NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 22ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD SESSION (1983-1984) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD.

AT 14:CO hrs

ON WEDNESDAY 1984-02-08

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN MEMTERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (70)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (57)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

- Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Production
- Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Social Infrastructure
- Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Party and State Matters
- *Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President and Attorney General

Senior Ministers (6)

- Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture
- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of National Mobilisation
- *Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs
- *Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
- *Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines
- *Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance and Economic Planning

Ministers (7)

- Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister
- Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of Youth and Sports within the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture
- Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Transport within the Vice-Presidency of Social Infrastructure
- *Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information and Public Service
- *Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health and Public Welfare
- *Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P., Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives

Ministers of State (2)

- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection
 - Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.S., M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Regional Development (Absent on leave)

Parliamentary Secretaries (4)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, within the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare
- Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, within the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture
- Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, in the Office of the Prime Minister
- Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P., Parliamentary, within the Ministry of Agriculture

Other Members (22)

- Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
- Cde. M. Armgan, M.S., J.P., M.P.
- Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.
- Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. O.E. Clarke, 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. E. Melville, M.P. (Absent on leave)
- Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
- Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
- Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.
- Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
- Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P.

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

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. B. Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (9)

- 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, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 Demerara/Mahaica)
- Cde. H.I. London, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 5 Mahaica/Berbice)
- 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. D. Hinds, M.P., (Region No. 10 Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Members of the Minority (12)

(i) Poople's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

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.

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.

Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)

Cdo. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

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

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC .-

(1) By the <u>Vice-President</u>. <u>Production</u>. <u>on behalf of</u> the <u>Minister of Finance and Economic Planning</u>:

Travel Tax (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (No. 4), made under section 57 (13) of the Tax Act, Chapter 80:01, and published in the Gazette on 31st January, 1984.

(ST: 34/2/1/10)(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1984

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1984.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 1 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT was passed as printed at ... \$ 3,936,000

HEAD 2 - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE was passed as printed at ... \$73,888,000

DIVISION 501	-	OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT was passed printed at		\$42,600,000
HEAD 3	-	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER was passed as printed at	•••	\$ 1,815,000
DIVISION 502	-	PRIME MINISTER was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	500,000
HEAD 11	-	PUBLIC & POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION was passed as printed at		\$ 713,000
HEAD 26	-	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at		\$ 1,844,000
HEAD 27	-	AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u>		S 8,190,000
HEAD 28	-	LANDS AND SURVEYS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	\$ 2,191,00 0
HEAD 29	-	HYDRAULICS was passed as printed at	•••	\$ 818,000
DIVISION 510	-	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was passed as printed at	-	\$41,622,000
DIVISION 511	-	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - M.M.A. (I&II) was passed as printed at	•••	\$31,877,000
DIVISION 512	-	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - M.M.A. (III) was passed as printed at	•••	\$26,000,000
_		MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - FISHERIES was passed as printed at	•••	\$ 4,678,000
HEAD 9	-	AUDITOR GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	\$ 2,275,000
HEAD 51	-	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING was passed as printed at	•••	\$ 4,582,000
DIVISION 527	при	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING was passed as printed at	•••	\$ 8,311,000
HEAD 52	-	MINISTRY OF FINANCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	\$16,250,000
HEAD 53	~	ACCOUNTANT GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	£15,230,000
HEAD 54	-	CUSTOMS & EXCISE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	£ 5,132,000
HEAD 55	-	INLAND REVENUE was <u>passed</u> as <u>print</u> at		\$11,477,000

division 528		MINISTRY OF FINANCE was passed as printed at	• •	\$4	479,968,000
HEAD 56	-	MINISTRY OF TRADE & CONSUMER PROTECTION was passed as printed at	•••	\$	1,781,000
HEAD 57	•	GUYANA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS was passed as printed at		\$	700,000
DIVISION 529	-	MINISTRY OF TRADE & CONSUMER FROTECTION was passed as printed at	;• • •	\$	100,000
HEAD 70	-	PUBLIC DEBT was passed as printed at	•••	\$	10,000
HEAD 36	-	MINISTRY OF WORKS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	\$	12,420,000
DIVISION 520	-	WORKS was passed as printed at	•••	\$	5,853,000
HEAD 37	-	PLANT MAINTENANCE & HIRE DIVISION was passed as printed at	•••	\$	4,284,000
DIVISION 522	-	PLANT MAINTENANCE & HIRE DIVISION was passed as printed at	•••	3	3,715,000
HEAD 7		MINISTRY OF PARTY AND STATE MATTERS was passed as printed at		\$	330,000
HEAD 8	-	PARLIAMENT OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	8	300,000
HEAD 10	-	OMBUDSMAN was passed as printed at	• • •	\$	69,000
HRAD 15		PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was passed as printed at	•••	\$	575.000
HEAD 14	-	SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE was passed as printed at	•••	\$	1,792,000
HEAD 15	-	MAGISTRATES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	\$	1,832,000
HEAD 16	-	ATTORNEY GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	3	1,886,000
HEAD 17		OFFICIAL RECEIVER was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	₿	260,000
HEAD 18	-	DEEDS REGISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	8	521,000
HEAD 12	-	TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION was passed as printed at	•••	\$	348,000
HEAD 40	-	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE was passed as printed at	•••	\$	23,166,000
HEAD 41		CULTURE was passed as printed at	• • •	\$	1,619,000
HEAD 42		NURSERY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	\$	7,902,000

HEAD 43	-	PRIMARY SCHOOLS was passed as printed at	•••	3	38,084,000
HEAD 44	-	SECUNDARY/MULTILATERAL AND COMMUNICATION SCHOOLS was passed as print at	ed	•	21,939,000
HEAD 45	***	TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS was passed as printed at		3	1,821,000
HEA) 46	~	PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was passed as printed at	•••	\$	1,268,000
HEAD 47	-	TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS was passed as printed at	•••	3	1,699,000
HEAD 48		PROBATION AND WELFARE SERVICES was passed as printed at	• • •	. \$	454 ₆ 000
DIVISION 524	-	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE was passed as printed at	•••	\$	3,906,000
DIVISION 525	~	SECOND EDUCATION PROJECT was passed as Printed at	•••	\$	4,755,000
HEAD 4	-	MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at		\$	5,910,000
HEAD 59	-	MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at		\$	4,064,000
DIVISION 531	-	MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at		\$	92,000
HEAD 60	-	REGI(N 1 - BARIMA/WAINI was passed as printed at	• • •	\$	3,006,000
DIVISION 532	-	REGION 1 - BARIMA/WAINI was passed as printed at	•••	\$	110,000
HEAD 61	-	REGION 2 - POMEROON/SUPENAAM was passed as printed at	• • •	\$	8,103,000
HEAD 62	•	REGION 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/ WEST DEMERARA was passed as printed at	•••	\$	7,430,000
HEAD 63	-	REGION 4 - DEMERARA/MAHAICA was passed as printed at	•••	\$	11,943,000
HEAD 64	-	REGION 5 - MAHAICA/BERBICE was passed as printed at	•••	3	7,119,000
HEAD 65	-	REGION 6 - EAST BERBICE/ CORENTYNE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	\$	9,211,000
HEAD 66	-	REGION 7 - CUYUNI/MAZARUNI was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	\$	2,549,000
НЕДО 67	-	REGION 8 - POTARO/SIPARUNI was passed as printed at	•••	¢ 9	2,026,000

HEAD 68	-	REGION 9 - UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO was passed as printed	at	\$	2,834,000	
HEAD 69	-	REGION 10 - UPPER DEMERARA/BERBI	CE	\$	4,811,000	
DIVISION: 533	-	REGION 2 - POMEROON/SUPENAM was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	• • •	\$	9,095,000	
DIVISION 534	-	REGION 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/ WEST DEMERARA was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	• • •	8	1,700,000	
DIVISION 535		REGION 4 - DEMERARA/MAHAICA was passed as printed at	• • •	\$	2,390,000	
DIVISION 536		REGION 5 - MAHAICA/BERBICE WAS passed as printed at /	•••	\$	1,060,000	
DIVISION 537	_	REGION 6 - EAST BERBICE/ CORENTYNE was passed at printed at	• • •	\$	6,400,000	
DIVISION 538	-	REGION 7 - CUYUNI/MAZARUNI Was passed as printed at	• • •	3	85,000	
DIVISION 539	-	REGION 8 - POTARC/SIPARUNI was passed as printed at	• • •		110,000	
DIVISION 540	-	REGION 9 - UPPER TAKUTU/ UFPER ESSEQUIBO was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at			7 47,000	
DIVISION 541	-	REGION 10 - UPPER DEMERARA/ BERBICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••		600,000	
HEAD 19	-	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	•••	\$	19,137,000	
DIVISION 508	-	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	• • •		400,000	
HEAD 20	-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	•••		716,000	
HEAD 21	gusb	POLICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	3	41,341,000	
HEAD 22	-	PRISONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	\$	4,773,000	
HEAD 23	•	FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was passed as printed at	• • •	8	4,013,000	
HEAD 24	-	NATIONAL REGISTRATION CENTRE was passed as printed at	• • •		501,000	
HEAD 25	-	GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE was passed as printed at	• • •		337,000	

DIVISION 509	-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	•••	Ş	2,870,000
HEAD 30	-	MINISTRY OF ENERGY & MINES was passed as printed at	•••	\$	1,044,000
DIVISION 517	-	MINISTRY ()F ENERGY & MINES was passed as printed at	•••	\$	12,346,000
HEAD 38	-	MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT was passed as printed at	•••	\$	2,002,000
HEAD 39	-	CIVIL AVIATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	\$	4,469,000
עוע IVISION 521		TRANSPORT was passed as printed at	• • •	S	5,125,000
HEAD 5	-	PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was passed as printed at	•••	\$	1,774,000
DIVISION 504	~	PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was passed as printed at	•••	\$	15,455,000
HEAD 6		MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was passed as printed at	•••	\$	3,350,000
DIVISION 505	-	MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was passed as printed at	•••		250,000
HEAD 31	•••	MINISTRY OF HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SUPPLY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	€	3,645,000
HEAD 32	~	NATIONAL & REGIONAL HOSPITALS was passed as printed at	•••	\$	31,173,000
HEAD 33	-	OTHER HEALTH PROGRAMMES was passed as printed at	•••	\$	15,753,000
HEAD 35	-	HOUSING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	•••	\$	2,314,000
DIVISION 518	-	HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & WATER was passed as printed at	• • •	8	24,318,000
HEAD 49	-	MINISTRY OF MANPOWER was passed as printed at	•••	\$	12,300,000
HEAD 58	~	MINISTRY OF 66-OPERATIVES was passed as printed at	* • a		484,000
DIVISION 530		MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES was passed as printed at	•••	3	25,000

Assembly Resumed

The Vice-President, Production, reported to the Assembly that the Committee of Supply had approved of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1984.

The motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1984 was put and carried.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - BILL 1 8

BILL No. 20/1983 published 1983-10-01

The Vice-President, Production, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for the acquisition of land which is not beneficially occupied other than State Lands or Government Lands, so as to ensure rational use of such land and for matters connected therewith.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and Mr. Singh spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Vice-President, Production replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was 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.

<u>Clause 4</u> - The following amendments by Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud wore put and <u>negatived</u>:

- (i) Insertion of the following as clause 4:-
 - "The Minister shall appoint a Tribunal of not more than three (3) persons headed by a judge of the High Court to determine whether or not any land should be compulsory acquired after hearing evidence from the Commissioner and/or any other witnesses and by any person having or claiming to have a right, title or interest in or to the land in respect of which the action is being taken to compulsory acquired.";
- (ii) Renumbering of clause 4 (1) as Clause 5 (1);
- (iii) <u>Substitution</u> of the following for the renumbered clause 5(1):-

"Where the Tribunal is satisfied after hearing evidence provided by the Commissioner that any land is not beneficially occupied, the Tribunal may declare by a Notice that if such land is not beneficially occupied in such manner, and within such period, not exceeding one (1) year as may be stated in the Notice, the land will be compulsorily acquired by the State under this Act.";

- (iv) <u>Sabstitution</u> of the word "Tribunal" for the word "Minister" whereever it appears; and
- (v) Renumbering of clauses 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as clauses 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, respectively.

<u>Clause 4</u> was then <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u>.

Clause 5 to 14 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Vice-President, Production, the Bill was read the third time and passed as printed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 16:44 hrs the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 17:05 hrs the sitting was resumed.

ITEM 3 - INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (AMENDMENT BILL 1 Bi 1 No 26/1983 published 1983-12-12

The Vice-President, Production, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing 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 4 - CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 - Bill No. 27/1983 published 1983-12-12

The Vice-President, Production, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, 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 5 - SFIRITS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 - Bill No. 28/1983 published 1983-12-12

The Vice-President, Production, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Spirits Act.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereaftery taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 6 STATE PENSI(NS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 - Bill No. 1/1984 published 1984-01-21

The Vice-President, Production, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, moved the second reading of the following Bill::

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the State Pensions 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 p inted.

MOTION

ITEM 7 - CONFIRM TION OF CONSUMPT ON TAX (AMENDMENT NO ORDER 1 8 NO.2

The Vice-President, Production, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, moved the following motion which was put and <u>carried:</u>

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in accordance with section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, confirm the Consumption Tax (Amendment) (No. 1) Order 1984 (No. 2), which was made on 13th January, 1984, and published in the Gazette on 14th January, 1984.

Suspension of Standing Order No. 46 (2) and (3)

On a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, paragraph (2) and (3) of Standing Order No. 46 were suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at that sitting with the second reading of the Dependants' Pension (Amendment) Bill 1984 - Bill No. 2/1984.

- Second and Third Readings

DEPENDANTS' FENSION (AMENDMENT) Bill 1984 - Bill No. 2/1984 published 1984-02-04

The Vice-President, Production, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Flanning, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Dependants' Pension Act.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u>.

Suspension of Standing Order No. 46 (2)

On a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, Standing Order No. 46 (2) was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed with the second reading of the Tax (Amendment) Bill 1984 - Bill No. 3/1984.

BILL Second and Third Readings

ITEM 9 - TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 - Bill No. 3/1984 published 1984-01-31

The Vice-President, Production, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Tax Act.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u>.

Suspension of Standing Order 23(2)

On a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, Standing Order No. 23(2) was suspended to enable the Assembly to consider the motion for the Affirmation of The Travel Tax (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (No. 4)

MOTION

ITEM 10 - AFFIRMATION OF THE TRAVEL TAX (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1984 (NO. 4)

The Vice-President, Production, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 57(13) of the Tax Act, Chapter 80:01, affirms the Travel Tax (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (No. 4), which was made and published in the Gazette on 31st January, 1984.

Suspension of Standing Order No. 12

With the leave of the Speaker and on a motion by the Vico-President, Party and State Matters, Standing Order No. 12 was suspended to enable the Appropriation Bill 1984 - Bill No. 4/1984 to be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

APPROPRIATION BILL 1984 - Bill No. 4/1984 - published

The Vice-President, Production, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1984, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

Second and Third Readings

AFPROPRIATION BILL 1984 - Bill No. 4/1984 published 1984-02-08

On motions by the Vice-President, Production, the following Bill was read a second and a third time and <u>passed</u> as <u>printed:</u>

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1984, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 17:35 hrs on a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Wednesday 1984-02-15.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Georgetown. 1984-02-09