

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 44TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990/1991) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 28TH 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 (Absent)

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)

Other Deputy Prime Minister (2)

- + Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister
Planning and Development (Absent - on leave)
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 (Absent)
+ 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)
+ 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. Kisson, 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. K.E. Jackson, O.R., 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. (Absent)

Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.

Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., 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. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.

Cde. Edith Deygoo, M.P.

Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.

Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. G. Marshall, M.P. (Absent)

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. 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 - Pomeroon/Supernaam)

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) (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 (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

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., M.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.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONAPPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1991

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1991.

In Committee of Supply

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| HEAD 14 | ELECTIONS COMMISSIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | \$ 71,300,000 |
| HEAD 22 | MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 8,853,000 |
| HEAD 23 | MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (POLICE) was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 296,331,000 |
| HEAD 24 | MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PRISON) was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 36,970,000 |
| HEAD 25 | POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 339,000 |
| HEAD 26 | FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 18,245,000 |
| HEAD 27 | NATIONAL REGISTRATION CENTRE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 39,248,000 |
| HEAD 28 | GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 2,688,000 |
| DIVISION 507 | MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 48,869,000 |
| HEAD 7 | PARLIAMENT OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 5,960,000 |

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| HEAD 67 | MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | \$ 32,234,000 |
| DEVISION 530 | MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 24,813,000 |
| HEAD 68 | REGION 1 - BARIMA/WAINI - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 27,216,000 |
| HEAD 69 | REGION 1 - BARIMA/WAINI - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 6,323,000 |
| HEAD 70 | REGION 1 - BARIMA/WAINI - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 11,141,000 |
| HEAD 71 | REGION 1 - BARIMA/WAINI - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 4,682,000 |
| DIVISION 531 | REGION 1 - BARIMA/WAINI was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 3,159,000 |
| HEAD 72 | REGION 2 - POMEROON/SUPENAAM - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 15,875,000 |
| HEAD 73 | REGION 2 - POMEROON/SUPENAAM - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 9,046,000 |
| HEAD 74 | REGION 2 - POMEROON/SUPENAAM - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 18,263,000 |
| HEAD 75 | REGION 2 - POMEROON/SUPENAAM - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 11,757,000 |
| DIVISION 532 | REGION 2 - POMEROON/SUPENAAM was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at / Demerara | 15,774,000 |
| HEAD 76 | REGION 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST /- ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at / Demerara | 10,436,000 |
| HEAD 77 | REGION 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST /- AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 14,474,000 |
| HEAD 78 | REGION 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 69,319,000 |
| HEAD 79 | REGION 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 21,159,000 |
| DIVISION 533 | REGION 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 133,708,000 |
| HEAD 80 | REGION 4 - DEMERARA/MAHAICA - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 24,836,000 |
| HEAD 81 | REGION 4 - DEMERARA/MAHAICA - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 30,135,000 |
| HEAD 82 | REGION 4 - DEMERARA/MAHAICA - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 49,205,000 |
| HEAD 83 | REGION 4 - DEMERARA/MAHAICA - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 40,906,000 |
| DIVISION 534 | REGION 4 - DEMERARA/MAHAICA was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 4,977,000 |

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| HEAD 84 | REGION 5 - MAHAICA/BERBICE - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | \$ 18,900,000 |
| HEAD 85 | REGION 5 - MAHAICA/BERBICE - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 10,666,000 |
| HEAD 86 | REGION 5 - MAHAICA/BERBICE - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 17,848,000 |
| HEAD 87 | REGION 5 - MAHAICA/BERBICE - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 17,973,000 |
| DIVISION 535 | REGION 5 - MAHAICA/BERBICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 10,485,000 |
| HEAD 88 | REGION 6 - EAST/BERBICE/CORENTYNE - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 45,408,000 |
| HEAD 89 | REGION 6 - EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 28,727,000 |
| HEAD 90 | REGION 6 - EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 45,865,000 |
| HEAD 91 | REGION 6 - EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 78,824,000 |
| DIVISION 536 | REGION 6 - EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 7,864,000 |
| HEAD 92 | REGION 7 - CUYUNI/MAZARUNI ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 10,770,000 |
| HEAD 93 | REGION 7 - CUYUNI/MAZARUNI - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 1,671,000 |
| HEAD 94 | REGION 7 - CUYUNI/MAZARUNI - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 7,611,000 |
| HEAD 95 | REGION 7 - CUYUNI/MAZARUNI - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 5,312,000 |
| DIVISION 537 | REGION 7 - CUYUNI/MAZARUNI was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 3,642,000 |
| HEAD 96 | REGION 8 - POTARO/SIPARUNI - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 10,720,000 |
| HEAD 97 | REGION 8 - POTARO/SIPARUNI - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 1,203,000 |
| HEAD 98 | REGION 8 - POTARO/SIPARUNI - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 3,875,000 |
| HEAD 99 | REGION 8 - POTARO/SIPARUNI - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 1,279,000 |
| DIVISION 538 | REGION 8 - POTARO/SIPARUNI - was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 660,000 |
| HEAD 100 | REGION 9 - UPPER TAKATU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 6,723,000 |
| HEAD 101 | REGION 9 - UPPER TAKATU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 2,056,000 |

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| HEAD 102 | REGION 9 - UPPER TAKATU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | \$ 7,945,000 |
| HEAD 103 | REGION 9 - UPPER TAKATU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 3,962,000 |
| DIVISION 539 | REGION 9 - UPPER TAKATU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 4,739,000 |
| HEAD 104 | REGION 10 - UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE - ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 6,977,000 |
| HEAD 105 | REGION 10 - UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 2,339,000 |
| HEAD 106 | REGION 10 - UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE - EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 15,797,000 |
| HEAD 107 | REGION 10 - UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE - HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 3,194,000 |
| DIVISION 540 | REGION 10 - UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 5,724,000 |
| HEAD 29 | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 9,300,000 |
| HEAD 30 | CROPS AND LIVESTOCK DIVISION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 142,569,000 |
| HEAD 31 | LANDS & SURVEYS DIVISION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 8,350,000 |
| HEAD 32 | HYDRAULICS DIVISION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 2,317,000 |
| HEAD 33 | FISHERIES DIVISION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 1,640,000 |
| DIVISION 508 | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 1,360,480,000 |
| DIVISION 510 | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - MMA III was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 72,331,000 |
| DIVISION 512 | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - ARTISANAL FISHERY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 205,833,000 |
| HEAD 37 | MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & CULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 1,000 |
| HEAD 38 | MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 250,565,000 |
| HEAD 39 | NURSERY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 11,154,000 |
| HEAD 40 | PRIMARY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 33,138,000 |
| HEAD 41 | SECONDARY/MULTILATERAL & COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 40,287,000 |
| HEAD 42 | TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 26,674,000 |

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| HEAD 43 | PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | \$ 3,503,000 |
| HEAD 44 | TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 19,852,000 |
| HEAD 45 | RESOURCE CENTRE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 13,760,000 |
| DIVISION 522 | MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 151,837,000 |
| DIVISION 49 | CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE DIVISION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 1,992,000 |

Assembly resumedSUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3.57 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1991.

In Committee of Supply

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| HEAD 61 | MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMUNICATIONS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | \$ 1,000 |
| HEAD 63 | MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS & WORKS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 162,868,000 |
| DIVISION 518 | MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS & WORKS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 1,238,105,000 |
| HEAD 65 | CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 76,154,000 |
| DIVISION 517 | GUYANA WATER AUTHORITY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 263,963,000 |
| HEAD 48 | MINISTRY OF LABOUR HUMAN SERVICE & SOCIAL SECURITY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 1,000 |
| HEAD 50 | MINISTRY OF LABOUR was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 59,080,000 |
| HEAD 51 | MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 7,399,000 |
| HEAD 4 | PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | 375,261,000 |

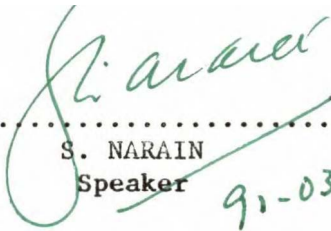
Assembly resumed

The Minister of Regional Development, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, reported to the Assembly that the Committee of Supply had approved of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1991.

The motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1991 was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Monday, 4th March, 1991.


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S. NARAIN
Speaker 91-03-04

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
GEORGETOWN.

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