

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 6TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD SESSION
(1991) - (1992) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY 27TH MARCH, 1992

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

Speaker

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (60)

Prime Minister

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Prime Minister

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

*Cde. K.S. Massiah, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister
of Legal Affairs

Deputy Prime Minister (2)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Works,
Communications and Regional Development (Absent)

Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Minister
of Trade, Tourism and Industry (Absent)

Senior Ministers (6)

*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance

*Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture

*Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education and Cultural
Development (Absent on leave)

Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public
Works, Communications and Regional Development (Absent on leave)

Cde C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Senior Minister in the Office
of the President (absent)

*Cde. Rabbian Ali-Khan, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security

*Non-elected Member

Ministers (6)

- Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry (Absent on leave)
*Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
Cde J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health
Cde. Dr. Faith Harding, M.P., Minister for the Public Service Ministry (Absent on leave)
Cde. Stella Odi-Ali, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security (Absent)

Government Chief Whip (1)

Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira

Other Members (32)

- Cde. Viola Burnham, O.R., M.P. (Absent)
Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)
~~Cde. R.E. Jackson, O.R., M.P. (Absent)~~
Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P.
Cde. S. Prashad, C.C.H., M.P.
Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P.
Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. K.B. Bancroft, A.A., M.P.
Cde. M. Corrica, M.S., M.P.
Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
Cde. Joyce Munroe, M.P.
Cde. H. Doobay, M.S., M.P.
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
Cde. Amna Ally, M.P.
Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.
Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
Cde. Edith Deygoo, M.P.
Cde. Clarice A. Edwards
Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P.
Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.
Cde. B. Persaud, J.P., M.P.
Cde. K. Sankar, A.A., M.P. (Absent)
Cde. E.L. Fraser, M.P.
Cde. Mignon D. Griffith, M.P.
Cde. P.E. Rockcliffe, M.P.

(There are two vacancies)

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)
 Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice) (Absent)
 Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
 Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, M.S., J.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo
 Islands/West Demerara)
 Cde I. Ally, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
 Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
 Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takatu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)
 Cde. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
 Cde. D. Fernandes, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Members of the Minority (11)(i) People's Progressive Party (8)Minority Leader (1)

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

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. (Absent)
 Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip (Absent on leave)
 Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.
 Cde. Dr. Roger Luncheon, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

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

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Dr. R. Roopnarine, M.P.

OFFICERS

Cde. M.B. Henry, Clerk of the National Assembly (Ag.)
 Cde. E. Kendall, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (Ag.)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

OATHS

The Speaker informed Members that he had been informed that following the resignation of Mr. Eusi Kwayana, Dr. Roopnaraine had been declared an elected Member of the National Assembly with effect from the 24th March, 1992.

He had also been informed that Dr. Roger Luncheon had been declared a Member of the National Assembly from 25th March, 1992 to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Cde. Isahak Basir.

Drs. Roopnaraine and Luncheon who were present made and subscribed as Members of the National Assembly the oath of office as required by Article 167 of the Constitution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Congratulation to New Members

On behalf of Members and his own, Cde. Speaker welcomed Dr. Roopnaraine and Dr. Luncheon and extended best wishes to them.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

Cde. Dr. Harding for that day's sitting and

Cde. Mohamed from 16th March, 1992 to 16th April, 1992.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

The Minister of Finance referred to the issue of Stabroek News of Tuesday, 24th March, 1992 which carried an article on its front page with the headline, "More Money for Ministers, M.P.s." The Minister deemed the article misleading and explained that all that Order No. 5 of 1992 sought to do was to have the rate of travelling allowance which had been received since last year by Public Servants, paid to those Ministers and Members of Parliament who used their personal cars in the performance of their duties and that the recipients of those allowances included Members of the Minority Party and not only Ministers.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND
MOVED BY A MINISTERSuspension of Standing Order No. 46

The Minister in the Ministry of Health moved the following motion which was put and carried.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That paragraphs (2) and (3) of Standing Order No. 46 be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at its sitting on Friday, 27th March, 1992 with the second reading and remaining stages of the Interpretation and General Clauses (Amendment) Bill of 1992 (Bill No. 6/1992).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingINTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 -
Bill No. 6/1992 published 1992-03-25

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:-

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Interpretation and General Clauses Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 1 - HOTEL (RECEIPT OF CHARGES IN SPECIFIED FOREIGN CURRENCY (REPEAL) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 1) 1992 published 1992-02-15

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal the Hotel (Receipt of Charges in Specified Foreign Currency) Act 1989.

The Motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 2 - BANKING LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 2/1992, published 1992-02-25

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Banking Laws Act 1991.

The motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 3 - THE MINING ACT 1989 (AMENDMENT) Bill 1992 - Bill No. 3/1992
published 1992-02-29.

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Mining Act.

The motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 4 - PETROLEUM (EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION) ACT 1986 (AMENDMENT)
BILL 1992 - Bill No. 4/1992 published 1992-02-29.

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act 1986.

The motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 5 - INTER-AMERICAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION BILL 1992 - Bill
No. 5/1992 published 1992-03-23.

In accordance with paragraph (2) of article 171 of the Constitution the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the membership of Guyana in the Inter-American Investment Corporation.

The motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 6 - INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992
Bill No. 6/1992 published 1992-03-05

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Interpretation and General Clauses Act.

Dr. Roopnarine spoke to the motion.

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs replied.

The motion was then ~~put~~ and carried.

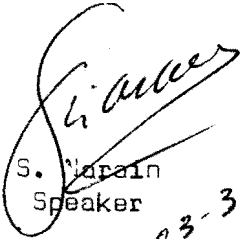
The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through the remaining stages and passed as printed.

Business for Next Sitting

The Minister in the Ministry of Health informed the Assembly that on Monday 30th March, 1992 the Budget for 1992 would be presented.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.05 p.m., on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Health, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 30th March, 1992.


S. Narain
Speaker
92-03-30

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