

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 17TH 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, 7TH AUGUST, 1992

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

Speaker

*Cde. Sase Narain, C.R., B.C., J.P., M.A.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (62)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

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

Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

Cde. R.H.D. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Works,
Communications and Regional Development (Absent)

Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.M., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Trade,
Tourism and Industry (Absent - on leave)

Senior Ministers (7)

*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 (Absent)

*Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Works,
Communications and Regional Development

*Hon. Dr. K.F.S. King, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of
the President

Cde. S.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
 *Hon. 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 A. Harding, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President/Public Service Management (Absent)
 Cde. Stella Odie-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., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (32)

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

(There are three 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) (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 Takatu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)
 Cde. M. Ajoodia, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Manaica/Berbice)
 Cde. D. Fernandes, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Borima/Maini) (Absent)

Members of the Minority (11)(i) People's Progressive Party (0)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)
 Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip (Absent)
 Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. Dr. Roger Luncheon, M.P. (Absent)

(ii) United Force (2)

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

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

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

OFFICERS

Mr. F.A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly
 Mr. S.E. Isaacs, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Murray until 24th August, and to Cdes. Jackson, Bancroft, Deen and Belgrave for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

By the Minister of Finance:

Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana for the exchange of information with respect to taxes. (Signed on 22nd of July, 1992).

(Circulated)

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -Suspension of Standing Order No. 8A

The Minister in the Ministry of Health moved the following motion which was put and carried:

WHEREAS under Standing Order No. 8A no sitting of the National Assembly shall be held from 10th August to 10th October in any year unless there are special reasons for so doing;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Constitution (Amendment) (No. 4) Act 1991 Parliament shall, if not sooner dissolved, stand dissolved on 30th September, 1992, or on the expiry of one month from the date on which the Chairman of the Elections Commission intimates to the President that the preparation of the official list of electors for all the polling divisions, and the non-resident electors' roll under section 3(1) of the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 1990, has been completed, whichever date is sooner:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 8A be suspended during the period 10th August, 1992, to 30th September, 1992.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -Presentation and First ReadingPRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES)
BILL 1992 - Bill No. 26/1992 published 1992-07-29

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read a first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the implementation of the Agreement between the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Commission of the European Communities and for purposes connected therewith.

PUBLIC BUSINESSSecond ReadingNATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 -
Bill No. 27/1992 published 1992-07-27

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act.

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 2.14 p.m. on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Health, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 14th August, 1992.


S. Narain
Speaker

92-08-14

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