

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 38TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990/1991) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1991

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

Speaker (1)

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

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

+ Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-President and Deputy Prime Minister (1)

- + Cde. Viola V. Burnham, U.R., M.P., Vice-President, Culture and Social Development and Deputy Prime Minister

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

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

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.U. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Utilities

Senior Ministers (8)

- +* Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance
- ++ Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Senior Minister in the Ministry of Planning and Development
- + Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade and Tourism
- + Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Regional Development
- Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of the President
- * Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture
- * Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent-on leave)
- * Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works

Ministers (8)

- Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Regional Development
- + Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister of Labour and Co-operatives
- Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Utilities
- * Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture (Absent-on leave)
- Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister
- Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of the Public Service
- Cde. Stella Udie-Ali, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
- Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Culture and Social Development

+ Cabinet Member

* Non-elected Member

Parliamentary Secretary (1)

Cde. L.E. Scotland, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)

Government Chief Whip (1)

Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira

Other Members (25)

Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P.
Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P.
Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P.
Cde. M. Corruca, M.P.
Cde. Philomena A. Kayman, M.P.
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
Cde. H. Doobay, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.
Cde. N. Calisiro, M.P.
Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.,
Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.
Cde. Cyralda A. DeJesus, M.P.
Cde. Edith Deygoo, M.P.
Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.
Cde. C.L. Geaves, 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. Rockliffe, 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 K. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
Cde. K. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, M.S., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Island/West Demerara)
Cde. I. Ally, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Suparuni)
Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)
Cde. Ajoahia, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
Cde. D. Fernandes, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Members of the Minority (11)

(1) People's Progressive Party (8)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Keepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

* Non-elected Member

Other Members (6)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P.
 Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P.
 Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip
 Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. I. Basir, M.P.
 Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)

(ii) United Force (2)

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

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Mr. E. Kwayana, M.P.

OFFICER

Cde. M.B. Henry, Acting Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Acting Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Bernard and Parvatan for that day's sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingINSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF GUYANA BILL 1991 - Bill No. 2/1991

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intitled AN ACT to provide for the registration of persons as Chartered Accountants, to regulate the practice of accountancy and for matters connected therewith.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second & Third ReadingsCONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 1/1991 published 1991-01-02

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

A BILL intitled AN ACT to effect an alteration to article 70 of the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164 thereof.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker suspended the sitting on account of grave disorder in the Assembly.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 2.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Resumption of consideration of the Second Reading of the Constitution (Amendment) Bill 1991 - Bill No. 1/1991

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs concluded his speech.

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

FOR	<u>Declined to Vote</u>
Cde. Fernandes	Mr. Kwayana
Cde. Ajoodhia	Mr. Abraham
Cde. Stephens	Cde. Basir
Cde. McGarrell	Cde. S.F. Mohamed
Cde. I. Ally	Cde. Collymore
Cde. Abrahams	Cde. Keepu Daman Persaud
Cde. Khan	Cde. J. Jagan
Cde. Vandenburg	Cde. C. Jagan
Cde. Bishop	
Cde. Charles	
Cde. P. Singh	
Cde. Semple	
Cde. Rockliffe	
Cde. Griffith	
Cde. Fraser	
Cde. Sankar	
Cde. B. Persaud	
Cde. Marshall	
Cde. Geddes	
Cde. Edwards	
Cde. Deygoo	
Cde. DeJesus	
Cde. Vein	
Cde. Cumberbatch	
Cde. Calisario	
Cde. A. Ally	
Cde. Melville	
Cde. Munroe	
Cde. Gill-Mingo	
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The Bill was read a second time. Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 was passed as printed on the following division:

FOR	<u>AGAINST</u>
Cde. Fernandes	
Cde. Ajoodhia	
Cde. Stephens	
Cde. McGarrell	
	NIL

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Cde. I. Ally	Cde. Fowler
Cde. Abrahams	Cde. P. Kayman
Cde. Khan	Cde. Corvica
Cde. Vandenburg	Cde. Denny
Cde. Bishop	Cde. Bancroft
Cde. Charles	Cde. Jackson
Cde. P. Singh	Cde. Ferreira
Cde. Semple	Cde. Persico
Cde. Rockcliffe	Cde. Ude-Ali
Cde. Griffith	Cde. Harding
Cde. Fraser	Cde. Kissoon
Cde. Sankar	Cde. Sawh
Cde. B. Persaud	Cde. Sharma
Cde. Marshall	Cde. Johnson
Cde. Geddes	Cde. Harewood-Benn
Cde. Edwards	Cde. Thomas
Cde. Deygoo	Cde. Murray
Cde. DeJesus	Cde. Prashad
Cde. Deen	Cde. Corbin
Cde. Cumberbatch	Cde. Parris
Cde. Calixto	Cde. Burnham
Cde. A. Ally	Cde. Green
Cde. Melville	
Cde. Munroe	
Cde. Gill-Mingo	

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NIL

Assembly resumed

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

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AGAINST

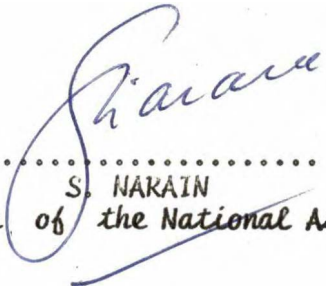
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Cde. Deen	Cde. Burnham
Cde. Cumberbatch	Cde. Green
Cde. Calixto	
Cde. A. Ally	
Cde. Melville	

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ADJOURNMENT

At 2.55 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


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S. NARAIN
Speaker of the National Assembl

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

1991-01-21.