

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 30TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1986-1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1987

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

Speaker (1)

*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)

Ministers in the Cabinet (10)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-President and First Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeem, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President,
First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General (Absent -
on leave)

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Vice-President, National Mobilisation,
and Deputy Prime Minister

Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P., Vice-President, Education and
Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister

Other Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister,
Planning and Development

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Utilities

Senior Ministers (4)

Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Labour

Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade and Tourism

Other Ministers (15)

Senior Ministers (7)

Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Regional Development

Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Medical
Education, Environment and Food Policy

Cda. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information
and the Public Service

*Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Senior Minister in the
Ministry of Agriculture

*Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Education

*Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works

*Cde. Dr. N.E. Blackman, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

*Non-elected Member

Ministers (5)

- Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of National Mobilisation
- Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister in the Office of the President
- Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister of Forestry
- *Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy

Ministers of State (3)

- *Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister
- Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Development
- Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs

Parliamentary Secretary (1)

- *Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Education

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (23)

- Cde. ~~Ken~~ W. Bend-Kirton, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P.
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
- Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
- Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.
- Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
- Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
- Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.
- Cde. L.R. Arthur, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. J.R.L. Bovell-Drakes, 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 Deygo, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.
- Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P.
- Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.
- Cde. B. Persaud, M.P.
- Cde. E.W. Trotman, M.P.
- Cde. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P.

*Non-elected Member

Members from the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs (2)

Cde. E. Mohamed, M.P.
Cde. Rose I. Semple, 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. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomerom/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. B.L. Domingo, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)
Cde. Joycelyn Thom-Lindie, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

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. R.D. 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.
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

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

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Mr. E. Kwayana, M.P.

OFFICERS

Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly
Cde. I. Hartman, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

(i) Cde. Shahabuddeen up to 30th January, 1987, and

(ii) Mr. M.F. Singh for that sitting

(ii) Conduct of persons in Public Gallery.

The Speaker was critical of the conduct of persons in the Public Gallery who leave at 4.00 p.m. or after a Member had finished speaking. He requested those persons to remain until 5.35 p.m. when the sitting is suspended.

(iii) Staff Shortage.

The Speaker referred to the grave shortage of Reportorial Staff and sought the co-operation of Members concerning the preparation of the Official verbatim report.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Labour.

Labour (Conditions of Employment of Certain Workers) (Minimum Rate of Wages) Order 1987 (No. 9), made under section 3 (1) of the Labour (Conditions of Employment of Certain Workers) Act 1978 on 21st January, 1987, and published in the Gazette on 24th January, 1987.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 1/1987

The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Evidence Act, the Tax Act, the Income Tax Act, the Capital Gains Tax Act and the Property Tax Act, and to repeal the National Development Surtax Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONBUEGET FOR 1987

The Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1987.

Cdes. K. Sankar and R.D. Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister replied.

Assembly ~~resolved~~ resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for 1987.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 1 - Office of the President was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 17,509,000
HEAD 2 - Guyana Defence Force was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 98,000,000

Assembly resumedSuspension of Sitting

At 5.35 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

Resumption of Sitting

At 6.03 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 3 - Guyana National Service was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 35,000,000
DIVISION 501 - Office of the President was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 24,170,000
HEAD 4 - Office of the Prime Minister was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 2,400,000
DIVISION 502 - Office of the Prime Minister was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 997,000
HEAD 10 - Office of the Ombudsman was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 93,000
HEAD 11 - Public and Police Service Commission was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 1,166,000
HEAD 12 - Teaching Service Commission was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 677,000
DIVISION 517 - Guyana Water Authority was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 11,450,000

HEAD 64 -	Ministry of Co-operatives was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 2,035,000
DIVISION 529 -	Ministry of Co-operatives was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 158,000
HEAD 13 -	Public Prosecutions was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at... ..	\$ 666,000
HEAD 14 -	Ministry of Legal Affairs was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 66,000
HEAD 15 -	Supreme Court was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	3,030,000
HEAD 16 -	Magistrates was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 3,282,000
HEAD 17 -	Attorney General was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 3,268,000
HEAD 18 -	Official Receiver was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 492,000
HEAD 19 -	Deeds Registry was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 819,000
HEAD 5 -	Ministry of National Mobilisation was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 7,500,000
HEAD 45 -	Ministry of Education, Social Development & Culture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 46,000,000
HEAD 46 -	Culture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 2,636,000
HEAD 47 -	Nursery Schools was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 3,529,000
HEAD 48 -	Primary Schools was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 11,171,000
HEAD 49 -	Secondary/Multilateral and Community High Schools was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 14,500,000
HEAD 50 -	Technical and Vocational Schools was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 3,225,000
HEAD 51 -	Practical Instruction Centres was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 818,000
HEAD 52 -	Teacher Training Institutions was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 3,098,000
HEAD 53 -	Probation and Welfare Services was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 484,000
HEAD 54 -	Resource Centre was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 1,100,000
DIVISION 522 -	Ministry of Education and Social Development was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 25,722,000

HEAD 61 -	Statistical Bureau was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 730,000
HEAD 62 -	Ministry of Planning and Development was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 14,001,000
DIVISION 525 -	Ministry of Planning and Development was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 17,768,000
HEAD 34 -	Ministry of Public Utilities was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 450,000
HEAD 20 -	Ministry of Foreign Affairs was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 23,950,000
DIVISION 506 -	Ministry of Foreign Affairs was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 712,000

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 8.27 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 29th January, 1987.

S. Narain
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Speaker 87-01-29

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
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