

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ON THE 34TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND  
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2:00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, 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 (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, C.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Absent on leave)

Other Deputy Prime Minister (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 on leave)

Senior Ministers (9)

- + 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 /of
- + 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
- n\* 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. ~~Krumholz~~ M.P., Minister of Communications and Works

Ministers (8)

- Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Regional Development (Absent)
- + 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 (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 (Absent)
- 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)

Government Chief Whip (1)

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

Other Members (25)

Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P. (Absent)

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. (Absent)

Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.

Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.

Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. Amma Ally, M.P.

Cde. N. Cumberbatch, M.P.

Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.

Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.

Cde. Edith Deygo, 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 on leave)

Cde. E.L. Fraser, M.P.

Cde. Mignon D. Griffith, M.P.

Cde. P. E. Rockcliffe

(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) (Absent)  
 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. Abrams, M.S., J.P., M.P., (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/  
 West Demerara)  
 Cde. I. Ally, M.P., (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)  
 Cde. S.I. McArrell, 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)(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.  
 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. Abrams, 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 SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Massiah, Parris, Corbin, Kissoon, Sawh and Dr. Harding for that day's sitting.

Leave to Clerk and Deputy Clerk

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Cde. Frank Narain, A.A. Clerk of the National Assembly, would be proceeding on 550 days Vacation Leave from 9th November, 1990, and Cde. George Moses, the Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, would also be proceeding on 448 days Vacation Leave from 9th December, 1990, prior to his retirement from the Public Service.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Speaker congratulated the Prime Minister of his forthcoming marriage.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-(1) By the Prime Minister:

Annual Report and Accounts of  
Guyana Sugar Corporation for  
the year 1989.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Vice-President, Culture and Social  
Development and Deputy Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Culture  
and Social Development for the year  
1989.

(Circulated)

(3) By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal  
Affairs:

Annual Report of the Ministry of  
Legal Affairs for the year 1989.

(4) By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Financial Paper No. 1/1990 - Schedule  
of Supplementary Provision on the  
Current and Capital Estimates totalling  
\$49,163,991 for the period ended  
1989-12-31.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Financial Paper No. 2/1990 - Schedule of  
Supplementary Provision on the Capital  
Estimates totalling \$53,037,304 for  
the period ended 1990-10-23.

(Circulated)

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY ANDMOVED BY A MINISTER -Suspension of Standing Order No. 68(1)

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 68(1) be suspended to enable Financial Papers Nos. 1 and 2 of 1990 to be considered at the sitting of the Assembly on Wednesday, 7th November, 1990.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - DELHI DECLARATION

Cde. Janet Jagan moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Delhi Declaration on Principles for a Nuclear Free and Non-Violent World made by Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India and Mikhail Gorbachyov, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, in New Delhi on November 27, 1986 included ten principles, as follows:-

- (1) Peaceful coexistence must become the universal norm of international relations;
- (2) Human life must be recognised as supreme;
- (3) Non-violence should be the basis of community life;
- (4) Understanding and trust must replace fear and suspicion;
- (5) The right of every state to political and economic independence must be recognised and respected;
- (6) Resources being spent on armaments must be channelled towards social and economic developments;
- (7) Conditions must be guaranteed for the individual's harmonious development;
- (8) Making's material and intellectual potential must be used to solve global problems;
- (9) The "balance of terror" must give way to comprehensive international security;
- (10) A nuclear weapon free and non-violent world requires specific and immediate action for disarmament;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly unanimously endorses and supports the Delhi Declaration and calls upon the Guyana Government to do so in the United Nations and all other fora in the world as the occasion warrants.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs seconded and spoke to the Motion.

Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion.

The motion was then put and carried.

ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPERS NOS. 1/1991 and 2/1990

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Papers Nos. 1/1991 and 2/1990.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motions.

(i) Financial Paper No. 1/1990

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1990 - schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ended 31st December, 1989, totalling \$49,163,991.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

(ii) Financial Paper No. 2/1990

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1990 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ended 23rd October, 1989, totalling \$53,037,304.

Financial Paper No. 2/1990 was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4:00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION

At 4:30 p.m. sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee Supply

The Committee continued and concluded consideration of the Schedule.

The motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

In Assembly

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Assembly adopted the following Resolutions:

(i) RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1990 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ended 31st December, 1989 totalling \$49,163,991.

(ii) RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1991 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ended 23rd October, 1989, totalling \$53,037,304

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:43 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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S, NARAIN  
Speaker

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