

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 5TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND  
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH 1990

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

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 (62)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-President and Deputy Prime Minister (1)

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

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

- + \* Cde. K.S. Massiah, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

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, Public Utilities

Senior Ministers (10)

- + Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs
- + \* Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance
- + Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Senior Minister in the Ministry of Planning & Development
- + Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade and Tourism
- + Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Regional Development
- Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of the President
- \* Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)
- \* Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education
- \* Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works
- \* Cde. Dr. N.E. Blackman, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

Ministers (8)

Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Regional Development  
Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister of Labour and Co-operatives  
Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Utilities (Absent)  
Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture  
Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister  
Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of the Public Service  
Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs  
Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Culture & Social Development

+ Cabinet Member

\* Non-elected Member

Parliamentary Secretary (1)

- \* Cde. L.E. Scotland, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister

Government Chief Whip (1)

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

Other Members (25)

Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P.  
 Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.  
 Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P.  
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.  
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.  
 Cde. M. Ally, 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. N. Calistro, M.P.  
 Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.  
 Cde. Cyrillda 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, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P.  
 Cde. E.L. Fraser, M.P.  
 Cde. Mignon D. Griffith, M.P.  
 Cde. P.E. Rockcliffe, M.P.

(There is one Vacancy)

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

Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P.  
 Cde. P. Singh, J.P., 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. C. Vandenburg, M.P., (Region No. 10 - ~~Upper Demerara/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 Dem.)  
 Cde. I. Ally, M.P., (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)  
 Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P., (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)  
 Cde. M. Stephens, M.P., (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)  
 Cde. M. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)  
 Cde. D. Fernandes, M.P., (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Members of the Minority (11)

- (i) People's Progressive Party (8)

Minority Leader (1)

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

\* Non-elected Member

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.  
 Cde. I. Basir, M.P.  
 Cde. G.C. Belgrave, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. M.A. Abraham, A.A., 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. G.E.F. Moses, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave has been granted to Cde. Parris for that day's sitting.

(ii) Broadcast of Budget

The Speaker informed Members that, in accordance with the usual practice, he has given permission to the Guyana Broadcasting Corporation to broadcast live the Budget Presentation by the Minister of Finance at that sitting.

The Corporation had also been given permission to record for subsequent broadcasts speeches which would be made by other members of the Assembly at other sittings during the budget debate. Such subsequent broadcasts would, however, have to be made in accordance with the approved practice, that is, the time used for the broadcast of speeches would have to be allotted to the Members of the Assembly in proportion to the party representation in the Assembly.

(iii) Public Address System and Visual Production

The Speaker said that permission had also been given for the installation as usual of a public address system for the Budget presentation and for the Visual Production Centre to be represented to cover the proceedings.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS(1) By the Speaker (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

Minutes of the First Meeting of the  
Committee of Selection held on Friday,  
23rd March, 1990.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Finance:

Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure  
of Guyana for the year ended 31st December, 1990.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY ANDMOVED BY A MINISTERSuspension of Standing Orders Nos 9(2) and 32(9) (a)

The Minister of Regional Development moved the following  
motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Orders Nos. 9(2) and 32(9) (a) be suspended  
to enable the Minister of Finance to complete uninterrupted the reading of  
the Budget Speech for 1990, at the sitting of the Assembly on Wednesday,  
28th March, 1990.

(Notice Paper No. 34 (M 18 Govt 7) published 1990-03-23)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government,  
presented the following Bills which were read the first time:

(1) CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 9/1990

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Customs Act.

(2) INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 10/1990

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

(3) WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 11/1990

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Weights and Measures Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONAPPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1990

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the  
Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the motion  
for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1990. (See Appendix).

The Minister read the Budget Speech.

After the motion was proposed, the Minister of Finance named Monday, 2nd April, 1990 as the day for the resumption of the debate on the Motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:40 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2:00 p.m. on Monday 2nd April, 1990.

S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

1990-03-30

APPENDIX

Minutes of 5th Sitting

held on 20th November, 1990

MOTION BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

WHEREAS the Constitution of Guyana requires that estimates of the revenues and expenditure of Guyana for any financial year should be laid before the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution also provides that when the estimates of expenditure have been approved by the Assembly an Appropriation Bill shall be introduced in the Assembly providing for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet that expenditure;

AND WHEREAS estimates of revenues and expenditure of Guyana for the financial year 1990 have been prepared and laid before the Assembly on 1990-03-28;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1990, of a total sum of sixty eight hundred and forty eight million, six hundred and seventy two thousand dollars (6,848,672,000), net of appropriation-in-aid and excluding thirty four hundred and fifty two million, six hundred and fifty one thousand dollars (\$3,452,651,000) which is chargeable by law, as detailed therein and summarized in the undermentioned schedule, and agree that it is expedient to amend the law and to make further provision in respect of finance.

Carl B. Greenidge  
Minister of Finance

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

1990-03-28

SCHEDULE

G\$'000

Division Number in Capital Estimates	Head Number in Current Estimates		Net Sum Granted		Appropriation in Aid
			Capital \$	Current \$	
	1	Office of the President		94,703	
	2	Guyana Defence Force		156,765	
	3	Guyana National Service		45,000	
501		Office of the President	33,551		
	4	Office of the Prime Minister		41,042	
502		Office of the Prime Minister	3,500		
	6	Public Service Ministry		135,395	
503		Public Service Ministry	1,050		
	8	Parliament Office		996	
	9	Office of the Auditor General		7,500	
505		Constitutional Agencies - Office of the Auditor General	400		
	10	Office of the Ombudsman		173	
	11	Public and Police Service Commissions		1,786	
	12	Teaching Service Commission		940	
	13	Public Prosecutions		828	
	14	Public Service Appellate Tribunal		448	
513		Public Service Appellate Tribunal	-		
	15	Ministry of Legal Affairs		268	
514		Ministry of Legal Affairs	-		
	16	Supreme Court of Judicature		6,193	
	17	Magistrates		5,342	
	18	Attorney General		4,092	
	19	Official Receiver		739	
	20	Deeds Registry		1,332	
	21	Ministry of Foreign Affairs		260,977	
506		Ministry of Foreign Affairs	500		
	22	Ministry of Home Affairs		4,317	
	23	Ministry of Home Affairs - Police		142,336	
	24	Prisons		18,504	
	25	Police Complaints Authority		288	
	26	Fire Protection Service		11,230	

Division Number in Capital Estimates	Head Number in Current Estimates		G\$'000		Appropriation in Aid
			Net Capital \$	Sum Granted Current \$	
541	56	Ministry of Housing	165		2,657
		Ministry of Housing	12,260		
	57	Ministry of Finance			9990,827
	58	Accountant General Department			56,435
	59	Customs and Excise Department			19,855
	60	Inland Revenue Department			40,731
526		Ministry of Finance	11,976,365		
527		Ministry of Finance Human Resource Development Programme	81,000		
525	61	Statistical Bureau			3,888
	62	Ministry of Planning and Development			38,892
		Ministry of Planning and Development	67,300		
	63	Ministry of Trade and Tourism	500		331,225
	64	Ministry of Trade	500		4,566
	64	Ministry of Co-operatives			
530	65	Ministry of Co-operatives Ministry of Regional Development			17,890
		Ministry of Regional Development	7,700		
	66	Region 1 - Barima/Waini - Administration			13,905
	67	Region 1 - Barima/Waini - Agriculture			4,503
	68	Region 1 - Barima/Waini - Education			6,298
	69	Region 1 - Barima/Waini - Health			3,164
	70	Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam-Administration	1,950		13,945
	71	Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam - Agriculture			8,189
	72	Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam - Education			14,828
	73	Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam - Health			18,768
532		Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam	7,258		
	74	Region 3 - Essequibo Is/ West Dem - Administration			5,244
	75	Region 3 - Essequibo Is/ West Dem - Agriculture			12,716
	76	Region 3 - Essequibo Is/ West Dem - Education			27,216

G\$'000

Division Number in Capital Estimates	Head Number in Current Estimates		Net Sum Granted		Appropriation in Aid
			Capital \$	Current \$	
533	77	Region 3 - Essequibo Is/ West Dem. - Health		14,565	
		Region 3 - Essequibo Is/ West Dem.	63,885		
	78	Region 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Administration		11,394	
	79	Region 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Agriculture		8,448	
	80	Region 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Education		30,674	
534	81	Region 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Health		12,973	
		Region 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica	2,585		
	82	Region 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice - Administration		5,741	
	83	Region 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice - Agriculture		2,213	
	84	Region 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice - Education		15,006	
535	85	Region 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice - Health		7,106	
		Region 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice	3,380		
	86	Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Administration		11,179	
	87	Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Agriculture		12,986	
	88	Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Education		32,926	
536	89	Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Health		36,924	
		Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne -	7,130		
	90	Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni - Administration		4,989	
	91	Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni - Agriculture		1,713	
	92	Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni - Education		5,008	
537	93	Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni - Health		5,251	
		Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni	1,980		
	94	Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni - Administration		5,292	
	95	Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni - Agriculture		1,656	
	96	Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni - Education		3,438	
538	97	Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni - Health		1,099	
		Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni	450		



G\$'000

Division Number in Capital Estimates	Head Number in Current Estimates	Net Sum Granted		Appropriation in Aid
		Capital \$	Current \$	

	98	Region 9 -- Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo -- Administration		5,545	
	99	Region 9 -- Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo -- Agriculture		1,770	
	100	Region 9 -- Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo -- Education		5,748	
	101	Region 9 -- Upper Essequibo -- Health		3,033	
539		Region 9 -- Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo	2,140		
	102	Region 10 -- Dem./ Berbice -- Administration		6,061	
	103	Region 10 -- Upper Dem./ Berbice -- Agriculture		1,887	
	104	Region 10 -- Upper Dem./ Berbice -- Education		14,365	
	105	Region 10 -- Health		2,203	
540		Region 10 -- Upper Dem./ Berbice	3,210		
	106	Public Debt		224	
		TOTAL	3,672,577	3,176,095	2,999

Net Sum Granted -- \$6,848,672