

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 50TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990-1991) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH MAY, 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

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

Other Deputy Prime Minister (1)

- + Cde. R.H.O. 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 (3)

- Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Regional Development (Absent - on leave)
+ 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. Parvata, 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 Odia-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

* Non-elected Member

+ Cabinet Member

Government Chief Whip (1)

Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira

Other Members (27)

Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P.

Cde. R.E. Jackson, O.R., M.P.

Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P.

Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P.

Cde. M. Corrica, M.P.

Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, 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. 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 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. V. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomereroon/Supenaam)

Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, M.S., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Cde. l. 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 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)**

(There are eight vacancies)

(ii) **United Force (2)**

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

(There is one vacancy)

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

(Vacant)

OFFICER

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

PRAYERS

The Acting Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER**(i) Resignation of Telephonist**

The Speaker informed Members that Cde. Leota Mitchell, Telephonist, who served Parliament Office for fifteen (15) years would be resigning from the Public Service on 11th June, 1991. On their behalf and his own, he extend to her best wishes in her future endeavours.

(ii) Leave to the Acting Clerk

The Speaker announced that he had granted Cde. Maurice Henry, Acting Clerk of the National Assembly part of his vacation leave to be spent overseas from 1st June, 1991.

(iii) Leave

The Speaker also announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cde. Johnson from 22nd May to 12th June, 1991,
- (b) Cde. Bernard)
- (c) Cde. Parvattan) for that day's sitting

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - EXPORT AND IMPORT (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991
Bill No. 10/1991 published 1991-05-04

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Export and Import (Special Provisions) Act 1986.

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 - CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 11/1991
published 1991-05-07

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to effect certain alterations to the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164 thereof.

The motion was put and carried

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 3 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

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

FOR

AGAINST

Cde. Fernandes
Cde. Ajoodhia
Cde. I. Ally
Cde. Abrahams
Cde. Khan
Cde. Vandenburg
Cde. Charles
Cde. P. Singh
Cde. Semple
Cde. Rockeliffe
Cde. Griffith
Cde. Fraser
Cde. Sankar
Cde. B. Persaud
Cde. Marshall
Cde. Geddes
Cde. Edwards
Cde. Deygoo
Cde. DeJesus
Cde. Deen
Cde. Cumberbatch
Cde. Calistro
Cde. A. Ally
Cde. Melville
Cde. Munroe
Cde. Doobay
Cde. Gill-Mingo
Cde. Fowler
Cde. P. Rayman
Cde. Corrica
Cde. Bancroft
Cde. Denny
Cde. Jackson
Cde. Parris
Cde. Ferreira
Cde. Persico
Cde. Odie-Ali
Cde. Harding
Cde. Kissoon
Cde. Sawh
Cde. Sharma
Cde. Harewood-Benn
Cde. Thomas
Cde. Murray
Cde. Prashad
Cde. Corbin
Cde. Burnham
Cde. Green

**ITEM 3 - PUBLIC UTILITY UNDERTAKINGS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ARBITRATION
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 12/1991 published 1991-05-17**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs informed the Assembly that in view of representations made to the Government by the Trade Union Congress he would not proceed to move the second reading of the above Bill at that sitting:

MOTION

ITEM 4 - EXTENSION OF THE LIFE OF PARLIAMENT

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the life of the Parliament which first met on 3rd February, 1986, consequent on the election of members thereof in the election held on 9th December, 1985, was by the alteration of article 70 of the Constitution by the Constitution (Amendment) Act 1991 extended by two months to 2nd April, 1991;

AND WHEREAS the life of the said Parliament was, in accordance with the Constitution (Amendment) Act 1991, by RESOLUTION NO. 36 passed by the National Assembly on 25th March, 1991 and assented to by the President on 27th March, 1991, extended for a further two months to 2nd June, 1991;

AND WHEREAS Parliament shall on 3rd June, 1991 stand dissolved unless there is in accordance with the Constitution (Amendment) Act 1991, a further extension of the life of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS under article 61 of the Constitution an election of members of the National Assembly has to be held within three months of the dissolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the preparation of the official list of electors by house to house enumeration for all the polling divisions and the non-resident electors' roll cannot be completed by 2nd June, 1991, and further time is needed therefor;

AND WHEREAS by the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 1991, the life of Parliament may further be extended for two months or less at a time by resolution supported by two-thirds of the elected members of the National Assembly and assented to by the President, so however that the life of Parliament shall not be extended beyond 30th September, 1991;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that this National Assembly in accordance with the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 1991, approves of the extension of the life of Parliament for a further period of two months, from 3rd June to 2nd August, 1991.

The motion was put and carried on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Cde. Fernandes	
Cde. Ajoodhia	
Cde. I. Ally	
Cde. Abrahams	
Cde. Khan	
Cde. Vandenburg	
Cde. Charles	
Cde. P. Singh	

NIL

FORAGAINST

Cde. Semple
 Cde. Rockcliffe
 Cde. Griffith
 Cde. Fraser
 Cde. Sankar
 Cde. B. Persaud
 Cde. Marshall
 Cde. Geddes
 Cde. Edwards
 Cde. Deygoo
 Cde. DeJesus
 Cde. Deen
 Cde. Cumberbatch
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 Cde. Denny
 Cde. Jackson
 Cde. Parris
 Cde. Ferreira
 Cde. Persico
 Cde. Odie-Ali
 Cde. Harding
 Cde. Kissoon
 Cde. Sawh
 Cde. Sharma
 Cde. Harewood-Benn
 Cde. Thomas
 Cde. Murray
 Cde. Prashad
 Cde. Corbin
 Cde. Burnham
 Cde. Green

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NIL

At 2.52 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

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Georgetown,
Guyana.