

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 49TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD
SESSION (1983-1985) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON WEDNESDAY 1985-06-26

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 (Absent - on leave)

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. Shahabudden, 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

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 and Mines

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

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 (Absent)

Ministers (5)

Cde. Urmia 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 (Absent - on leave)

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

* Non-elected Member

Ministers of State (3)

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

Parliamentary Secretaries (2)

- Cde. Agnes W. Béné-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. Didiawattic Tiwari, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (24)

- Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P.
 Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P. (Absent)
 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. (Absent)
 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. (Absent)
 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 - on leave)
 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) (Absent - on leave)
 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 - on leave)
 (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. (Absent)

Cde. Reepu Damar 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)

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

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

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

~~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) Cdes. Hoyte, Denny, H.L.B. Singh, Jairam, Cora Singh
and Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting, and

(b) Cde. Sharma up to 5th July

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 23(3)

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the following motion
which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 23(3) be suspended to
enable the Assembly to proceed at its sitting on
Wednesday 1985-06-26, upon the motion by the Minority
Leader in connection with the hostilities against
Nicaragua.

ITEM 2 HOSTILITIES AGAINST NICARAGUA

The Minority Leader moved the following motion:

WHEREAS despite world-wide condemnation of the hostile acts of the U.S. against the Sandinista Government of Nicaragua, such as the mining last year of Nicaraguan waters and its continued support of the "contras" operating in that country, the U.S. has now mounted an economic embargo against Nicaragua;

AND WHEREAS the Non-Aligned countries and the CARICOM Foreign Ministers continue their support and commitment to the Contadora process, after expressing deep concern over the imposition by the U.S. of the embargo since it seems likely to jeopardise that process:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly -

- (a) condemns the U.S. economic embargo and the continuing hostility to the Nicaraguan Government by Washington,
- (b) calls on the Government of Guyana to give all-round support to the Nicaraguan Government and people, and
- (c) brings to the attention of the Security Council the escalating threat to peace in the region.

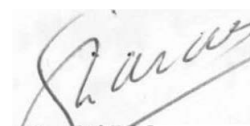
Cde. Collymore seconded and spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 15:42hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


S. NARAIN
Speaker
15-07-83

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Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
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