

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 9TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD SESSION
(1991) - (1992) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1992

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 (Absent - on leave)

Senior Ministers (6)

*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance

*Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Ministry 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

*Non-elected Member

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. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health
 Cde. Dr. Faith Harding, M.P., Minister for the Public Service Ministry (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. Stella Odi-Ali, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
 Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P.

Other Members (32)

- Cde. Viola V. Burnham, D.R., M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. W.A.L.R. Parris, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. R.E. Jackson, D.R., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P.
 Cde. S. Prashad, C.C.H., 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, A.A., M.P.
 Cde. M. Corrica, M.S., M.P.
 Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
 Cde. H. Dochay, M.S., M.P.
 Cde. Joyce Munroe, M.P.
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
 Cde. Amna Ally, M.P.
 Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
 Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.
 Cde. Cyrillda 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. (Absent)
 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) (Absent)
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
 Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomereroon/Supenaam)
 Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, M.S., J.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)
 Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takatu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)
 Cde. M. Ajoodhia, J.F., 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)

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent)

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 - on leave)
 Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Dr. Roger Luncheon, M.P. (Absent)

(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)

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Dr. R. Roopnarine, M.P. (Absent)

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS

The Acting Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. J. Jagan for that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1992

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1992.

The Minister of Education and Cultural Development, Cde Geddes, the Minister in the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry and the Minister in the Ministry of Health spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security 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 4.33 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security continued and concluded her speech.

Cde Yusuf Khan spoke to the motion.

The Cde. Prime Minister concluded the debate.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to receive and consider the report of the Business Sub-Committee concerning the allocation of time for the consideration of the 1992 Estimates of Expenditure by the Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Following a report by the Chairman of the Business Sub-Committee and a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Committee of Supply agreed with the Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee.

ASSEMBLY RESUMED

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.35 p.m., on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Health, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 6th April, 1992.

S. Narain
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Speaker
92-04-06

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