)

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

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

Ministers in the Cabinet (10)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Prime Minister

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

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

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

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

Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P., Vice-President, Education and Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister

Other Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

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

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Agriculture

Senior Ministers (4)

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

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

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Transport

*Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade (Absent - on leave)

Other Ministers (11)

Senior Ministers (3)

Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Manpower, Housing and Environment

Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health

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

Ministers (4)

Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of National Mobilisation

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

Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister within the Office of the President

*Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Education

Ministers of State (4)

- *Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Manpower, Housing and Environment
- Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Forestry
- *Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Planning and Development

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the President
- Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Home Affairs
- *Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Education

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (24)

- Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P.
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
- Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
- Cde. Bissoondai Beniprashad-Rayman, M.P.
- Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.
- Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
- Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
- Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.
- Cde. L.R. Arthur, M.P.
- Cde. J.R.L. Bovell-Drakes, M.P.
- Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
- Cde. G.W. Chin, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.
- Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.
- Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
- Cde. Edith Deygoo, M.P.
- Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.
- Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P.
- Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.
- Cde. B. Persaud, M.P.
- Cde. E.W. Trotman, M.P.

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

- Cde. E. Mohamed, M.P.
- Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

- Cde. Nellie R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
- Cde. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
- Cde. Y. Khan, M.F. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
- Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, M.S., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
- Cde. I. Ally, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
- Cde. Patricia A. Daniel, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
- Cde. B.L. Domingo, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
- Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
- Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

*Non-elected Member

Members of the Minority (11)

(i) People's Progressive Party (8)

Minority Leader (1)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (6)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P.
Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P.
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

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

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Mr. E. Kwayana, M.P.

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) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cde. Murray up to 1986-03-08;
- (b) Cde. Williams up to 1986-03-15;
- (c) Cde. Nokta up to the end of March 1986, and
- (d) Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

(ii) Request to move the adjournment of the assembly

The Speaker stated that he had received two written notifications from Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and Mr. Eusi Kwayana seeking leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing the fuel crisis.

As parliamentary opportunities for raising and discussing such a matter would be occurring from later that same day during the 1986 Budget Debate and on subsequent occasions and also during consideration of the 1986 Estimates of Expenditure, the Speaker was precluded from allowing the matter to be raised and discussed on a motion for the adjournment of the Assembly.

(iii) Election Petitions

The Speaker reminded Members that there were two election petitions before the court and that he would not permit remarks to be made on the elections during the debate.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Speaker (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Friday, 28th February, 1986.

(PARL: 5/5^{VIII}) (Circulated)

(2) By the Vice-President, Education and Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister:

(a) Annual Report of the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture for the year 1984.

(ED: 30/2/2) (Circulated)

(b) Annual Report of the Teaching Service Commission for the year 1984.

(Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Finance:

(a) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 1986 (No. 9), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Chapter 1:07, on 14th February, 1986, and published in the Gazette on 22nd February, 1986.

(Circulated)

(b) Annual Report of the Guyana Co-operative Insurance Service for the year 1983.

(ST: 25/2/1/7) (Circulated)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Conservation and Distribution of Energy

The Prime Minister made a statement on the conservation of energy and the arrangements made for the resumption of its normal supply.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1986

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1986.

Cde. Collymore, the Vice-President, National Mobilisation, and Deputy Prime Minister and Cde. M. Ally spoke to the motion.

Cde. Bovell-Drakes was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 16:00 hrs the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

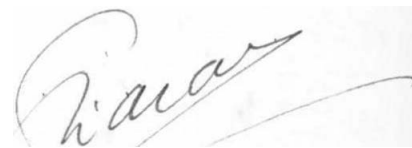
At 16:30 hrs the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Bovell-Drakes concluded his speech.

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, the Vice-President, Education and Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister, the Minister of Transport, Mr. Abraham, the Minister within the Ministry of Education and Cde. Deen spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 19:14 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Manpower, Housing and Environment, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Friday, 1986-03-07.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

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Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

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