

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 48TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD
SESSION (1983-1985) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON MONDAY 1985-06-24

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

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

Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister of Energy & Mines

*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent)

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister of Forestry

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 (Absent)

Ministers (5)

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

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

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

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* Non-elected Member

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 within 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

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.
 Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
 Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.
 Cde. Patricia Fredericks, M.P.
 Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.
 Cde. A. McRae, M.P.
 Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
 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)
 (Vacant) (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

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. 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

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

(a) Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris for that day's sitting, and

(b) Cde. Harewood-Benn up to 1985-07-03.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

- (1) By the Minister of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Prime Minister:

(i) Annual Report of the Office of the President for the year 1983.

(OP:4/1/2) (Circulated)

(ii) Annual Report of the Guyana Sugar Corporation Limited for the year 1984.

(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Forestry:

Annual Report of the Forestry Commission for the year 1981.

(GFC:900^{TJ}) (1) (Circulated)

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

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

(MC: 5/0) (Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 - Bill No. 9/1985
published 1985-06-15.

The Minister of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Minister of Finance presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
Income Tax Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS -BILL - Second and Third Readings

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

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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.

Cdes. Reepu Daman Persaud, J. Jagan, the Vice-President and Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General and the Minority Leader spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 16:25 hrs the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 16:50 hrs the sitting was resumed.

Mr. M. Abraham and the Prime Minister spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	=	<u>AGAINST</u>
Cde. C.A. Singh		Mr. Abraham
Cde. London		Cde. Nokta
Cde. Jones		Cde. Helgrave
Cde. Hinds		Cde. Mohamed
Cde. I. Chowritmootoo		Cde. Collymore
Cde. Charles		Cde. N. Persaud
Cde. Bipat		Cde. R.D. Persaud
Cde. Abraham		Cde. J. Jagan
Cde. Latchminarayan		Cde. Ram Karran
Cde. Bishop		Cde. C. Jagan
Cde. Khan		
Cde. Melville		
Cde. Vandenburg		
Cde. Primp		

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Forward:

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<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
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Cde. Munroe	
Cde. McRae	
Cde. Gilbert	
Cde. P. Fredericks	
Cde. Felix	
Cde. Doobay	
Cde. Davidson	
Cde. Chin	
Cde. Armoan	
Cde. Ally	
Cde. Gill-Mingo	
Cde. Fowler	
Cde. Caldeira	
Cde. Rayman	
Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo	
Cde. Clarke	
Cde. Tiwari	
Cde. Bhaggan	
Cde. Bend-Kirton-Holder	
Cde. H.L.D. Singh	
Cde. Corrica	
Cde. R.C. Fredericks	
Cde. Johnson	
Cde. Van West-Charles	
Cde. Sallahuddin	
Cde. Rashid	
Cde. Corbin	
Cde. Chandisingh	
Cde. Hoyte	
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The Bill was read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 The following amendments by the Minister of Home Affairs were put and carried:

- (i) Deletion of paragraphs (b) and (c);
- (ii) Renumbering of paragraphs (d) and (e) as paragraphs (b) and (c).

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Clause 3 The following amendment by the Minister of Home Affairs was put and carried:

Deletion of the clause.

Clause 4 - The following amendment by the Minister of Home Affairs was put and carried:

Renumbering of the clause as clause 3.

Clause 4 as renumbered clause 3 was then passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 18.05 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Wednesday 1985-06-26.

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S. NARAIN
Speaker
85-06-26

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

1985-06-26.