

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 9TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1986) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 HRS

ON MONDAY 1986-03-17

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 (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent)

* 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.
 Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P.
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
 Cde. M. Ally, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Bissoondai Beniprashad-Rayman, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 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. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. L.R. Arthur, M.P.
 Cde. J.R.L. Bovell-Drakes, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
 Cde. G.W. Chin, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. M.I. Deen, M.F.
 Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
 Cde. Edith Deygoo, M.P.
 Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.
 Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.F.
 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) (Absent - on leave)
 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 - 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) (Absent)
 Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
 Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent - on leave)

*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. Recpu 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. (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. (Absent - on leave)

(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:

- (a) Cde. Corbin for that day's sitting;
- (b) Cde. Murray from 13th to 21st March, 1986;
- (c) Cde. Thomas from that sitting to 28th March, 1986;
- (d) Cde. Beniprashad-Rayman for two months from 13th March, 1986;
- (e) Cde. Charles from 17th to 21st March, 1986 and
- (f) Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

MCTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED
BY A MINISTER

Suspension of Standing Orders Nos. 46(3) and 23(3)

With the leave of the Speaker and on a motion by the Minister of Information and the Public Service -

- (i) Standing Order No. 46(3) was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at that sitting with the second and third readings of the Appropriation Bill 1986.
(Bill No. 6/1986 published on 1986-03-15); and
- (ii) Standing Order No. 23(3) was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at that sitting with the motion by Mr. Kwayana which was published on 1986-03-10 on Notice Paper No. 21.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

APPROPRIATION BILL 1986 - Bill No. 6/1986 published 1986-03-15

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

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1986, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 APPROPRIATION BILL 1986 - Bill No. 6/1986 published 1986-03-15

On motions by the Minister of Finance, the following Bill was read a second and the third time and passed as printed:

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1986, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

ITEM 2 INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 3/1986 published 1986-03-03

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Income Tax Act.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion: ^{to}

The motion was put and carried.

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

MOTION ASSASSINATION OF PRIME MINISTER OF SWEDEN

ITEM 3 Mr. Kwayana moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep grief at the assassination of the late Prime Minister of Sweden, Olaf Palme, and hails him as a tried and tested soldier of Peace, a democratic statesman, friend of the oppressed and campaigner in Europe in defence of the interests of developing countries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this Assembly expresses its deep appreciation at the promise of the new Prime Minister of Sweden to continue the policies of his predecessor in relation to the developing countries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this Assembly requests that the Honourable Speaker convey these expressions to the Swedish Parliament.

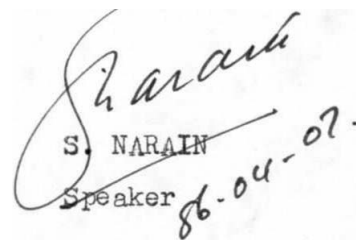
Cde. J. Jagan seconded and spoke to the motion.

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried with Members standing in silence.

ADJOURNMENT

At 14:35 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Information and the Public Service, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


S. NARAIN
Speaker 86-04-07.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

1986-04-07