

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 8TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1986) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 HRS

ON MONDAY 1986-03-10

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

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

Senior Ministers (4)

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

\*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

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### Ministers of State (4)

- \*Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Minister of State within the 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-Mingos, M.P.
- Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
- Cde. Bissocndai 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. Amna 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. Bhagmatae Latchminarayan, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
- Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (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)

\*Non-elected Member

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)

Members of the Minority (11)

(i) People's Progressive Party (8)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. E. 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

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  
Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

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.

The Deputy Speaker and the Prime Minister spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 15:50 hrs the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 16:18 hrs the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1986.

In Committee of Supply

Objection to the format of the Estimates of Expenditure

On a point of order, the Deputy Speaker referred to article 165(1) of the Constitution (Regulation of Procedure) and stated that in terms of Standing Order No. 65(1), the details of the Estimates of Expenditure were inadequate to permit the Committee of Supply to properly consider the Heads of Expenditure. This view was supported by Mr. Kwayana.

The Speaker after listening to remarks by the Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General, ruled that the format of the Estimates of Expenditure was in order.

HEAD 1 -	Office of the President was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 9,416,000
HEAD 2 -	Guyana Defence Force was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	<del>\$22,306,000</del>
HEAD 3 -	Guyana National Service was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$35,175,000
DIVISION 501-	Office of the President was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$14,300,000
HEAD 21 -	Ministry of Home Affairs was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$951,000
HEAD 22	Police was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at...	\$71,327,000
HEAD 23	Prisons was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$6,536,000
HEAD 24 -	Fire Protection Services was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$4,830,000
HEAD 25 -	<del>National</del> Registration Centre was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$3,585,000
HEAD 26 -	General Register Office was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$327,000
DIVISION 507-	Ministry of Home Affairs was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$12,970,000
HEAD 62 -	Ministry of Co-operatives was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$1,558,000
DIVISION 528-	Ministry of Co-operatives was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	85,000
HEAD 63 -	Ministry of Regional Development was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$6,766,000
DIVISION 529-	Ministry of Regional Development was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	60,000

HEAD 64 -	Region 1 - Barima/Waini was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 7,605,000
DIVISION 530-	Region 1 Barima/Waini was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$690,000
HEAD 65 -	Region 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$26,407,000
DIVISION 531-	Region 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$10,190,000
HEAD 66 -	Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$23,174,000
DIVISION 532-	Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$5,300,000
HEAD 67 -	Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$36,604,000
DIVISION 533-	Region 4 Demerara/Mahaica was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$7,150,000
HEAD 68 -	Region 5 Mahaica/Berbice was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$14,263,000
DIVISION 534-	Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$6,900,000
HEAD 69 -	Region 6 East Berbice/Corentyne was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$39,414,000
DIVISION 535-	Region 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$7,255,000
HEAD 70 -	Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$5,139,000
DIVISION 536-	Region <del>7</del> - <del>Cuyuni/Mazaruni</del> was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$1,650,000
HEAD 71 -	Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$4,000,000
DIVISION 537-	Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$490,000
HEAD 72 -	Region 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$5,372,000
DIVISION 538-	Region 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$493,000
HEAD 73 -	Region 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$6,352,000
DIVISION 539-	Region 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$2,000,000
DIVISION 517-	Guyana Water Authority was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$6,200,000
HEAD 12	Public Service and Police Service Commissions was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$881,000

HEAD 4	Office of the Prime Minister was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$2,354,000
DIVISION 502-	Office of the Prime Minister was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$1,000,000
HEAD 38	- Ministry of Works was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$15,153,000
DIVISION 518-	Ministry of Works was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$14,050,000
HEAD 39	- Plant Maintenance and Hire Division was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$5,927,000
DIVISION 519-	Plant Maintenance and Hire Division was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$1,115,000
HEAD 11	- Office of the Ombudsman was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	95,000
HEAD 14	- Public Prosecutions was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$619,000
HEAD 15	- Supreme Court of Judicature was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$2,561,000
HEAD 16	Magistrates was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$2,435,000
HEAD 17	Attorney General was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$2,521,000
HEAD 18	- Official Receiver was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 436,000
HEAD 19	- Deeds Registry was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 723,000
HEAD 5	Ministry of National Development was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$9,739,000
HEAD 13	- Teaching Service Commission was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 552,000
HEAD 42	Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$43,157,000
HEAD 43	Culture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 2,370,000
HEAD 44	Nursery Schools was corrected as follows:- (i) "600" was substituted for "500" under the column BUDGET 1986, against sub-head 301 Expenses Specific to the Agency,  (ii) "3,476" was substituted for "3,376" under the column BUDGET 1986, against TOTAL APPROPRIATION EXPENSES TO BE VOTED.	
	The Head was then <u>passed</u> as <u>corrected</u> at	\$3,476,000
HEAD 45	Primary Schools was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$10,524,000
HEAD 46	Secondary/ Multilateral and Community High School was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$13,504,000

HEAD 47	Technical and Vocational Schools was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$2,938,000
HEAD 48	- Practical Instruction Centers was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 875,000
HEAD 49	Teacher Training Institutions was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$2,333,000
HEAD 50	- Probation and Welfare Services was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 540,000
HEAD 51	- Resource Centre was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$1,196,000
DIVISION 513	- University of Guyana - Global Manpower was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$6,950,000
DIVISION 522	- Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$13,620,000
HEAD 33	- Ministry of Energy and Mines was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$1,716,000
DIVISION 515	- Ministry of Energy and Mines was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ,, , ... ..	\$10,362,000
HEAD 58	Statistical Bureau was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$12,268,000
DIVISION 540	Ministry of Planning and Development was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at...	\$7,060,000
HE 27	- Ministry of Agriculture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$3,251,000
HEAD 28	Crops and Livestock Division was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$10,841,000
HEAD 29	- Lands and Surveys Division was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$2,697,000
HEAD 30	- Hydraulics Division was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$916,000
HEAD 31	Fisheries Division was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$365,000
HEAD 32	Ministry of Forestry was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$267,000
DIVISION 508	Ministry of Agriculture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$35,711,000
DIVISION 509	- Ministry of Agriculture- MMA-Contracts I and II was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$26,102,000
DIVISION 510	- Ministry of Agriculture- MMA- Contract III was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$71,169,000
DIVISION 512	- Ministry of Agriculture Artesinal Fishery was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$25,618,000
HEAD 20	Ministry of Foreign Affairs was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$22,227,000

DIVISION 506	- Ministry of Foreign Affairs was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	500,000
HEAD 10	- Office of the Auditor General was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 2,806,000
HEAD 54	Ministry of Finance was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$11,843,000
HEAD 55	Accountant General was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$22,937,000
HEAD 56	Customs and Excise was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 5,830,000
HEAD 57	Inland Revenue was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$15,750,000
HEAD 74	Public Debt was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	61,000
DIVISION 526	- Ministry of Finance was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$379,411,000
HEAD 40	- Ministry of Transport was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	2,190,000
HEAD 41	- Civil Aviation was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 4,817,000
DIVISION 520	- Ministry of Transport was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 6,900,000
HEAD 60	- Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$6,767,000
DIVISION 527	- Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$105,000
HEAD 9	Parliament Office was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$392,000
HEAD 52	Ministry of Manpower was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$17,588,000
HEAD 53	Ministry of Housing was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$4,129,000
HEAD 34	Ministry of Health and Public Welfare was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$4,956,000
HEAD 35	National and Regional Hospitals was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$36,318,000
HEAD 36	Other Health Programmes was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$18,951,000
HEAD 37	Civil Defence Commission was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$128,000
DIVISION 516	- Ministry of Health and Public Welfare was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$2,713,000
HEAD 6	Public Service Ministry was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$5,100,000



DIVISION 503	- Public Service Ministry was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$16,245,000
<b>HEAD 7</b>	Ministry of Information was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$4,247,000
DIVISION 504	- Ministry of Information was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$300,000

Assembly Resumed.

The Minister of Finance reported to the Assembly that the Committee of Supply had approved of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1986.

The motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial Year 1986 was put and carried.

Thanks to Members

The Speaker thanked Members for their assistance and co-operation which had enabled the general debate and consideration of the Estimates to be completed in a short time.

He congratulated Members on their contributions especially the new Members who had made their maiden speeches.

Finally, he thanked Mr. Kwayana for keeping alive the work in the Committee of Supply.

ADJOURNMENT

At 19:30 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Manpower, Housing and Environment, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Monday 1986-03-17.

*S. Narain*  
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Speaker  
86-03-14

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