

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 (74)

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. Q. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry
 *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)
 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 (Absent - on leave)
 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

Other Members (32)

- Cde. Viola V. 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.
 Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P.
 Cde. S. Prashad, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)
 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. Philomona A. Rayman, M.P.
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.S., M.P.
 Cde. H. Boobay, M.S., M.P., (Absent)
 Cde. Joyce Munroe, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. Amna Ally, M.P.
 Cde. N Calistro, M.P.
 Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.
 Cde. M.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. (Absent)
 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

- Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P.
 Cde P. Singh, J.P., M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Council (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)
 Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supernaam)
 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) (Absent)
 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)
 Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip (Absent on leave)
 Cde. . Nokta, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 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. Roopnaraine, M.P. (Absent)

OFFICERS

Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly
 Cde S.E. Isaacs, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers

OATHS

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.

- (ii) Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) (No. 2) Order 1992 (No. 18) made under section 5 of the Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Act, Chapter 27:11 and published in an extraordinary issue of the Gazette on 1992.06.17.
(Circulated)
- (iii) Annual Report of the Ministry of Finance for the year 1991.
(Circulated)
- (iv) Guyana Mining Enterprise Limited (Restructuring and Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Order 1992 (No. 19).
(Circulated)
The Minister of Finance made a statement on matter.
- (v) Notice pursuant to clause 5(1) of the Guyana Mining Enterprise Limited (Restructuring and Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Order 1992 dated 24th June, 1992, and published in the Gazette on 24th June 1992.
(Circulated)
- (vi) Financial Paper No. 1/1992 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$230,203,720 for period ended 1991.12.31.
(Circulated)
- (vii) Financial Paper No. 2/1992 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$327,671,899 for period ended 1992.07.14.
(Circulated)
- (viii) Financial Paper No. 3/1992 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates Totalling \$1,267,993,000 for period ended 1992.07.14.
(Circulated)

The Minister of Finance named Monday, 20th July, 1992 as the day for consideration of the Financial Papers.

- (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) DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) (AMNESTY) BILL 1992 - (Bill No. 17/1992 published 1992.06.30)

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
Defence Act.

- (3) STILLS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 18/1992 published 1992.07.16,

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend
the Stills Act.

- (4) BITTERS AND CORDIALS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 19/1992 published 1992.07.16,

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Bitters and Cordials Act.

- (5) MEMBERS' CLUBS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 20/1992 published 1992.07.16,

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Members' Clubs Act.

- (6) INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 21/1992 published 1992.07.16

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act.

- (7) CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 22/1992,

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Customs Act.

- (8) BITTERS AND CORDIALS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 23/1992

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Bitters and Cordials Act.

(9) INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 24/1992

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act.

(10) SPIRITS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 25/1992

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Spirits Act.

(11) TAX (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 26/1992

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Tax Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (RATING) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - BILL No. 16/1992 published 1992.06.30

The Deputy Prime Minister, Public Works, Communications and Regional Development moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act and the Valuation for Rating Purposes 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 2 - DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) (AMNESTY) BILL 1992 - (Bill No. 17/1992 published 1992.06.30)

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Defence 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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.48 p.m., on a Motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 20th July, 1992.

S. Narain
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Speaker
92-07-20

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