

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 13TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD SESSION
(1991) - (1992) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1992

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (76)

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 (62)

(1) 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 (Absent)

Deputy Prime Minister (2)

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

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

Senior Ministers (7)

*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent - on leave)

*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

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

*Hon. Dr. K.F.S. King, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of the
President

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

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

*Non-Elected Member

Ministers (6)

- Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry (Absent)
- *Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. Dr. Faith Harding, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President/ Public Service Management
- Cde. Stella Odie-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

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P., Government Chief Whip (Absent - on leave)

Other Members (32)

- Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P.
- Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P.
- Cde. R.E. Jackson, O.R., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- 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.
- 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. H. Doobay, M.S., M.P.
- Cde. Joyce Munroe, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.
- Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
- Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. H.I. Deen, M.P.
- Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
- Cde. Edith Deygoo, M.P.
- Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.
- 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.
- Cde. E.L. Fraser, M.P.
- Cde. Mignon Griffith, M.P.
- Cde. P.E. Rockcliffe, M.P.

(There are three 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) (Absent)
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
 Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
 Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, M.S., J.P., M.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. M. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Waini)
 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 (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the
 National Assembly (Absent - on leave)

Other Members (6)

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

(ii) United Force (2)

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

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Dr. R. Roopnarine, M.P. (Absent)

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS

The Acting Clerk read Prayers.

DATHS

The Speaker informed Members that Dr. Kenneth King who had been appointed a Senior Minister was not an elected Member of the National Assembly, but in accordance with article 105 of the Constitution he became a member of the Assembly by virtue of his holding the office of Minister.

Dr. King who was present made and subscribed to the Oath of Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Congratulations

The Cde. Speaker, on behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, congratulated Dr. King on his appointment as a Senior Minister, and extended best wishes to him. He also welcomed him back to the Assembly.

(ii) Death of Cde. K.W.E. Denny

The Cde. Speaker reported with deep regret the death of Cde. Kenneth Denny which occurred on 1st May, 1992. Cde. Denny was Minister of Labour from 1st May, 1982 to 12th December, 1985, and returned to the Assembly from 27th December, 1990.

The Cde. Speaker stated that with Cde. Denny's death a vacancy had been created in the National Assembly and, in accordance with section 99A of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03, he had called upon the Representative of the List of Candidates from which Cde. Denny's name was extracted, to further extract from the said List, the name of a person to fill the vacancy.

(iii) Repairs to Chamber's Clock

The Cde. Speaker reported that the Smithsonian Institution of the National Museum of American History had completed repairs to the Chamber's clock and had returned it. He thanked the Smithsonian Institution for voluntarily undertaking the repairs of this clock.

(iv) The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cdes. Corbin,
Kissoon,
Ferreira,
Johnson,
Dr. Jagan,
Janet Jagan,
F. Mohamed
and
Nokta

for that day's sitting.

- (b) Cde. Jackson to 15th June, 1992
- (c) Cde. Melville for three months from 22nd May, 1992
- (d) Cde. Collymore to 26th June, 1992, and
- (e) Cde. Reepu Daman Poreaud to 30th June, 1992.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

1. By the Speaker:

Report of the Ombudsman for the year 1991.

(Circulated)

2. By the Prime Minister:

- (i) Annual Report of the Ministry of Health for the year 1990.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Annual Report of the Guyana Agency for Health Sciences Education, Environment and Food Policy for the year 1990.

(Circulated)

3. By the Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1992 (No. 9), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax, Chapter 80:02 on 27th March, 1992 and published in the Gazette on 11th April, 1992.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 1992 (No. 12), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Chapter 1:07 on 12th May, 1992, and published in the Gazette on 16th May, 1992.

(Circulated)

- (iii) Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) (No. 2) Order 1992 (No. 13), made under section 5 of the Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Act, Chapter 27:11 on 12th May, 1992, and published in the Gazette on 16th May, 1992.

(Circulated)

- (iv) Annual Report of the Office of the Auditor General for the year 1991.

(Circulated)

4. By the Minister of Home Affairs:

National Registration (Residents) Revision of Registers) Regulations 1992 (No. 7), made under section 19 of the National Registration Act, Chapter 19:08 on 6th June, 1992 and published in the Extraordinary Gazette on 6th June, 1992.

(Circulated)

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

Suspension of Standing Order No. 46

The Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, on behalf of the Minister 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 Tuesday, 9th June, 1992 with the second reading and remaining stages of the following Bill:

- (1) Evidence (Proceedings in Foreign Tribunals) (Amendment) Bill 1992 (Bill No. 13/1992)
- (2) Fiscal Enactments (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1992 (Bill No. 14/1992)
- (3) Public Corporations (Amendment) Bill 1992 (Bill No. 15/1992).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

- (1) EVIDENCE (PROCEEDINGS IN FOREIGN TRIBUNALS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 13/1992 published 1992-05-23

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry, on behalf of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, presented the following Bill which was read a first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Evidence (Proceedings in Foreign Tribunals) Act 1992.

(2) FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 14/1992 published 1992-05-27

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, presented the following Bill which was read a first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Income Tax (In Aid of Industry) Act, the Corporation Tax Act and the Companies Act.

(3) PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 15/1992 published 1992-05-27

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read a first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Public Corporations Act 1988.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE, KENNETH WESLEY EDWARD DENNY

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President (Cde. Sharma) moved the following motion which was put and carried with Members standing in silence for one minute:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Cde. Kenneth Wesley Edward Denny and pays tribute to the distinguished service which he rendered to Guyana and to its Parliament and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing family and relatives.

ITEM 2 - CONFIRMATION OF CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1992 (No. 9)

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, moved the following motion which was put and carried:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in accordance with section 5(1) of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, confirm the Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1992 (No. 9) which was made on 27th March, 1992 under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, and published in the Gazette on 11th April, 1992.

BILLS - Second Reading and Third Reading

ITEM 3 - EVIDENCE (PROCEEDINGS IN FOREIGN TRIBUNALS) (AMENDMENT)
BILL 1992 - Bill No. 13/1992 published 1992-05-23

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry, on behalf of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Evidence (Proceedings in Foreign
Tribunals) Act 1992.

The Motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 4 - FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1992 - Bill
No. 14/1992 published 1992-05-27

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Income Tax (In Aid of Industry) Act,
the Corporation Tax Act and the
Companies Act.

The Motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 5 - PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 15/1992
published 1992-05-27

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

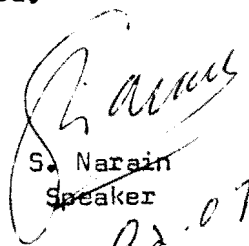
A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Public Corporations Act 1968.

The Motion was put and carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.45 p.m., on a Motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


S. Narain
Speaker
92.07.17