

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 9TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
SECOND SESSION (1982) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON WEDNESDAY 1982-04-07

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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)

* 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 (Absent)

* Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)

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

* Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Education

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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)

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

* Non elected Member

Ministers of State (3)

- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State for Culture, in the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture
 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 (Absent)

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. (Absent)
 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. (Absent - on leave)
 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. (Absent)
 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)
 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

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Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader (Absent)

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.

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P. (Absent)

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, C.C.H., J.P., M.P., (Absent)

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

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. H.L.B. Singh for that day's sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

FORESTS (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL 1982 - Bill No. 4/1982

The Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time :

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Guyana Forestry Commission Act, the Forests Act and to provide for matters connected therewith.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - NATIONAL SECURITY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT)
BILL 1982 - Bill No. 1/1982 published 1982-03-09

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act for the purpose of re-enacting the provisions of Part II thereof with certain modifications.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and Collymore, and the Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 2 - MISCELLANEOUS ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 -
Bill No. 2/1982 published 1982-03-27

In accordance with Article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An act to amend certain enactments.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 4 were passed as printed.

Clause 5 The following amendments by the Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, were put and carried:

In the new section 56A -

(a) Insertion after subsection (4) of the following new subsections -

"(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, a distributor of cinematograph films shall be liable

to pay such portion as is specified in subsection (6) of the additional tax payable under the preceding provisions of this section and such portion of the additional tax shall be paid in the manner provided in that subsection.

(6) Any person who is liable to pay any additional tax under subsection (2) and pays the same shall be entitled to recover from any distributor of any cinematograph film such portion of the additional tax as corresponds to the proportion of the additional income paid by him to that distributor as rental of that cinematograph film."

- (b) Renumbering of existing subsections (5) to (10) (inclusive) as subsections (7) to (12).
- (c) Insertion after the word "exhibiting", of the words "or distributing" in subsection (9) as renumbered.
- (d) Substitution of "Subsection (7)" for "subsection (9)" in subsections (8) and (12) as renumbered.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, the Bill was the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 16:05 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

S. NARAIN
Speaker & 17

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
17th April, 1982.