#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# OF THE 36TH 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, 6TH MAY, 1987

# IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

## MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

# 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 (61)

# Ministers in the Cabinet (10)

## Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Prime Minister (Absent)

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

Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General

# 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
- Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Labour
- Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade and Tourism

#### Other Ministers (14)

# 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 (Absent on leave)
- \*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 (Absent - on leave)

<sup>\*</sup>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 (Absent on leave)
- Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister of Forestry (Absent on leave)
- \*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 (2)

- 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. (Absent on leave)
- 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. Amna Ally, M.P.
- Cde. L.R. Arthur, M.P.
- 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. (Absent on leave)
- 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. E.W. Trotman, M.P.
- Cde. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P.

<sup>\*</sup>Non-elected Member

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

Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P. (1 Vacancy)

# 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.P. (Region No. 4 Demerara/Mahaica)
- Cde. Bhagmateæ Latchminarayan, M.P. (Region No. 5 Mahaica/ Berbice)
- Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 Pomeroom/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)
- Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 Potaro/ Siparuni) (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)
- Cde. Joycelyn Thom-Lindie, M.P. (Region No. 10 Upper Demerara/Berbice) (Absent)

# 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. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

#### Other Members (6)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip (Absent)

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. Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P. (Absent)

## (iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Mr. E. Kwayana, M.P.

#### **OFFICERS**

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

#### PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

#### (1) Resignation of Cde. Esau Mohamed

The Speaker announced that he had been informed that with effect from 1st March, 1987, Cde. Esau Mohamed resigned as a Member of the Regional Democratic Council for Region 4 - Democrata/Mahaica.

Following the Regional Elections on 9th December, 1985, Cde. Mohamed was, on 24th December, 1985, declared by the Elections Commission to be an elected Member of the Regional Democratic Council for Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica.

On 7th January, 1986, Cde. Mohamed was elected by that Regional Democratic Council to be a Member of the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs, and on 10th January, 1986, he was elected by the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs and was declared to be an elected Member of the National Assembly.

With his resignation, seats in the Regional Democratic Council, the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs and the National Assembly became vacant.

The vacancy in the National Assembly had been reported with a view to having it filled.

## (ii) <u>Election Petition - Judgment Om</u>

The Speaker announced that he had received from The Honourable Mr. Justice G.A.G. Pompey a letter dated 10th April, 1987, informing hir as required by section 32 of the National Assembly (Validity of Elections) Act, Chapter 1:04, that on 3rd April, 1987, he had declared the election petition presented by Eusi Kwayana and Rupert Roopnarine to be a nullity and had accordingly dismissed it.

The High Court Judge had also sent him a copy of his decision on the matter. The decision consisted of 27 pages and was available at the Table.

#### (iii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

Cde. Blackman for 6th and 7th May.

Cde. Sharma up to 10th May,

Cde. Sawh, and Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, for

that sitting,

Cde. McKenzie up to 13th May,

Cde. Deen up to 24th June,

Cde. McGarrell up to 30th June, and

Cde. Janet Jagan up to 19th June.

#### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC .-

(1) By the <u>Minister of Regional Development</u>, on behalf of the <u>Vice-President</u>, <u>Education and Social Development</u>, and <u>Deputy Prime Minister</u>

Annual Report of the Teaching Service Commission for the year 1985.

(ED: 6/3/3<sup>III</sup>) (Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- Agreements (3) between the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela dated 27th March, 1987, for -
  - (i) The Abolition of Visas in Diplomatic, Official and Service Passports of both Countries,
  - (ii) The Prevention, Control and Suppression of the unlawful consumption of and Traffic in Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances, and
  - (iii) The Establishment of a Mechanism for the Co-ordination, Consultation and General Evaluation of the Co-operation between the two Countries.

(SFA: 1/39/14)(Circulated)

# QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

# No. 30 - Prime Minister's Delegation to North America

The Minority Leader asked the Minister of Finance the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say how many persons accompanied the Prime Minister on his recent visit to North America and what was the per diem out-of-pocket allowance given to each member of the delegation?

(Notice Paper No. 71 published 1986-06-05)

The Minister of Finance gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The Prime Minister was accompanied by 7 persons including the Ambassador to Washingtom on his visit to the National Conference of Black Mayors INC. at New Jersey, U.S.A. 2 of these persons were paid \$618.75 (US \$140.00) per day and the remaining 5 at the rate of \$386 (US \$87.00) per day for 8 days.

## No. 31 - Agreements with Robert Chappell

The Minority Leader asked the Minister of Finance the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister wake a statement about all the agreements made with Robert Chappell or and companies concerning off-shore banking?
  - (ii) Will he say whether, among these permission has been given to Robert Chappell or any companies to erect a tourist Hotel at the top of Kaieteur Falls at which all bills must be paid and transactions conducted in foreign currency?

(Notice Paper No. 72 published 1986-06-05)

The Minister of Finance gave the following reply:

- ANSWER: (i) No agreements have been signed with Robert Chappell, any other individuals or companies as far as offshore banking is concerned. There is therefore, in my view no need for a statement.
  - (ii) Since the answer to part one (i) of the question is, 'no' it would be inappropriate to grace the speculation at 'ii' with an answer. I should like, however, to draw attention to the fact that this very question has been put down for consideration later on in the session. The degree of interest that this particular matter has generated brings to mind Weatherman's Postulate which, if I might be permitted some poetic licence runs, 'The degree to which (our colleagues) over-react to .... information will be in inverse proportion to its accuracy'. I have also heard it said that, 'the wise are pleased when they discover truth, (others) when they discover falsehood'.

#### No. 32 - Return of Car Parts Seized

The Minority Leader asked the Minister of Trade and Tourism the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister state whether a part or all of the car parts which were seized by the Police and Customs from Rahaman and Sons of Russell Street, Georgetown, Hassam of Main Street, New Amsterdam and others have been returned?
  - (ii) If not, will the Minister say whether it is proposed to return the parts or make any financial restitution?

(Notice Paper No. 73 published 1986-06-05)

The Minister of Finance gave the following reply

#### ANSWER: (i) In the Matter pf Rahaman and Sons of Georgetown

The motor spares seized from Cde. Rahaman were later vested by law in the State in the absence of any notice of claim.

# (ii) In the matter of Hassan of New Amsterdam

Cde. Hassan has been under the Customs Act in respect of the motor spares seized from him and the case is pending before the courts.

## No. 43 - Distribution Centre at Anna Regina

<u>Cde</u> <u>Basir</u> asked the Minister of Trade and Tourism the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say -

- (i) Whether the "Distribution Centre" at Anna Regina is a PNC Shop?
- (ii) Whether the 'working capital' made available to the shop has been provided by the Government?
- (iii) Whether profits from the shop go to the Treasury or to the PNC?

(Notice Paper No. 90 published 1986-06-26)

The Minister of Trade and Tourism gave the following reply:

- ANSWER:

  (i) The Minister of Trade and Tourism does not investigate the character of the ownership of shops in determining their inclusion in the distribution system and therefore has no information on the ownership of the "Distribution Centre" at Anna Regina. If, however, the questioner really wants to find out whether the PNC owns a shop there then he should ask that question of the General Secretary of the PNC and do so outsile of Parliament.
  - (ii) I am authorised by the Minister of Finance to inform the questioner that no working capital has been made available by Government to any shop in Anna Regina.
  - (iii) As Minister of Trade and Tourism I neither regulate nor monitor the distribution of profits by shops and therefore am in no position to answer the third part of the question.

Supplementary questions asked by Cdes. Basir and Reepu Daman Persaud.

## No. 44 - Ex Gratia Pension for Sugar Workers

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practices.

<u>Cde.</u> Belgrave, asked the Prime Minister the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Prime Minister say whether consideration will now be given to increasing the ex gratia pension of sugar workers from \$16.50 a week to

an amount more in keeping with the cost of living?

(Notice Paper No. 91 published 1986-06-26)

The ice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General gave the following reply:

ANSWER: Reflecting its consistent commitment to improving the welfare of all workers, the Government, in the wages agreement recently concluded with the TUC, is on record as committed to increasing pension to public sector workers

However, in the case of workers who are paid from non-governmental sources, such as Guysuco, the extent and quantification of pay are obviously linked to the earning power and financial capability of the particular enterprise as assessed by prudent business management

In keeping with this long standing approach of Government, I am glad to say that Guysuco is now in the course of carrying out such an assessment with a view to reviewing the existing rates of pension for sugar workers.

#### No. 45 - Footwear for Sugar Workers

<u>Cde. Belgrave</u> asked the Prime Minister the following Question:

QUESTION: Will the Prime Minister ensure that adequate supplies of safety boots and other footwear for sugar workers are available at all times?

(Notice Paper No. 93 published 1986-06-26)

The Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The Guyana Sugar Corporation is cognisant of its role in safety, hence it has always endeavoured to have supplies available.

The Corporation acknowledges that on occasion, its effort has been affected by the availability of foreign exchange and shipping delivery.

The Corporation's policy is to allocate safety boots or safety shoes to factory and similar type workers and yachting boots to cane harbesters.

These issues are made at a 50% cost to the workers and form part of the safety and accident prevention programme of the Corporation.

Safety boots were last distributed in September, 1986. An order for 6,246 has been placed for the next distribution. There are 1,811 in stock.

Yacthing Boots were last distributed for the first crop 1987. An order for 13,000 has been placed for the next distribution. There are 1,416 in stock.

A supplementary question was asked by Cde. Belgrave.

#### No. 46 - Boats for the Ministry of Health

Dr. C. Jagan on behalf of Cde. Janet Jagan asked the Minister in the Ministry of Health the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister state if the 14 boats for the Ministry, which the Minister of Health recently informed the National Assembly would soon be delivered, are locally built?

(ii) If not, why not?

(Notice Paper No. 95 published 1986-06-27)

The Minister of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy gave the following reply:

ANSWER: I recall the comments centered around the availability of water Transport for Health workers to the Riverian Communities. Since that time there have been an increase and some of the boats are aluminum boats and a few inflatable - the rest are made of wood.

Region I - Moruca - inflatable

Mabaruma - inflatable, 2 aluminum

l launch

Waramari - 1 wooden

Region II - 1 inflatable

l aluminum

Region - III - 1 launch which serves Hogg Island, Saxabali, Bonasika Creek and Fort Island, etc.

Region IV - Cane Grove - wooden
St. Cuthberts - wooden

Region V - Boat - Mora Point

Region VI - Orealla - Aluminum Ebini - Wooden Region VII - 2 Bartica, 1 Kamarang, Enaku

Region IX - Annai - Aluminum

Region X - 2 Launches - Wooden

Supplementary question was asked by Cde. Nokta.

#### No. 47 - Rice and Paddy Buying Centre for Leguan

<u>Cde. Nokta</u> asked the Serior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say when the Marketing and Milling Authority will set up a Rice and Paddy Buying Centre at Leguan?

(Notice Paper No. 99 published 1986-07-28)

The Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The matter is receiving attention and the fixing of a specific date for the completion of the exercise is yet to be determined. We anticipate that the matter will be resolved in the near future.

#### No. 48 - Produce Bought by Parika Marketing Centre

Mr. Kwayana asked the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agficulture the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister given the quantity and total value of produce bought by the Parika Marketing Centre from farmers between December 1, 1985 and May 31, 1986?

(Notice Paper No. 100 published 1986-07-30)

The Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The quantity of produce bought by the Parika Marketing Centre from farmers between December 1st, 1985 and May 31st 1986 was 37,635.5 lbs. The value of the said produce was \$27,371.70.

A supplementary question was asked by Mr. Kwayana.

## No. 49 - Motor Lorry at Parika Marketing Centre

Mr. Kwavana asked the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Is it true that the Parika Marketing Centre is equipped with a motor lorry?
  - (ii) If so, to what use has the motor lorry been put between December1, 1985 and May 31, 1986?

(Notice Paper No. 101 published 1986-07-30)

The Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture gave the following reply:

ANSWER: (i) The Parika Marketing Centre is equipped with two motor lorries.

(ii) In relation to usage, the motor lorries were hired for the transport of agricultural produce, inputs and merchandise.

A supplementary question was asked by Mr. Kwayana.

# MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

#### Air Transport to Lethem

Mr. Kwayana sought leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the question of the lack of adequate air transport to Lethem.

The Speaker did not allow the claim as the matter did not qualify as one to be raised on a motion for the adjournment of the Assembly.

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS -

#### MOTIONS.

# ITEM 1 - SALE OF GUYANA TIMBERS LIMITED

At the request of Mr. Kwayana the motion at Item I on the Order Paper was withdrawn.

#### ITEM 2 - RECOGNITION OF NON-CHRISTIAN HOLY DAYS

Mr. Kwayana moved and spoke to the following motion:

WHEREAS the Rules of Court made under Section 67 of Chapter 3:02 were made during a period of non-recognition of non-Christian Holy Days;

AND WHEREAS the recent amending Order, No. 3 of 1986, made under Chapter 3:02 appears to withhold recognition of the non-Christian Holy Days;

#### BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly express the opinion that in matters of service of writ of summons, recognised non-Christian Hold Days should be accorded equal treatment with the days listed in Order 7 Rule 7;

#### AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That in matters in which "any limited time less than six days from or after any event is appointed or allowed for doing any act or taking any proceeding" recognised non-Christian Holy Days should be accorded equal treatment in the law with days listed in Order 98 Rule 1 (4), recently amended to include Saturday.

(Notice Paper No. 88 published 1986-06-26)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud seconded and spoke to the motion.

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General spoke to the motion and moved the following amendments:-

- (i) <u>Deletion</u> of the words "non-Christian Holy Days;" in the first "Whereas" clause, and <u>substitution</u> therefor of the words "in practice of the principle of religious equality;"
- (ii) <u>Deletion</u> of all the words after the first "Whereas" clause as amended and <u>substitution</u> of the following therefor:-

"AND WHEREAS this National Assembly commends the long established policy of the Government of the People's National Congress in according equal treatment to all religions;

AND WHEREAS Order 7, rule 7, and Order 48, rule 1(4) of the Rules of the High Court, which originated during the aforesaid period, provide respectively that service of a writ of summons shall not be effected on certain days and that certain days shall not be reckoned in computing the time for doing any act or taking any proceedings:

Assembly requests the Government to bring to the notice of the Rule-Making Authority of the High Court of the Supreme Court of Judicature the question whether the said provisions are in need of revision to bring them into harmony with the said policy.".

Mr. Kwayana, Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the amendment. The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General replied to the amendments.

Mr. Kwayana replied to the motion.

The original motion was negatived.

The motion as amended was <u>carried</u> on the following division:

FOR AGAINST DECLINED TO VOTE

Mr. Kwayana

Cde. Belgrave

Cde. C. Jagan

Cde. Reepu Daman

Persaud

Mr. Singh

Cde. Basir

Cde. Nokta

Cde. I. Ally

Cde. Abrahams

Cde. Khan

Cde. Latchminarayan

Cde. Bishop

Cde. Semple

Cde. Sankar

Cde. Trotman

Cde. B. Persaud

Cde. Marshall

Cde. Geddes

Cde. Edwards

Cde. Deygoo

Cde. DeJesus

Cde. Calistro Cde. Bovell-Drakes

Cde. \_rthur

Cde. A. Ally

Cde. Melville

Cde. Munroe

Cde. Doobay

Cde. Davidson

Cde. M. Ally

Cde. Habibulla

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Cde. Odie-Ali

Cde. Harding

Cde. Kissoon

Cde. Johnson

Cde. Harewood-Benn

Cde. Van West-Charles

Cde. Thomas

Cde. Murray

Cde. Prashad

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Cdo. Shahabuddeen

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# ITEM 3 - COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Mr. Kwayana moved and spoke to the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government of Guyana appoint a broad, multi-disciplined, multi-class and multi-party Commission to investigate in all parts of Guyana, all aspects of social margin-lisation, including, for example, juvenille delinquency, destitution, drug abuse, homelessness, enforced prostitution as well as the incidence of crimes against the person, the treatment and rehabilitation of offenders, school attendance, treatment of the mentally ill, illiteracy among the young and to make a report with recommendations;

#### AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission be requested to make interim report of completed areas with recommendations every six months and to complete its investigation within 18 months with a final report and recommendations, or with the consent of Parliament in 2 years;

#### AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the reports and recommendations be submitted to the Government, the National Assembly and the public for discussion with a view to choiceof policies aimed at general improvement of the quality of life of the affected groups and individuals;

#### AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That remedial action on the basis of interim reports may be open to Government or other agencies without the need toawait the final

(Notice Paper No. 89 published 1986-06-26)

Mr. Kwayana was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

#### SUSPENSION OF SITTING

The sitting was suspended for refreshments.

## RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Kwayana concluded his speech.

Cde. Basir seconded and spoke to the motion.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Cdes. Belgrave and Nokta, the Minority Leader, the Minister of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy and the Vice-President, Education and Social Development and Deputy Prime Minister spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, Mr. Kwayana replied to the motion.

The motion was then put and regatived.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6,49 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 7th May, 1987.

S. NARATN
Speaker (7-05.07

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