

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 42ND 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, 24TH 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

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. A. 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 (Absent - on leave)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public  
Utilities (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent - on leave)

Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information and  
the Public Service (Absent - on leave)

\*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 (Absent)  
 Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister of Forestry  
 \*Cde. W.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 (Absent - on leave)

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 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 (Absent - on leave)

Government Chief Whip (1)

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

Other Members (23)

- Cde. Agnes 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. (Absent)  
 Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.  
 Cde. L.R. Arthur, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 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. Cyrdila 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.

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)  
Cde. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/  
Berbice)  
Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomereroon/Supenaam)  
Cde. ~~Said~~ 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) (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 - on leave)

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.  
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 SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Shahabuddeon, Parris, Corbin, Harewood-Benn, Kissoon, and Scotland for that sitting, and to Cde. Cheddi Jagan up to 25th June and Cde. Janet Jagan up to 30th June.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-(1) By the Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Ministry of  
Co-operatives for the year 1986.

(MC:5/0) (Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Labour:

- (i) Labour (Conditions of Employment of Certain Workers) (Minimum Rate of Wages) Order 1987 (No. 31), made under section (3)1 of the Labour (Conditions of Employment of Certain Workers) Act 1978 (No. 18), and published in the Gazette on 13th June, 1987.

(L:16/91)(Circulated)

- (ii) Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour for the year 1986.

(L:7/1/42)(Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Communications and Works:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Transport for the year 1986.

(MT:12/3/3<sup>I</sup>)(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Forestry:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Forestry for the year 1986.

(FOR:14/7)(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - HOUSING LOTS IN LINDEN

Mr. Kwayana moved and spoke to the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That housing lots in Linden should be transferred to bauxite workers or former bauxite workers who occupy such lots or are in possession of such lots at the price of one dollar on terms similar to those applied in the sugar industry.

(Notice Paper No. 104 published 1986-07-30)

Cde. Basir seconded and spoke to the motion.

Mr. M.F. Singh, Cde. Belgrave and the Prime Minister spoke to the motion.

Mr. Kwayana replied.

Thereafter, the motion was put and negatived on the following Division:

FOR

Mr. Kwayana  
 Mr. Abraham  
 Mr. Singh  
 Cde. Belgrave  
 Cde. Basir  
 Cde. Nokta  
 Cde. S.F. Mohamed  
 Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud

AGAINST

Cde. Domingo  
 Cde. I. Ally  
 Cde. Abrahams  
 Cde. Khan  
 Cde. Latchminarayan  
 Cde. Bishop  
 Cde. Semple  
 Cde. Sankar  
 Cde. Trotman  
 Cde. B. Persaud  
 Cde. Marshall  
 Cde. Edwards  
 Cde. Deygo  
 Cde. DeJesus  
 Cde. Calistro  
 Cde. Bovell-Drakes  
 Cde. A. Ally  
 Cde. Munroe  
 Cde. Doobay  
 Cde. Davidson  
 Cde. M. Ally  
 Cde. Gill-Mingo  
 Cde. Fowler  
 Cde. Habibulla  
 Cde. Ferreira  
 Cde. Odie-Ali  
 Cde. Harding  
 Cde. Sawh  
 Cde. Johnson  
 Cde. Thomas  
 Cde. Murray  
 Cde. Prashad  
 Cde. Jackson  
 Cde. Chandisingh  
 Cde. Green

TOTAL 8

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ITEM 2 - GOVERNMENT'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY

Mr. Kwayana moved and spoke to the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government's agricultural policy is inconsistent, wasteful, secretive and ought to be rationalised.

(Notice Paper No. 105 published 1986-07-30)

Cde. Basir seconded and spoke to the motion.

Cde. Basir was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.34 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Basir concluded his speech.

Cde. Nokta, Mr. M.F. Singh, Mr. Abraham and the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture spoke to the motion.

Mr. Kwayana replied.

Thereafter, the motion was put and negatived.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.18 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1st July, 1987.

*S. Narain*  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker  
87-07-01

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
GEORGETOWN.

30th June, 1987.