

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 14TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD  
SESSION (1983) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON WEDNESDAY 1983-08-31

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 (Absent - on leave)

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  
Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Party and State Matters

Senior Ministers (6)

- Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture
- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of National 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
- \* 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 within the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister for Youth and Sports within the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture
- \* 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

Ministers of State (2)

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

\*Non elected Member

Parliamentary Secretaries (4)

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

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.
- Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. O.E. Clarke, 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. E. Melville, M.P.
- Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. S. Prashad, M.P.
- Cde. R.N. Primc, M.P.
- Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
- Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
- Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.
- Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
- Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P.

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 (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)
- 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) (Absent)
- 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

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.

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.

Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

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

(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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Dr. Reid, Corbin, Jackson and Bend-Kirton-Holder for that day's Sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Vice-President, Administration:

Statement of Guarantees for Quarters ended  
1982-06-30, 1982-09-30, 1983-12-31,  
1983-03-31 and Aggregate in Force for the  
year ended 1982-12-31.

(ST: 49/0/1)(Circulated)

By the Vice-President, Production:

Annual Report of the Guyana Sugar Corporation  
Limited for the year 1982.

(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading(1) CINEMATOGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 - Bill No. 18/1983

The Minister of Information and Public Service, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Cinematograph Act.

(2) MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 - No. 19/1983

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Mining Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - IMPORTATION OF FOOD ITEMS

Cde. N. Persaud moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Government take steps to import wheat, split peas, fats and milk and other essential food items in a sufficient quantity in order to remove existing hardships.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud seconded the motion.

The Vice-President, Production, the Minority Leader and the Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Cde. Belgrave  
Cde. Mohamed  
Cde. Collymore  
Cde. N. Persaud  
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud  
Cde. J. Jagan  
Cde. Dr. C. Jagan

Mr. M.A. Abraham  
Cde. Hinds  
Cde. Charles  
Cde. I. Chowritmootoo  
Cde. London  
Cde. Bipat  
Cde. C.A. Singh  
Cde. Jairam  
Cde. Jones  
Cde. Latchminarayan  
Cde. Williams  
Cde. Vandenburg  
Cde. Tiwari  
Cde. Sukhu  
Cde. Rayman  
Cde. Primo  
Cde. Prashad

Carried 17  
Forward:

FOR

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AGAINST

B/F: 17

Cde. Munroe  
 Cde. Melville  
 Cde. McRae  
 Cde. Gill-Mingo  
 Cde. Gilbert  
 Cde. P Fredericks  
 Cde. Fowler  
 Cde. Felix  
 Cde. Doobay  
 Cde. Davidson  
 Cde. Clarke  
 Cde. J. Chowritmootoo  
 Cde. Chin  
 Cde. Beniprashad  
 Cde. Armogan  
 Cde. Ally  
 Cde. Caldeira  
 Cde. Bhaggan  
 Cde. Ainsworth  
 Cde. H.L.B. Singh  
 Cde. Corrica  
 Cde. R. Fredericks  
 Cde. Sallahuddin  
 Cde. Johnson  
 Cde. Chandisingh  
 Cde. Ramsaroop  
 Cde. Green  
 Cde. Hoyte  
 Cde. Naraine

Total

7

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SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 16:29 hrs the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 16:54 hrs the sitting was resumed.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 2 - POLICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 - Bill No. 15/1983 published  
1983-07-02

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
 Police Act.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

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.

Clause 3

The following amendment by the Minister of Home Affairs was put and carried:

Insertion of the word "for" immediately before the word "the" at the end of the third line and the Substitution of the word "to" for the word "May" in the fourth line.

Clause 3 was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
National Science Research Council  
Act.

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.

ITEM 4 - SAVINGS SCHEMES BILL 1983 - Bill No. 17/1983 - published  
1983-08-06

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

A Bill intituled An Act to make provisions for the establishment of the Savings Schemes Committee, for encouraging savings by persons, and for matters connected therewith.

Cde. N. Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Vice-President, Administration, replied.

The motion was put and carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 17:42 hrs on a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
1983-09-06.