

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 7TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1986) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 HRS

ON FRIDAY 1986-03-07

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 - on leave)

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

\*Non-elected Member

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.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomerocn/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)

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. (Absent)  
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

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Parris and Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Manpower, Housing and Environment, on behalf ...  
of the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1986 (No. 12),  
made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act,  
Chapter 80:02, on 28th February, 1986 and published  
in the Gazette on 28th February, 1986.

(Circulated)

- (b) Annual Report of the Inland Revenue Department  
for the year 1984.

(ST: 25/2/1/1<sup>II</sup>)(Circulated)

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. Belgrave, Mr. Kwayana, Cde. Basir and the Deputy Prime Minister, Agriculture, spoke to the motion.

TITLE OF MEMBERS

The Speaker reminded Members that in accordance with Standing Order No. 35(5) Members are to be addressed as "Comrade", or by their "official designation" or as "the Honourable Member Mr. ...." and not "Brother".

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 16:20 hrs the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 16:48 hrs the sitting was resumed.

Cdes. Cumberbatch, Janet Jagan, Minister of Health, Cdes. Geddes and Anna Ally spoke to the motion.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to receive and consider the Report of the Business Sub-Committee concerning the allocation of time for the consideration of the 1986 Estimates of Expenditure by the Committee of Supply.

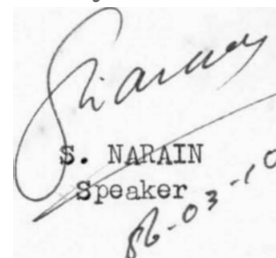
In Committee of Supply

Following a report by the Chairman of the Business Sub-Committee and a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Committee of Supply agreed with the Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee.

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 18:22 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Manpower, Housing and Environment, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Monday 1986-03-10.



S. NARAIN  
Speaker  
86-03-10

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

1986-03-10

1986-03-07

Dear Comrade,

Report of the Business Sub-Committee of the  
Committee of Supply

I have been requested by the Chairman of the Business Sub-Committee of the Committee of Supply (The Speaker of the National Assembly) to forward to you copies of the Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Business Sub-Committee which was held on 6th March, 1986, together with a copy of the Resolution passed by the Sub-Committee dealing with the allocation of time for the consideration of the 1986 Estimates of Expenditure in the Committee of Supply.

2. In accordance with paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 64, the Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee is to be reported to the Committee of Supply at the commencement of its proceedings and, in accordance with paragraph (3) of the said Standing Order, the Minister in charge of the Estimates will, after the Sub-Committee has reported to the Committee of Supply, move "That this Committee doth agree with the Business Sub-Committee in the said Resolution". Such a motion does not require notice and the question thereon when put is to be decided without amendment or debate.

3. If the question is resolved in the affirmative, the resolution shall operate as a resolution of the Assembly, but if negatived, the resolution shall stand recommitted to the Business Sub-Committee.

Yours co-operatively,



F.A. Narain

Clerk of the National Assembly

To: All Members of the  
Committee of Supply  
(i.e., All Members of  
the National Assembly)

BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA - FIRST SESSION (1986)

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Business Sub-Committee of the Committee of Supply held on Thursday, 6th March, 1986, in the Speaker's Chamber, Public Buildings, Georgetown.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman

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

Members from the People's National Congress (8)

Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P.,  
Minister of Manpower, Housing and Environment  
Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P.,  
Minister of Information and the Public Service  
Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Education  
Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P.,  
Government Chief Whip  
Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.  
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.  
Cde. Edith Deygo, M.P.  
Cde. B. Persaud, M.P.

Members from the People's Progressive Party (2)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P.,  
Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly  
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.,  
Minority Chief Whip

Officers

Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly - Secretary  
Cde. M.B. Henry, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

TIME MEETING COMMENCED

The Meeting of the Business Sub-Committee commenced at 16:05 hrs.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the Meeting was to enable the Sub-Committee to consider the allocation of time for consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1986 in the Committee of Supply and the Report to be made to that Committee upon -

- (i) the number of sittings to be allocated to the consideration of the Estimates;
- (ii) the allocation of the proceedings to be taken at each sitting; and
- (iii) the time at which proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

DECISION OF SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee, after considering the above matters, unanimously passed the attached Resolution (with Schedule) and agreed that it should be reported to the Committee of Supply and printed and circulated with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Sub-Committee.

TERMINATION OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Meeting terminated at 16:15 hrs.

S. NARAIN  
Speaker,  
Chairman  
Business Sub-Committee

F.A. NARAIN,  
Clerk of the National Assembly,  
Secretary, Business Sub-Committee.  
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