

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 22ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND  
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

ON THURSDAY, 5TH JULY, 1990

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 973)

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)
- + 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)
- +\* 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
- \* Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent - on leave)
- \* Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works

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-on leave)
- 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 (Absent - on leave)

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. (Absent)  
 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. (Absent)  
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P. (Absent)  
 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. 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. (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) (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-on 1  
 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.  
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. (Absent)  
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. (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

Leave: The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Bernard, Kissoon, Faith Harding, Scotland and Stephens for that sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister of Regional Development on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs:  
Annual Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 1989.  
(FA: 1/42/1) (Circulated)
- (2) By the Minister of Regional Development on behalf of the Minister of Education:  
Annual Report of the Ministry of Education for the year 1989.  
(ED: 30/2/2) (Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Reading

ITEM 1. GENERAL ELECTIONS (OBSERVERS) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 20/1990 published 1990-06-01

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act empowering the President of Guyana to invite observers at general elections and for matters connected therewith.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Kwayana, and Cde. Collymore spoke to the motion.

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs was replying when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

#### SUSPENSION OF SITTING

The sitting was suspended at 4.00 p.m. for refreshments.

#### RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs concluded his reply.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

#### IN COMMITTEE

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clause 3. The Deputy Speaker moved the following amendment.

Addition of the following as subsection (3):

"(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), it shall be lawful for any person from outside of Guyana, at the invitation of the Minority Leader or anyone or more of the Parties contesting the election, to attend and observe the conduct of registration and election and such person shall enjoy similar rights, privileges and immunities as any person invited pursuant to subsection (1)".

The amendment was put and negatived on the following division:

#### FOR

Mr. Kwayana  
Cde. Belgrave  
Cde. S.F. Mohamed  
Cde. Reepu Daman  
Persaud

#### AGAINST

Cde. Fernandes  
Cde. Ajoodhia  
Cde. I. Ally  
Cde. Abrahams  
Cde. Bishop  
Cde. Charles  
Cde. P. Singh  
Cde. Semple  
Cde. Rockcliffe  
Cde. Griffith  
Cde. Fraser  
Cde. B. Persaud  
Cde. Marshall  
Cde. Edwards  
Cde. DeJesus  
Cde. Deen  
Cde. Calistro  
Cde. A. Ally  
Cde. Melville  
Cde. Munroe  
Cde. M. Ally  
Cde. Gill-Mingo  
Cde. Fowler  
Cde. Habibulla  
Cde. Bancroft  
Cde. Ferreira

B/F

FORAGAINST

Cde. Sawh  
 Cde. Johnson  
 Cde. Harewood-Benn  
 Cde. Thomas  
 Cde. Murray  
 Cde. Corbin  
 Cde. Burnham

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Clause 3 was then passed as printed.

Clauses 4 to 6 were passed as printed.

Clause 7 The following amendment by the Deputy Speaker was put and negatived.

Deletion of clause 7.

Clause 7 was then passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

In Assembly

On a motion by the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, the Bill was read the third time and passed as printed.

2. BANKING LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 22/1990  
published 1990-06-22

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Banking Act, the Bank of Guyana Act and the Minimum Holdings of Liquid Assets by Banks (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989.

Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Finance replied. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

S. NARAIN  
 SPEAKER

PARLIAMENT OFFICE  
 Public Buildings,  
 Georgetown.

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