

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 11TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD.
AT 2.00 P.M.
18TH 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)

- + 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 (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)
- + Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Utilities (Absent - on leave)

Senior Ministers (10)

- + Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent - on leave)
- +* 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 (Absent - on leave)
- + 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 (Absent)
- * Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works
- * Cde. Dr. N.E. Blackman, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health (Absent)

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 (Absent)
- + Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Utilities
- * 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. (Absent)
 Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Amna Ally, M.P.
 Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.
 Cde. Cyrylda 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. 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) (Absent)
 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) (Absent)
 Cde. M. Stephens, M.P., (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)
 Cde. M. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
 Cde. D. Fernandes, M.P., (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini) (Absent)

Members of the Minority (11)(1) 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. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

(i) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Absent)
Mr. M.A. Abraham, A.A., M.P. (Absent)

(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.R.F. Moses, 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 Cdes. Massiah, Murray, Corbin, and Jackson.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Deputy Prime Minister, Public Utilities:

- (i) Private Letter Bags (Amendment) Regulations 1989, (NO. 2), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01, on 31st March, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 22nd April, 1989.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Private Letter Boxes (Amendment) Regulations 1989, (No. 3), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01, on 31st March, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 22nd April, 1989.

(Circulated)

- (iii) Parcel Post (Amendment) Regulations 1989, (NO. 4), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01, on 31st March, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 22nd April, 1989.

(Circulated)

- (iv) Air Mail Postage Rates (Amendment) Order 1989, (NO.6), made under section 15 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01, on 28th February, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 22nd April, 1989.

(Circulated)

- (v) Parcel Post (Inland) (Surface Mail and Air Rates) (Amendment) Order 1989, (No. 7), made under section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01, on 31st March, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 22nd April, 1989.

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- (vi) Parcel Post (Surface Mail and Air Rates (Amendment) Order 1989 (No.8), made under section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 28th February, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 22nd April, 1989.

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- (vii) Rates of Postage (Surface Mail and fees for Service) (Amendment) Order 1989 (No. 9), made under section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 28th February, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 22nd April, 1989.

(Circulated)

- (viii) Rates of Postage (Inland) (Air Rates) (Amendment) Order 1989 (No. 10), made under section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 31st March, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 22nd April, 1989.

(Circulated)

- (ix) Postal Stationery (Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (No. 13), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 25th April, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 10th June, 1989.

(Circulated)

- (x) Telegraph Money Orders (Inland) (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (No. 14), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 25th April, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 10th June, 1989.

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- (xi) Telegraph (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (No. 15), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 25th April, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 10th June, 1989.

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- (xii) Inland Postal Order (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (No. 15), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 25th April, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 10th June, 1989.

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- (xiii) Business Reply Service (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (No. 17), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 25th April, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 10th June, 1989.

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- (xiv) Cash on Delivery (Inland Parcels Post) (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (No. 34), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 8th August, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 19th August, 1989.

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- (xv) Cash on Delivery (Overseas Parcels Post) (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (No. 35), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 8th August, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 19th August, 1989.

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- (xvi) British Postal Order (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (No. 36), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 8th August, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 19th August, 1989.

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- (xviii) Insured Boxes (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (No. 38), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 8th August, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 19th August, 1989.

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- (xix) Post and Telegraph (Late Fee) (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (No. 39), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01 on 8th August, 1989 and published in the Gazette on 19th August, 1989.

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- (xx) Payment of Customs charges by Sender (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (No. 40), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Cap. 47:01, on 8th August, 1989, and published in the Gazette on 19th August, 1989.

(Circulated)

2. By the Minister of Regional Development:

State Paper on Local Government
Elections (April, 1990).

(Circulated)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERSLocal Government Elections

The Minister of Regional Development made reference to the State Paper on Local Government Elections which was laid at that sitting and indicated that he would submit a motion to initiate a debate on the subject.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONS

ANNULMENT OF NATIONAL REGISTRATION (RESIDENTS) (REVISION OF REGISTERS)
REGULATIONS 1990

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Registration (Residents) (Revision of Registers) Regulations 1990 made under section 19 of the National Registration Act (Cap. 19:08) by the Minister of Home Affairs on 10th January, 1990 and laid in the National Assembly on 19th March, 1990, be annulled,

(Notice Paper No. 36 (M19 Opp 12) published 1990-04-09)

Cde. Basir seconded the motion.

The Minister of Home Affairs, and Cde. Collymore spoke to the motion.

Mr. Kwayana replied.

The Prime Minister concluded the debate.

Thereafter the motion was put and negative on the following division:

FOR

Cde. Belgrave
Cde. Basir
Cde. Nokta
Cde. S.F. Mohamed
Cde. Collymore
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud
Cde. J. Jagan
Cde. C. Jagan.

AGAINST

Cde. Fernandes
Cde. Ajoodhia
Cde. Stephens
Cde. McGarrell
Cde. I. Ally
Cde. Abrahams
Cde. Khan
Cde. Vandenburg
Cde. Bishop
Cde. Charles
Cde. P. Singh
Cde. Rockcliffe
Cde. Semple
Cde. Griffith
Cde. Fraser
Cde. Sankar
Cde. B. Persaud
Cde. Marshall
Cde. Geddes
Cde. Edwards
Cde. Deygoo
Cde. DeJaus
Cde. Dean
Cde. Cumberbatch

AGAINST

Cde. Calistro
 Cde. A. Ally
 Cde. Melville
 Cde. Munroe
 Cde. Doobay
 Cde. Davidson
 Cde. M. Ally
 Cde. Gill-Mingo
 Cde. Fowler
 Cde. Habibulla
 Cde. Rayman
 Cde. Bancroft
 Cde. Ferreira
 Cde. Parsico
 Cde. Odie-Ali
 Cde. Harding
 Cde. Kissoon
 Cde. Sawh
 Cde. Sharma
 Cde. Johnson
 Cde. Harwood-Benn
 Cde. Thomas
 Cde. Murray
 Cde. Prashad
 Cde. Jackson
 Cde. Corbin
 Cde. Parris
 Cde. Green

TOTAL

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ADJOURNMENT

At 3.35 p.m., on motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


 S. NARAIN
 Speaker 91-08-26

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
 Public Buildings,
 Georgetown.