

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 11TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD
SESSION (1983) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUY HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON FRIDAY 1983-05-06

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (71)

Speaker (1)

- * Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly
Members of the Government - People's National Congress (58)

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, Social Infrastructure
Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Administration
Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Production (Absent)
Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Party and State Matters

Senior Ministers (6)

- Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Education and Social Development
Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of Mobilisation (Absent - on leave)
*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.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs (Absent)
*Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines

Ministers (6)

- Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P. Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister
Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister for Youth and Sports in the
Ministry of Education and Social Development
*Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information and Public Service
*Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health and Public Welfare
*Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P., Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives (Absent)

Ministers of State (2)

Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State for Internal Trade and Consumer
Protection
Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.S., M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

Parliamentary Secretaries (4)

Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Housing,
Ministry of Health and Public Welfare
Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education
and Social Development
Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of
Agriculture (Absent)

* Non elected Member

Other Members (24)

Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
Cde. M. Armogan, M.S., J.P., M.P.
Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P.
Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.
Cde. O.W. Clarke, M.P.
Cde. E.B. Davidson, M.P. (Absent-on-leave)
Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
Cde. P. Fredericks, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.
Cde. J. Gill-Mingo, M.P.
Cde. A. McRae, M.P.
Cde. E. Melville, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
Cde. S. Prashad, M.P.
Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.
Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.
Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P. (Absent)

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 (9)

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, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent_{leave} on)
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) (Absent)
Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

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. (Absent)
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.
Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.
 Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P. (Absent)

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) Changes in the National Assembly

The Speaker referred to a Press Release on 1st May, 1983, from the Office of the President, and announced for the record the changes, effective from 1st May, 1983, as they affected the National Assembly and its Members:

Cde. S.S. Naraine, Vice-President, Works, Transport and Housing, had been re-designated Vice-President, Social Infrastructure.

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, had been re-designated Vice-President, Administration.

Cde. H. Green, Vice-President, Agriculture, had been re-designate Vice-President, Production.

Cde. R. Chandisingh, Minister of Education, had been re-designate Minister of Education and Social Development.

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, Minister of National and Regional Development had been re-designated Minister of Mobilisation.

Cde. F.E. Hope, Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, had resigned, and had ceased to be a Member of the National Assembly.

Cde. H.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Mines, had been appointed an Ambassador and had ceased to be a Minister and a Member of the National Assembly.

Cde. U.E. Johnson, Minister of Co-operatives, had been appointed Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister.

Cde. Sallahuddin, Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, had been appointed Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture.

Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, had been appointed Minister of Information and Public Service.

Cde. H. Rashid, Minister in the Office of the President, had been appointed a Senior Minister and had been designated Minister of Energy and Mines.

Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, Minister of Health, had been re-designated Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Cde. K.W.E. Denny, Minister of Labour, Manufacturing and Industrial Development, had been re-designated Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives.

Cde. M. Corrica, Minister of State in the Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, had been re-designated Minister of State for Internal Trade and Consumer Protection.

Cde. R.C. Fredericks, Minister of State for Youth and Sports, in the Ministry of Education, had been appointed a Minister and had been designated Minister for Youth and Sports in the Ministry of Education and Social Development.

Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works, Transport and Housing, had been re-designated Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, Ministry of Health and Public Welfare.

Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, had been re-designated Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Social Development.

Cde. J.B. Caldeira, had been appointed a Parliamentary Secretary, in the Ministry of Agriculture.

Cde. H.L.B. Singh, had been appointed a Minister of State, in the Ministry of Finance.

The Speaker, on behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, extended congratulations to the Members who had been promoted, i.e, Cdes. Harun Rashid, Roy Fredericks, Harold Singh and Joseph Caldeira. He also extended best wished to those Members and also to the other Members in their respective assignments.

(ii) Resignation of Cde. H.B. Walcott-Nascimento

The Speaker informed the Assembly that he had received from Cde. Kuldah Walcott-Nascimento a letter tendering her resignation as a Member of the National Assembly with effect from 22nd April, 1983 and that following Cde. Walcott-Nascimento's resignation, a vacancy had occurred in the National Assembly.

He had, therefore, in accordance with section 99A of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03, called upon the representative of the list of candidates from which Cde. Walcott-Nascimento's name had been extracted, to further extract from the said list, the name of a person to fill the vacancy.

(iii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cdes. Corbin, Davidson and Basir for that day's sitting, and
- (b) Cde. Chin until the end of May 1983.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

- (1) CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK (REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATION) BILL 1983
Bill No. 12/1983 published 1983-05-05

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend certain enactments and to repeal the Bastardy Act.

(2) ACCIDENTAL DEATHS AND WORKMEN'S INJURIES (COMPENSATION)
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 - Bil No. 13/1983 published 1983-05-05

The Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
 Accidental Deaths and Workmen's Injuries
 (Compensation) Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and Third Readings

FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 - Bill No. 11/1983
published 1983-04-09

The Vice-President, Administration, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend certain
 fiscal enactments.

Cde. N. Persaud and Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 and 2 were passed as printed.

Schedule: The following amendment by the Vice-President, Administration, was put and carried:

Insertion of the following as an amendment to the
 Income Tax Act, Cap. 81:01:-

<u>Enactment</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
'Section 26 (1)	Delete the words "or contract" "wherever they appear".

The Schedule was thereafter, put and carried as amended.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Vice-President, Administration, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 15:38 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Friday 1983-05-13.

S. Narain
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 Speaker
 83-05-13

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
 Public Buildings,
 Georgetown.
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