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PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE SECOND SESSION (1982) OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

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19th Sitting

14:00 hrs

Monday, 1984-01-17

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MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (76)

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

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

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

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

Cde. H. Green, M.P.,  
Vice-President, Agriculture (Absent – on leave)

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P.,  
Vice-President, Party and State Matters (Absent – on leave)

Senior Ministers (7)

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

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P.  
Minister of National and Regional  
Development (Absent)

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

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

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

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

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

Ministers (6)

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

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

\*Cde. Y. V. Harewood-Benn, M.P.,  
Minister, in the Office of the Prime Minister

\*Cde. H. Rashid, M.P.,  
Minister, in the Office of the President

\*Cde. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P.,  
Minister of Health (Absent)

\*Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P.,  
Minister of Labour, Manufacturing  
and Industrial Development

Ministers of State (2)

Cde. M. Corrica, M.P.,  
Minister of State in the Ministry of  
Internal Trade and Consumer Protection

Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P.,  
Minister of State for Youth Sports,  
in the Ministry of Education (Absent)

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of  
Works, Transport and Housing.

Cde. D.AN. Ainsworth, M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Minister of  
Education

Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs.

\*Non-elected Member

Other Members (26)

Cde. M. Ally, M.P. (Absent – on leave)  
Cde. M. Armogan, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P. (Absent – on leave)  
Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.  
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. Frederick, M.P.  
Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.  
Cde. J. Gill-Mingo, M.P. (Absent – on leave)  
Cde. A. McRae, M.P.  
Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. S. Prashad, M.P.  
Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.  
Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.  
Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P. (Absent)  
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

Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P.

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

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

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) (Absent)  
Cde. C.A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)  
Cde. W. Bipat, 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) (Absent)  
Cde. A. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No. 9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)  
Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Berbice) (Absent)

Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

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

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent)

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

Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P. (Absent)

United Force (2)

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

Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

OFFICERS

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

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

1983-01-17

14:00 – 14:10 hrs

National Assembly

14:00 hrs

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

1983 Welcome

The Speaker: Comrades and Hon. Members, as this is the first Sitting for the year I would like to take the opportunity of welcoming all of you back here and do trust that the same cordial relations that existed in the previous year will continue during this ensuing period.

Resignation

The Speaker: I received from Cde. Jean Maitland-Singh a letter dated 29th December, 1982 tendering her resignation as a Member of the National Assembly. With Cde. Maitland-Singh's resignation, a seat in the National Assembly has become vacant. I had, therefore, in accordance with section 99A of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03, called upon the representative of the list of candidates from which Cde. Maitland's name was extracted following the last general elections, to further extract from the said list the name of a person to fill the vacancy.

Leave of Members

The Speaker: Leave has been granted to Cdes. Green, Ramsaroop, Gill-Mingo and Mr. M.F. Singh for today's Sitting and also Cde. Beniprashad for two weeks from today.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS ETC.

- (A) Accounts of the Guyana Transport Services Limited for 1981. [The Vice-President, Works, Transport and Housing.]
- (b) Financial Paper No. 1/1983 – Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$20,675,571, for the period ended 1983-12-31. [The Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance.]

In terms of Standing Order No. 68(1), the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, named Thursday 1983-01-20 as the day for consideration of the Financial Paper in the Committee of Supply.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved. "That this Assembly do now adjourn until Thursday, 1983-01-20 at 14:00 hrs. [Vice-President, Works, Transport and Housing.]

Adjourned accordingly at 14:05 hrs.