

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 41TH 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, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1991

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (72)

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 (60)

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 - on leave)
- 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
- * 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
- 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 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

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., (Absent - on leave)

Cde. M. Corrica, 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. Calistro, M.P.

Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.

Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.

Cde. Cyriilda 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. 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)

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. McGarrell, M.P., (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)

Cde. M. Stephens, M.P., (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

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)

Other Members

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, A.A., M.P., (Absent)

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

(Vacant)

OFFICER

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

PRAYERS

The Acting Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**(i) NATIONAL AWARDS**

The Speaker informed members that on the recent National Awards night on the occasion of the twenty-first anniversary of the Republic, one parliamentarian and one person formerly associated with Parliament had been granted National Awards.

- (a) Cde. Kashleigh Esmond Jackson a Member of the National Assembly from 1978 to 1990, had been awarded the Order of Koraima in recognition of the distinction and eminence achieved and the respect earned by him in the service of Guyana at the domestic, regional and wider international levels as a Senior Public Officer, Permanent Representative to the United Nations and a Minister of the Government in the field of Foreign Affairs.
- (b) Cde. Agnes Bend-Kirton who had been a Member of the National Assembly from 1981 to 1989 and a Parliamentary Secretary from 1981 to 1985, had been awarded the Golden Arrow of Achievement for long and dedicated service of consistently high standard in the fields of Women's affairs and trade unionism at the domestic and regional levels.

On behalf of Members and his own, he extended and placed on record their congratulations and best wishes to Cdes. Jackson and Bend-Kirton.

(ii) APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR-COUNSEL

The Speaker also informed Members that, among the three Attorneys-at-Law appointed as Senior Counsel, was Cde. Derek Churilall Jagan, J.P., who had been a Member of the National Assembly from 1961 to 1973 and Deputy Speaker from 1971 to 1973.

He extended congratulations and best wishes to Cde. Derek Jagan.

(iii) LEAVE

Leave has been granted to -

- (a) Cde. Jackson, M.P., from February 25, to March 2, 1991.
- (b) Cde. Denny from 25th February to 18th March, 1991 and
- (c) Cde. Parris from that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Minimum Holdings of Liquid Assets by Banks
(Temporary Provisions) Act 1889 (Extension
of Operation) Order 1991 (No. 8)

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLPresentation and First ReadingINCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 7/1991

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Income Tax Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1991

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1991.

The Minister of Trade and Tourism, Cdes. Amna Ally, the Minister of Education, Cde. Fowler, the Minister of the Public Service and Cde. Calistro spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Geddes and the Minister of Labour and Co-operatives spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.05 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 26th February, 1991.

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S. NAKAIN
Speaker
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