

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 2ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
SECOND SESSION (1982) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON MONDAY 1982-01-25

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (77)

Speaker (1)

- * Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (64)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. Dr. P.A. Reid, O.E., M.P., Prime Minister

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Vice-President, Works and Transport

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Public Welfare

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations

Senior Ministers (10)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Higher Education

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of Regional Development

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of National Development

- * Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

- * Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines

- * Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Justice

- * Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

- * Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture

- * Cde. S.A. Moore, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

- * Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent)

Ministers (8)

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives

Cde. J.N. Maitland-Singh, M.P., Minister, Consumer Protection, in the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister, in the Ministry of Agriculture

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance

Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P., Minister, Fisheries, in the Ministry of Agriculture

- * Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister, in the Office of the Prime Minister

- * Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister, Office of the President

- * Cde. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister, Health, in the Ministry of Public Welfare (Absent)

* Non-elected Member

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Ministers of State (3)

- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State for Culture, in the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of State for Youth and Sport, in the Ministry of National Development
 * Cde. C.E. Wright, M.P., Minister of State for Construction, in the Ministry of Works and Transport

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Women's Affairs and Housing (Absent)
 Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Education, Social Development and Culture
 Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Foreign Affairs

Other Members (23)

- Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. M. Armogan, M.P.
 Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P.
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.
 Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. E.B. Davidson, M.P.
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
 Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. P. Fredericks, M.P.
 Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.
 Cde. J. Gill-Mingo, M.P.
 Cde. A. McRae, M.P.
 Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
 Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.P.
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
 Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
 Cde. H.B. Walcott-Nascimento, J.P., M.P., Government Chief Whip

Members from the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs (2)

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P.
 Cde. B. Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

- Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
 Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam) (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. C.A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
 Cde. W. Bipat, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
 Cde. H.I. London, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
 Cde. I. Chowritmootoo, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
 Cde. N.R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
 Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
 Cde. A. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)
 Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

* Non elected Member

Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (8)

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

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Minority Chief Whip

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.

Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.

Cde. I. Basir, M.P.

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A.

Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. M.B. Henry

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Change in Membership

The Speaker informed Members that Cde. P.A. Rayman had ceased to be a Parliamentary Secretary with effect from 1982-01-01 and that as she was an elected Member of the National Assembly, she continued to be a Member of the Assembly.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

(a) Cde. Jairam for that day and the following day, and

(b) Mr. M.F. Singh for that day.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Vice-President, Works and Transport:

- (a) Parcel Post (Surface Mail and Air Rates) Order 1981 (No. 44), made under section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

(MT: 24/6/1)(Circulated)

- (b) Air Mail Postage Rates (Amendment) Order 1981 (No. 45), made under section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

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- (c) Rates of Postage (Inland)(Air Rates)(Amendment) Order 1981 (No. 46), made under section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

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- (d) Rates of Postage (Surface Mail and Fees for Services)(Amendment) Order 1981 (No. 48), made under section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

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- (e) Payment of Customs Charges by Sender (Amendment) Regulations 1981 (No. 8), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

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- (f) Cash on Delivery (Overseas Parcels Post)(Amendment) Regulations 1981 (No. 9), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

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- (g) Post Office Money Order (Amendment) Regulations 1981 (No. 10), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

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- (h) Private Letter Bags (Amendment) Regulations 1981 (No. 11), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

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- (i) Private Letter Boxes (Amendment) Regulations 1981 (No. 12), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

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- (j) Post and Telegraph (Late Fee)(Amendment) Regulations 1981 (No. 13), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

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- (k) Postal Franking (Amendment) Regulations 1981 (No. 14), made under section 23 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

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- (l) Cash on Delivery (Inland Parcels Post)(Amendment) Regulations 1981 (No. 15), made under section 97, of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 24th June, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 24th June, 1981.

(MT: 24/6/1)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance:

Annual Report of the Inland Revenue Department for the year 1980.

(ST: 25/2/1/1)(Circulated)

- (3) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (a) Annual Report of the Guyana Prison Service for the year 1980.

(HA: 1/1/2/1)(Circulated)

- (b) Annual Report of the Guyana Fire Service for the year 1977.

(HA: 1/1/2/1^{III})(Circulated)

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY
AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -

On a motion by the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party-State Relations, and with the leave of the Speaker under Standing Order No. 83, Standing Order No. 23(3) was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at that sitting with the motion at item 2 on the Order Paper.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ITEM 1 - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION AND NOMINATION OF
OF MEMBERS

The Assembly appointed a Committee of Selection with the Speaker as Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 70.

On a proposal by the Minister, Consumer Protection, in the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection, the following eight Members from the People's National Congress were nominated by the Assembly to be Members of the Committee of Selection:

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P.,
Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State
Relations

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P.,
Minister of Regional Development

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P.,
Minister of National Development

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P.,
Minister of Co-operatives

Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.

Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.P.

Cde. H.B. Walcott-Nascimento, J.P., M.P.,
Government Chief Whip

Cde. H.I. London, M.S., M.P.

On a proposal by Cde. N. Persaud, seconded by Cde. Mohamed, the following two Members from the People's Progressive Party, were nominated to be Members of the Committee of Selection:

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P.,
Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P.,
Minority Chief Whip

MOTION

ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Cde. Caldeira moved and Cde. Primo seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the Government's policy adumbrated in the President's Address which was made to the Assembly on Friday 1982-01-22.

The Vice-President, Public Welfare, and the Minority Leader spoke to the motion.

At 16:00 hrs the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

At 16:30 hrs the sitting was resumed.

The Parliamentary Secretary, Foreign Affairs, Cde. Beniprashad, Mr. M. Abraham, the Minister, in the Office of the Prime Minister, and the Minister of Energy and Mines spoke to the motion.

At 18:42 hrs the sitting was suspended.

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RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 20:00 hrs the sitting was resumed.

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Minister, in the Ministry of Agriculture and the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 21:15 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Tuesday 1982-01-26.

S. Narain
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Speaker
82-01-26.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1982-01-26