

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 31ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1986-1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 29TH 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 (Absent)

\*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

Cde. 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. Kramburg, 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. Kisson, 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. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton, M.P.  
 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.  
 Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.  
 Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.  
 Cde. Edith Deygo, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 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) (Absent - on leave)  
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) (Absent  
on leave)  
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.

HEAD 32 -	Ministry of Forestry was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 279,000
DIVISION 511 -	Ministry of Forestry was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 106,000
HEAD 9 -	Office of the Auditor General was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 4,237,000
DIVISION 505 -	Office of the Auditor General was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 93,000
HEAD 57 -	Ministry of Finance was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$117,760,000
HEAD 58 -	Accountant General's Department was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 25,616,000
HEAD 59 -	Customs & Excise was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 11,400,000
HEAD 60 -	Inland Revenue Department was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 24,156,000
DIVISION 526 -	Ministry of Finance was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$267,032,000
DIVISION 527 -	Ministry of Finance - Human Resource Development Programme was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 45,455,000
HEAD 106 -	Public Debt was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 140,000
HEAD 55 -	Ministry of Manpower was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 18,303,000
DIVISION 524 -	Ministry of Labour was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 136,000
HEAD 56 -	Housing was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 6,243,000
HEAD 63 -	Ministry of Trade and Tourism was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 6,542,000
DIVISION 528 -	Ministry of Trade, etc. was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 43,000

Assembly resumedSuspension of Sitting

At 5.26 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments

Resumption of Sitting

At 5.52 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1987.

In Committee of Supply.

HEAD 8 -	Parliament Office was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 486,000
HEAD 65 -	Ministry of Regional Development was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 8,672,000
DIVISION 530 -	Ministry of Regional Development was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 2,421,000
HEAD 66 -	Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini - Administration was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 2,792,000
HEAD 67 -	Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini - Agriculture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 1,032,000
HEAD 68 -	Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini - Education was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 2,200,000
HEAD 69 -	Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini - Health was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 1,378,000
DIVISION 531 -	Region No. 1 Barima/Waini was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 854,000
HEAD 70 -	Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam - Administration was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 7,806,000
HEAD 71 -	Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam - Agriculture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 4,236,000
HEAD 72 -	Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam - Education was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 8,651,000
HEAD 73 -	Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam - Health was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 3,776,000
DIVISION 532 -	Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 12,816,000
HEAD 74 -	Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara - Administration was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 2,946,000
HEAD 75 -	Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara - Agriculture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$ 4,635,000

HEAD 76 -	Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara - Education was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$	10,188,000
HEAD 77 -	Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara - Health was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$	5,457,000
DIVISION 533 -	Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> , at ...	\$	24,820,000
HEAD 78 -	Region No. 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Administration was <u>passed</u> , as <u>printed</u> , at	\$	6,251,000
HEAD 79 -	Region No. 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Agriculture was <u>passed</u> , as <u>printed</u> , at ...	\$	4,279,000
HEAD 80 -	Region No. 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Education was <u>passed</u> , as <u>printed</u> , at ...	\$	16,697,000
HEAD 81 -	Region No. 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Health was <u>passed</u> , as <u>printed</u> , at ...	\$	6,215,000
DIVISION 534 -	Region No. 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$	10,682,000
HEAD 82 -	Region No. 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice - Administration was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$	3,484,000
HEAD 83 -	Region No. 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice - Agriculture was <u>passed</u> , as <u>printed</u> , at ...	\$	1,398,000
HEAD 84 -	Region No. 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice - Education was <u>passed</u> , as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	7,772,000
HEAD 85 -	Region No. 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice - Health was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	3,646,000
DIVISION 535 -	Region No. 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> , at ... ..	\$	12,105,000
HEAD 86 -	Region No. 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Administration was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$	5,821,000
HEAD 87 -	Region No. 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Agriculture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	5,263,000
HEAD 88 -	Region No. 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Education was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	17,523,000

HEAD 89 -	Region No. 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Health was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	11,393,000
DIVISION 536 -	Region No. 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$	10,354,000
HEAD 90 -	Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/ Mazaruni - Administration was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	2,630,000
HEAD 91 -	Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/ Mazaruni - Agriculture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	708,000
HEAD 92 -	Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/ Mazaruni - Education was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	2,668,000
HEAD 93 -	Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/ Mazaruni - Health was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	1,994,000
DIVISION 537 -	Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/ Mazaruni was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	4,984,000
HEAD 94 -	Region No. 8 - Potaro/ Siparuni - Administration was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	2,430,000
HEAD 95 -	Region No. 8 - Potaro/ Siparuni - Agriculture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	398,000
HEAD 96 -	Region No. 8 - Potaro/ Siparuni - Education was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	1,729,000
HEAD 97 -	Region No. 8 - Potaro/ Siparuni - Health was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	443,000
DIVISION 538 -	Region No. 8 - Potaro/ Siparuni was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	\$	1,344,000
HEAD 98 -	Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo - Administration was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	2,937,000
HEAD 99 -	Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/ Upper Essequibo - Agriculture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	1,257,000
HEAD 100 -	Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/ Upper Essequibo - Education was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	3,291,000



HEAD 101 -	Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/ Upper Essequibo - Health was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	1,515,000
DIVISION 539 -	Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/ Upper Essequibo was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	1,851,000
HEAD 102 -	Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice - Administration was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	3,742,000
HEAD 103 -	Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice - Agriculture was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	1,448,000
HEAD 104 -	Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice - Education was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$	8,958,000
HEAD 105 -	Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice - Health was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	1,504,000
DIVISION 540 -	Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	7,121,000
HEAD 35 -	Ministry of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy <del>was</del> <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$	9,556,000
HEAD 6 -	Public Service Ministry was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	6,452,000
DIVISION 503 -	Public Service Ministry was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	22,684,000
HEAD 7 -	Ministry of Information was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$	5,000,000

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8.11 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 30th January, 1987.

*S. Narain*  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker

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Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

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