

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 47TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD  
SESSION (1983-1985) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON THURSDAY 1985-05-23

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (61)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Prime Minister

Other Vice-President and First Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Social Infrastructure and First  
Deputy Prime Minister (Absent)

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

\*Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Deputy Prime  
Minister and Attorney General

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Vice-President, National Development and Deputy  
Prime Minister

Other Deputy Prime Minister (1)

\*Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Planning  
(Absent - on leave)

Senior Ministers (9)

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

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

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of National Mobilisation (Absent- on leave)

Cde. M. Rashid, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines

\*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister of Forestry (Absent)

Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health and Public Welfare

\*Cde. M.L. Parris, M.P., Minister of Education

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Transport

Ministers (5)

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of National  
Development (Absent)

Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of  
Education (Absent - on leave)

\*Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P., Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives

Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of Youth and Sport within  
the Ministry of Education (Absent)

\*Cde. Dr. S.P. Da Silva, M.P. Minister within the Ministry of  
Agriculture (Absent)

\* Non-elected Member

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Ministers of State (3)

- 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  
 Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Education (Absent - on leave)

Parliamentary Secretaries (2)

- Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, within the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare  
 Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, National Development (Absent)

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Bidiawattie Tiwari, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (24)

- Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P.  
 Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P.  
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.  
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.  
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.  
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.  
 Cde. M. Ally, M.P.  
 Cde. M. Armogan, M.S., J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. Bissoondai Beniprashad, M.P.  
 Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.  
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.  
 Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.  
 Cde. Patricia Fredericks, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. A. McRae, M.P.  
 Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.  
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. Y. Khan, M.P.

(One seat vacant)

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

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P.  
 Cde. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

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

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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 (Absent)

Other Members (8)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P.

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.

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

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

Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

OFFICERS

Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Sympathy to Prime Minister on Loss

The Speaker, on behalf of Members and himself extended deepest sympathy to the Prime Minister, Cde. H. Desmond Hoyte, on the very great loss which he recently had when his two daughters and his sister-in-law were killed in an accident, his wife suffered injuries and his chauffeur died subsequently. The Speaker expressed the sincere wish that the Prime Minister would be given the strength and comfort to continue with his onerous duties. He also extended sympathy to the Prime Minister's wife and best wishes to her for a restoration to good health.

The Prime Minister thanked the Speaker for his expression of sympathy.

(ii) Congratulations to Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, Minister, on Marriage

The Speaker, on behalf of Members, extended congratulations and best wishes to Cde. Robert H.O. Corbin, Minister of National Mobilisation, on his marriage to Carol Dawn Elizabeth Ince on Saturday 1985-05-18.

(iii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. H. Parris, Harewood Benn, Ainsworth and Chin for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Minister of Transport:

Annual Report of the Transport and Harbours  
Department for the year 1982.

(MT: 12/3/1<sup>II</sup>)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Manpower  
and Co-operatives for the year 1984.

(L:7/1/42)(Circulated)

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY  
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The Minority Leader withdrew his notification to seek leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing the continuing acts of hostility by the US Administration against the Government of Nicaragua, as he was informed that the Minister of Foreign Affairs was prepared to discuss a substantive motion on the matter.

The Speaker pointed out that in any case the matter would not have qualified as it did not involve the responsibility of the Guyana Government.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second Reading

NATIONAL SECURITY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT)  
BILL 1985 - Bill No. 8/1985 published 1985-05-15

The Minister of Home Affairs informed the Assembly that on account of a request made by the Minority for further time to study the following Bill, he would not proceed to move its second reading at that sitting:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act for the purpose of re-enacting Part II thereof with modifications and for certain other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 14:10 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Monday 1985-06-24.

*Harvey*  
S. NABAIN  
Speaker

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Public Buildings,  
Georgetown,  
1985-06-14