

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 4TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD
SESSION (1991) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, 1991

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

Speaker

- * Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., J.P., M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (60)

Prime Minister

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

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

- * Cde. K.S. Massiah, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister
of Legal Affairs

Deputy Prime Minister (2)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Works,
Communications and Regional Development

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

Senior Ministers (6)

- *Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance
- *Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture
- *Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education and Cultural Development
- Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Works,
Communications and Regional Development
- Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Senior Minister in the Office
of the President
- *Cde. Rabbian Ali-Khan, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security

Ministers (6)

- Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry
- *Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. J.T. Kisson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health
- Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President
- Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, Minister of Home Affairs
- Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of
Labour, Human Services and Social Security

*Non-elected Member

Government Chief Whip (1)

Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira

Other Members (32)

Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P.
Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P.
Cde. R.E. Jackson, O.R., M.P.
Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P.
Cde. S. Prashad, M.P.
Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P.
Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P.
Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P.
Cde. M. Corrica, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
Cde. Joyce Munroe, M.P.
Cde. H. D obay, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
Cde. Amna Ally, 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 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. K. Sankar, A.A., M.P.
Cde. E.L. Fraser, M.P.
Cde. Mignon D. Griffith, M.P.
Cde. P.E. Rockcliffe, M.P.

(There are two vacancies)

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

Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P.
Cde. P. Singh, J.P., 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. C. Vandenburg, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice) (Absent)
Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/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. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)
Cde. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
Cde. D. Fernandes, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

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. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

(There is one vacancy)

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Absent)

Mr. M.A. Abrahams, A.A., M.P. (Absent - on - leave)

OFFICERS

Cde. M.B. Henry, Clerk of the National Assembly (Ag.)

Cde. E. Kendall, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (Ag.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(1) LEAVE

Leave had been granted to -

(a) Cde. Deen from 15th to 31st January, 1992 and

(b) Mr. Abraham for that day's sitting.

(ii) Telegramme from Cde. I Basir

The Speaker read a telegram from Cde. I. Basir a former Member of the National Assembly extending best wishes to all Members.

(iii) STABROEK'S PUBLICATION

The Speaker drew attention to a front page publication in the Stabroek Newspaper dated Tuesday, 24th December, 1991 which claimed that Mr. Abraham had submitted a motion to him. He said that the contents of the publication were enormous and that the Stabroek Editor should have checked with the Office before making the publication.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second Reading

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 36/1991
published 1991-12-19

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ACT to effect certain alterations to the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164 thereof.

The Deputy Speaker, the Minister in the Ministry of Health and Cde. Deen spoke to the motion.

The Prime Minister was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Prime Minister continued and concluded his speech.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried on the following division.

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Cde. Abraham
Cde. Khan
Cde. Bishop
Cde. Charles
Cde. P. Singh
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Cde. Rockcliffe
Cde. Griffith
Cde. Fraser
Cde. Sankar
Cde. B. Persaud
Cde. Marshall
Cde. Geddes
Cde. Edwards
Cde. Deygoo
Cde. DeJesus
Cde. Deen
Cde. Cumberbatch
Cde. Calistro
Cde. Ally
Cde. Melville
Cde. Munroe
Cde. Gill-Mingo
Cde. Fowler
Cde. P. Rayman
Cde. Bancroft
Cde. Johnson
Cde. Harwood-Denn
Cde. Prashad
Cde. Thomas
Cde. Jackson
Cde. Parris
Cde. Burnham
Cde. Ferreira
Cde. Persico
Cde. Odie-Alli
Cde. Harding
Cde. Kissoon
Cde. Sawh
Cde. Sharma
Cde. Murray
Cde. Corbin
Cde. Green

AGAINST

Cde. Belgrave
Cde. Nokta
Cde. Mohamed
Cde. R.D. Persaud

TOTAL

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In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 The following amendments by the Deputy Speaker were put and negatived:

- (i) Substitution of the words "eight months" for the words "fifteenth months" in paragraph (a);
- (ii) Substitution of the words "nine months" for the words "sixteen months" in paragraph (b), and
- (iii) Deletion of paragraph (g).

The following amendment by the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs was put and carried.

Insertion of the words "there were inserted" after the words "Guyana" ,.

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Clause 3 The following amendment by the Deputy Speaker was put and negatived:

Substitution of the words "31st May, 1992" for the words "30th September, 1992" in subsections (1) and (2).

Clause 3 was then passed as printed.

Clause 4 was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, the Bill was read a third time and passed as amended in Committee on the following division:-

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Speaker extended New Year's Greetings to Members of the Assembly, the Staff of Parliament Office, the Press and other Officials and their families.

The Prime Minister and Deputy Speaker reciprocated the wishes to the Speaker, and also extended greetings to other members of the Assembly, the Staff of Parliament Office, the Press, other Officials and their families.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Health, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

S. Narain
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Speaker
92-03-18

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