

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ON THE 13TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 4TH MAY, 1990

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)

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 (9)

- + Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent - on leave)
- +* Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent)
- + 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)
- + 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

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
- * 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 (Absent)
- Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of the Public Service (Absent - on leave)
- 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. Habibula, 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. (Absent)
Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
Cde. Amna Ally, M.P.
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. 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 Island/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)

Members of the Minority (11)

(i) 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 Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (6)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P. (Absent)
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. (Absent)

(ii) 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.E.F. Moses, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Resignation of Dr. N.E. Blackman

The Speaker announced that he had been informed that Cde. Dr. Noel E. Blackman had resigned as a Minister of the Government with effect from 1st May, 1990 and as Cde. Dr. Blackman who was not an elected Member of the National Assembly he ceased to be a Member of the National Assembly with his resignation as a Minister.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:-

- (a) Cdes. Parris and Geddes for that day's sitting,
- (b) Cde. Jackson for three weeks from that day's sitting, and
- (c) Cde. Dr. Harding up to 19th May, 1990.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

STATE PAPER ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Minister of Regional Development moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in the State Paper on Local Government Elections which was laid in the National Assembly on 18th April, 1990.

(Notice Paper No. 37 (M20 Govt 8) published 1990-04-18)

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

| <u>FOR</u> | <u>AGAINST</u> | <u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u> |
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| Cde. Fernandes | | Mr. Kwayana |
| Cde. Ajoodhia | | Cde. Basir |
| Cde. I. Ally | | Cde. S.F. Mohamed |
| Cde. Abrahams | | Cde. Collymore |
| Cde. Khan | | Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud |
| Cde. Vandenburg | | |
| Cde. Bishop | | |
| Cde. P. Singh | | |
| Cde. Semple | | |
| Cde. Rockcliffe | | |
| Cde. Griffith | | |
| Cde. Fraser | | |
| Cde. B. Persaud | | |
| Cde. Marshall | | |
| Cde. Edwards | | |
| Cde. Deygoo | | |
| Cde. DeJesus | | |
| Cde. Deen | | |
| Cde. Cumberbatch | | |
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| Cde. Bancroft | | |
| Cde. Ferreira | | |
| Cde. Persico | | |
| Cde. Odie-Ali | | |
| Cde. Sawh | | |
| Cde. Sharma | | |
| Cde. Harewood-Benn | | |
| Cde. Thomas | | |
| Cde. Prashad | | |
| Cde. Corbin | | |
| Cde. Burnham | | |
| Cde. Green | | |
| Total: <u>41</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5</u> |

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.27 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Wednesday, 9th May, 1990.

S. NARAIN
SPEAKER

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
GEORGETOWN.