

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 39TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990/1991) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1991

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

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 (61)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-President and Deputy Prime Minister (1)

- + Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.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, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (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)
- * Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Utilities (Absent)

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 (Absent)
- * Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade and Tourism (Absent on-leave)
- + 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 (Absent)
- * Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent on-leave)
- * Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education
- * 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 (Absent)
- * 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)
- * Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)
- * Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of the Public Service
- * Cde. Stella Odie-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 (26)

- Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., (Absent on-leave)
 Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P.
 Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P.
 Cde. M. Corvica, 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.
 Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
 Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.
 Cde. N. Calistano, M.P.
 Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. M.I. Veen, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Cyrida 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. (Absent on-leave)
 Cde. B. Persaud, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. K. Sankar, A.A., M.P. (Absent on-leave)
 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 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 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
 Cde. 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. McGavrell, M.P., (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
 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 (10)

- (i) People's Progressive Party (8)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

* Non-elected Member

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. I. Basir, M.P., (Absent)
 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, R.A., M.P., (Absent)

(iii) Working People's Alliance 2(1)

(Vacant)

OFFICER

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

PRAYERS

The Acting Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Resignation of Cde. Eusi Kwayana

The Speaker informed the Assembly that he had received a letter from Mr. Eusi Kwayana tendering his resignation as a Member of the National Assembly with effect from 2nd February, 1991 and that with Mr. Kwayana's resignation, a vacancy had been created in the National Assembly.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cdes. Massiah, Murray, Dr. McKenzie and Marshall from that day's sitting
- (b) Cde. Jackson from 3rd to 10th February, 1991 and
- (c) Cde. Geades one month from 2nd February, 1991

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Minimum Holdings of Liquid Assets by
 Banks (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989
 (Extension of operation) (No. 2)
 under 1990 (No. 86).

(ST: 34/2/1/6) (Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bills which were read the first time: -

(1) BANKING LAWS BILL 1991 - Bill No. 3/1991 published 1991-01-22

A BILL intitled AN ACT to authorise the issue of variable interest rate fixed date debentures and to include such debentures as liquid assets under the Banking Act.

(2) TAXATION LAWS (RELIEF) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 4/1991

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal the Estate Duty Act and to amend the Deceased Persons Estate's Administration Act, the Tax Act and the Capital Gains Tax Act to provide for substantial tax relief.

(3) CARICOM ENTERPRISE BILL 1991 - Bill No. 5/1991

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the implementation by Guyana of the Agreement for the establishment of a regime for Caricom Enterprises and for matters connected therewith.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 36/1990 published 1990-12-24

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Customs 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.

ITEM 2 INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF GUYANA BILL 1991 published 1991-01-12

The Minister of Regional Development informed the Assembly that the Minister of Finance would move the second reading of the following Bills at the next sitting:-

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

ITEM 3 - MOTION

EXPULSION OF CDE. ISAHAK BASIR, M.P.

The Speaker urged the Minister of Regional Development not to proceed to move the following motion at that sitting as it appeared on a Supplementary Order Paper:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Cde. Isahak Basir, M.P., be expelled from the service of the Assembly.

Further he instructed the Clerk to take all necessary action to have a copy of the Notice Paper, No. 99 (M45 Govt 23) dated 1991-02-04, in which the motion was published, delivered to Cde. Basir.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.25 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 91-02-11

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
GEORGETOWN.

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