

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 20TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FIRST SESSION (1981) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1981

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (82)

Speaker (1)

\*Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (69)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. Dr. P.A. Reid, O.E., M.P., Prime Minister

Other Vice-President (4)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Vice-President, Works and Transport

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Public Welfare

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations

Senior Ministers (10)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Higher Education

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of Regional Development

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of National Development

\*Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

\*Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines (Absent)

\*Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Justice

\*Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent)

\*Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture

\*Cde. S.A. Moore, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

\*Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Education

Ministers (13)

Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister, Environment and Water Supply, in the Ministry of Public Welfare

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives

Cde. J.N. Maitland-Singh, M.P., Minister, Consumer Protection, in the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister, Crops and Livestock, in the Ministry of Agriculture

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance

Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P., Minister, Fisheries, in the Ministry of Agriculture

\*Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister, Mechanical Equipment, in the Ministry of Works and Transport

\*Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P., Minister of Information (Absent)

\*Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister, Forestry, in the Ministry of Agriculture (Absent)

\* Non elected Member

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- \* Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Public Service (Absent - on leave)
- \* Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister, Office of the President
- \* Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P., Minister, Drainage and Irrigation, in the Ministry of Agriculture
- \* Cde. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister, Health, in the Ministry of Public Welfare

Ministers of State (3)

- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State for Culture, in the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture (Absent on leave)
- Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of State for Youth and Sport, in the Ministry of National Development
- \* Cde. C.E. Wright, M.P., Minister of State for Construction, in the Ministry of Works and Transport

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Women's Affairs and Housing
- Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister
- \* Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

Other Members (23)

- Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P.
- Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
- Cde. M. Armogan, M.P.
- Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P.
- Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P.
- Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.
- Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.
- Cde. E.B. Davidson, M.P.
- Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
- Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cde. P. Fredericks, M.P.
- Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.
- Cde. J. Gill-Mingo, M.P.
- Cde. A. McRae, M.P.
- Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
- Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.P.
- Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
- Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.
- Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
- Cde. H.B. Walcott-Nascimento, J.P., M.P., Government Chief Whip

Members from the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs (2)

- Cde. B. Bishop, M.S., M.P.
- Cde. B. Latchminarayan, M.P.

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\* Non elected Member

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)  
Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)  
Cde. C.A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)  
Cde. W. Bipat, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)(Absent- on leave)  
Cde. H.I. London, M.S. M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)(Absent -  
on leave)  
Cde. I. Chowritmootoo, M.P. (Region No. 6 East Berbice/Corentyne)  
Cde. N.R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)  
Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8-Potaro/Siparuni)  
Cde. A. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)  
Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Minority Chief Whip  
Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.  
Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.  
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.  
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P. (Absent)

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P.  
Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A.  
Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. M.B. Henry)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Expression of Sympathy

The Speaker, on behalf of Members and himself, extended sympathy to Cde. Hoyte on his father's death and asked that the condolences be conveyed to his other relatives.

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(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cde. Harwood-Denn, Cde. Van West-Charles, Cde. Cprrica and Cde. Jairam for that day's sitting, and
- (b) Cde. Dynoe up to 19th August, 1981.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS  
Public Accounts for 1972 to 1981

The Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, made a Statement concerning the availability of the outstanding audited Public Accounts for the years 1972 to 1980 and of the Accounts for 1981.

Motions- Signification of Cabinet's Recommendation for the Consideration of Financial Papers Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of 1981

In accordance with article 171 (2) of the Constitution, the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, signified Cabinet's recommendations that the Assembly should proceed upon the motions for the approval of Financial Papers Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of 1981.

Thereafter, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply:

In Committee of Supply

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1981

The Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1981 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1980), totalling \$11,330,632.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1981

The Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1981 -

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1981

The Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1981 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ending 15th July, 1981), totalling \$8,710,045.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On motions by the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolutions:-

- (i) RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1981 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1980), totalling \$11,330,632."

- (ii) RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1981 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates (Releases made by Special Warrants in terms of Article 219 (3) of the Constitution for the period ended 31st December, 1980), totalling \$69,697,311

- (iii) RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolutions:

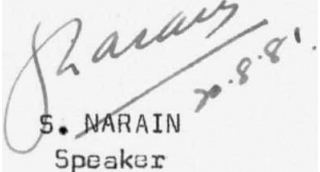
"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1981 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ending 15th July, 1981), totalling \$8,710,045."

1st Meeting of Guyana National Group of Inter-Parliamentary Union

Before the adjournment was taken, the Speaker reminded Members of the first meeting of the Guyana National Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union scheduled to be held immediately after the sitting that day.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.20 p.m., on a motion by the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown,  
20th August, 1981.