

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 41ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1986-1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 19TH JUNE, 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 (Absent - on leave)

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 (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 (Absent -
on leave)

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 (Absent)

Senior Ministers (4)

Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent -
on leave)

*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 (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent - on leave)

*Cde. Dr. N.E. Blackman, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of
Health (Absent - on leave)

*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, Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy (Absent - on leave)

Ministers of State (2)

- Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Development (Absent - on leave)
Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Absent - on leave)

Parliamentary Secretaries (2)

- *Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Education
*Cde. L.E. Scotland, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister

Government Chief Whip (1)

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

Other Members (23)

- Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
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. (Absent)
Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.
Cde. L.R. Arthur, M.P.
Cde. J.R.L. Bovell-Drakes, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.
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. (Absent - on leave)
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. (Absent - on leave)

*Non-elected Member

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

Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P.
(One 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) (Absent)
Cde. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/
Berbice) (Absent)
Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
Cde. Enid F. 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) (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 (Absent)

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
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

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PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Green, Shahabuddeen, Jackson, Murray, Kranenburg, Blackman, Kissoon, Harding, Odie-Ali, Bend-Kirton, Sankar and Mr. M.F. Singh for that sitting, and to Cde. Burnham up to 1st July, 1987.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1987

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with Article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motions to approve Financial Papers Nos. 1 and 2 of 1987, and thereafter moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1987 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$28,177,656, for the period ended 31st December, 1986 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1986).

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1987 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$28,177,656, for the period ended 31st December, 1986 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1986)."

ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1987

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1987 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current Estimates totalling \$90,000,000, for the period ended 31st May, 1987.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1987 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current Estimates totalling \$90,000,000, for the period ended 31st May, 1987."

ITEM 3 - AFFIRMATION OF THE EXTERNAL LOANS ORDER 1987 (No. 28)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly affirm: ~~the~~ External Loans Order 1987 (NO. 28), which was made under section 3(7) of the External Loans Act, Chapter 74:08, on 7th May, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 9th May, 1987.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Finance replied.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 4 - RICE FACTORIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill
No. 3/1987 - published 1987-06-06

The Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, on behalf of the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend
the Rice Factories Act.

Cdes. Reepu Daman Persaud and Basir spoke to the motion.

The Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture replied.

Thereafter 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 3.43 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 24th June, 1987.


S. NARAIN
SPEAKER

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
GEORGETOWN.

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