NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 19TH 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, 21ST AUGUST, 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)

Prime Minister (1)

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 Ministers (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 (absent)

Senigr Ministers (7)

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

- *Hon. 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 A. 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

Other Members (32)

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Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P. (Absent)
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- 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. (Absent) Cde. S. Prashad, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)

- Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P.
- Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P. (Absent on leave)

- 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.S., M.P. Cde. H. Doobay, M.S., M.P. (Absent on leave)
- Cde. Joyce Munroe, J.P., M.F.
- Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P. (Absent on leave) Cde. Amna Ally, M.P. (Absent on leave)
- Cde. N. Calistro, M.P. (Absent) 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 (2)

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

*Non-Elected Member

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

Cde. Nellie R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni) (Absent) Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.F. (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) (Absent)

Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takatu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)

Cde: M. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.F. (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 (Absent)

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)

Cde, B. Nokta, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. Dr. Roger Luncheon, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

(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

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Sympathy on death of Dr Luncheon's father

The Speaker informed Members that Dr. Luncheon's father had died in the U.S.A. and, on behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, extended deepest sympathy to Dr. Luncheon.

(ii) <u>Leave</u>

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Corbin, Johnson, Doobay, Amna Ally, Reepu Daman Persaud, Collymore, Nokta and Luncheon for that day's sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

SEA DEFENCE LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 30/1992, published 1992-08-18

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal the Sea Defence Laws (Amendment and Transfer of Functions) Act 1988 and to amend the Sea Defences Act and Sea Defence Act.

Janam Ashtmi Greetings

Before proceeding with Public Business, the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government and with the leave of the Speaker, extended greetings to all the Hindus in Guyana on the occasion of Janam Ashtmi (Birth Anniversary of Lord Krishna).

The Speaker, on behalf of the Hindu Community of Guyana, thanked the Prime Minister for the good wishes extended.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and Third Readings

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 29/1992 published 1992-08-10

The Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Industrial Training Act

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u>.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

At 2.20 p.m., on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Health, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 28th August, 1992.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings 1992-08-27 S. Narain Speaker, S