

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 9TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY 5TH APRIL, 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 (Absent)

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 (Absent on leave)

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 (Absent)

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 (Absent - on leave)
+ Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade and Tourism (Absent)
+ 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
* Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education
* Cde. J.R. Kraenenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works
* Cde. Dr. N.E. Blackman, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

Ministers (8)

- Cde. Urmie 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
* Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture (Absent)
Cde. J.T. Kisseon, 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. Parsico, 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. Ferreird, 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. (Absent)
 Cde. N. Calistro, 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. (Absent)
 Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.
 Cde. B. Persaud, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. E.L. Fraser, M.P.
 Cde. Mignon D. Griffith, M.P.
 Cde. P.E. Rockliffe, 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 D-
 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 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)(1) People's Progressive Party (8)Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader

* Non-elected Member

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persuad, 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. C.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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Accidental Death of Sister of Cde. Monica Jordan

The Speaker informed Members of the accidental death of Cde. Tesen Monica Jordan, Accountant, Parliament Office and extended on behalf of Members deepest sympathy to Cde. Jordan.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker that announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cdes. Massiah, Parris and Prashad for that day's sitting and
- (b) Cde. Ombi-Ali from 6th to 16th April, 1990.

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

MOTION

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1990

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1990.

HEAD 63	MINISTRY OF TRADE AND TOURISM was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$31,225,000
DIVISION 528	MINISTRY OF TRADE AND TOURISM was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	500,000
HEAD 8	PARLIAMENT OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	996,000
HEAD 65	MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	17,890,000
DIVISION 530	MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	700,000
HEAD 66	REGION 1 - BARIMA/WAINI ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	13,905,000
HEAD 67	REGION 1 BARIMA/WAINI - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	4,503,000
HEAD 68	REGION 1 BARIMA/WAINI - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	6,298,000
HEAD 69	REGION 1 BARIMA/WAINI - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	3,164,000
DIVISION 531	REGION 1 BARIMA/WAINI was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	1,950,000
HEAD 70	REGION 2 POMERON/SUPENAAM - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	13,945,000
HEAD 71	REGION 2 POMERON/SUPENAAM - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	8,189,000
HEAD 72	REGION 2 POMERON/SUPENAAM - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	14,828,000
HEAD 73	REGION 2 POMERON/SUPENAAM - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	10,768,000
DIVISION 532	REGION 2 POMERON/SUPENAAM was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	7,250,000
HEAD 74	REGION 3 ESSEQUIBO IS/WEST DEM. ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	5,244,000
HEAD 75	REGION 3 ESSEQUIBO IS/WEST DEM - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	12,716,000
HEAD 76	REGION 3 ESSEQUIBO IS/WEST DEM - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	27,264,000
HEAD 77	REGION 3 ESSEQUIBO IS/WEST DEM. - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	14,575,000
DIVISION 533	REGION 3 ESSEQUIBO IS/WEST DEM. was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	63,855,000
HEAD 78		8,440,000

HEAD 80	REGION 4 DEMERARA/MAHAICA - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	30,674,000
HEAD 81	REGION 4 DEMERARA/MAHAICA - HEALTH was passed as printed at	12,973,000
DIVISION 534	REGION 4 DEMERARA/MAHAICA was passed as printed at	2,585,000
HEAD 82	REGION 5 MAHAICA/BERBICE - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	5,741,000
HEAD 83	REGION 5 MAHAICA/BERBICE - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	2,213,000
HEAD 84	REGION 5 MAHAICA/BERBICE - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	15,006,000
HEAD 85	REGION 5 MAHAICA/BERBICE - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	7,106,000
DIVISION 535	REGION 5 MAHAICA/BERBICE	3,380,000
HEAD 86	REGION 6 EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE - ADMINISTRATION was passed as <u>printed</u> at	11,179,000
HEAD 87	REGION 6 EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	12,986,000
HEAD 88	REGION 6 EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE - EDUCATION was passed as printed at	32,296,000
HEAD 89	REGION 6 EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as printed at	36,924,000
DIVISION 536	REGION 6 EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	7,130,000
HEAD 90	REGION 7 CUYUNI/HAZARUNI - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	4,989,000
HEAD 91	REGION 7 CUYUNI/HAZARUNI - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	1,713,000
HEAD 92	REGION 7 CUYUNI/HAZARUNI - EDUCATION	5,008,000
HEAD 93	REGION 7 CUYUNI/HAZARUNI - HEALTH was passed as printed at	5,251,000
DIVISION 537	was passed as printed at	1,980,000
HEAD 94	REGION 8 POTARO/SIPARUNI - ADMINISTRATION was passed as printed at	5,292,000
HEAD 95	REGION 8 POTARO/SIPARUNI - AGRICULTURE	1,056,000

HEAD 96	REGION 8 POTARO/SIPARUNI - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	3,438,000
HEAD 97	REGION 8. POTARO/SIPARUNI - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	1,099,000
DIVISION 538	REGION 8 - POTARO/SIPARUNI was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	450,000
HEAD 98	REGION 9 - UPPER TAKATU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	5,545,000
HEAD 99	REGION 9 - UPPER TAKATU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	1,770,000
HEAD 100	REGION 9 - UPPER TAKATU/ UPPER ESSEQUIBO - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	5,748,000
HEAD 101	REGION 9 - UPPER TAKATU/ UPPER ESSEQUIBO - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	3,033,000
DIVISION 539	REGION 9 - UPPER TAKATU/ UPPER ESSEQUIBO was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	
HEAD 102	REGION 10 - UPPER DEM./BERBICE - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	6,061,000
HEAD 103	REGION 10 - UPPER DEM./BERBICE - AGRICULTURE	1,887,000
HEAD 104	REGION 10 - UPPER DEM./BERBICE - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	14,365,000
HEAD 105	REGION 10 - UPPER DEM./BERBICE - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	2,203,000
DIVISION 540	REGION 10 - UPPER DEM./BERBICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	3,210,000

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.47 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 22	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	4,317,000
HEAD 23	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	142,336,000
HEAD 24	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	18,504,000
HEAD 25	POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	288,000
HEAD 26	FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	11,230,000
HEAD 27	NATIONAL REGISTRATION CENTRE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	4,193,000
HEAD 28	GENERAL REGISTRAR OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	2,429,000
DIVISION 507	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	18,700,000
HEAD 44	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	105,317,000
HEAD 45	NURSERY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	6,252,000
HEAD 46	PRIMARY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	20,141,000
HEAD 47	SECONDARY/MULTILATERAL & COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	25,414,000
HEAD 48	TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL	7,411,000
HEAD 49	PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	1,560,000
HEAD 50	TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	8,438,000
HEAD 51	CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE DIVISION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	1,399,000
HEAD 52	RESOURCE CENTRE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	7,521,000
DIVISION 522	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	41,575,000

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 6th April, 1990.

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S. NARAIN
Speaker

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