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ASSEMBLY OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA UNDER THE
CONSTITUTION OF GUYANA.

28th Sitting	14:00 hrs	Monday, 1984-06-18
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MEMBERS 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 (Absent – on leave)

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P.
Vice-President, Production

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

Senior Ministers (6)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P.,
Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture (Absent)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P.,
Minister of National Mobilisation

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

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

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

*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P.,
Minister of Finance and Economic Planning

*Non-elected Member

Ministers (7)

- Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P.,
Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister
- Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., (Absent – on leave)
Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P.,
Minister of Youth and Sport 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., (Absent – on leave)
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., (Absent – on leave)
Minister of State within the Ministry of Regional
Development

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- 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

*Non-elected Member

Other Members (23)

Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
Cde. M. Armogan, M.S., J.P., M.P.
Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P.
Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.
Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P. (Absent – on leave)
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. (Absent)
Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.
Cde. J. Gill-Mingo, M.P.
Cde. A. McRae, M.P.
Cde. E. Melville, M.P.
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., Government Chief Whip
Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

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 Region Regional Democratic Councils (9)

Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No.1-Barima/Waini) (Absent)
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, 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/Mazurni) (Absent)
Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8- Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No.10-Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Members of the Opposition (12)

(i) Peoples' Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., (Absent)
Minority Chief Whip
Cde. N. Persaud, M.P. (Absent)
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. (Absent)
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

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

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

PRAYERS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

14:05 hrs

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave to Members

The Speaker: Comrades and honourable members, leave from today's sitting has been granted to Cdes Reid, Green, Shahabuddeen, Jackson, Van West Charles, Sallahuddin, H.L.B. Singh, Chin and Williams. I have also received a letter from Dr. Mark Kendall – Re Death of his father in which he states:

“Following the death of former Member of Parliament W.O.R. Kendall the National Assembly has passed a resolution in which it had requested that its condolences be conveyed to the family of Cde. Kendall.”

I have received a letter from his son Dr. Mark Kendall acknowledging receipt of the resolution and requesting that the grateful thanks of himself and the other members of the family be conveyed to members of the Assembly.

I have also received a letter from the honourable member Mr. Feilden Singh requesting that his thanks be conveyed to us for the sympathy which was extended to him at the last sitting of the Assembly following the death of his mother in Canada.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS ETC.

The following Papers were laid:

- (1) Annual Report of the East Demerara Water Conservancy Board for the year 1982.

Annual Report of the Ministry of Agriculture for the year 1983. /The Vice-President, Production/

- (2) Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (No. 7), made under section 103 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 51:02, on 22nd March, 1984, and published in the Gazette on 31st march 1984. /The Minister of Home Affairs/

- (3) Financial Paper No. 1/1984 – Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$21,403,260 for the period ended 1983-12-31 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1983)

In terms of Standing Order No 68, the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning named Friday 1984-06-22, as the day for the consideration of the Financial Paper.

Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Government of Guyana for the Financial Years ended 31st December, 1975, 31st December, 1976 and 31st December, 1977.

Loan Agreement between Guyana and the OPEC Fund for International Development (Abary Drainage and Irrigation Project) Dated March 12, 1984 (Loan No. 345p)

Public Loan Order 1984 (No. 21) made under section 2(2) of the Public Loan Act 1973 (No. 11) on 9th March, 1984 and published in the Gazette on 17th March, 1984.

State Pension (TRYPHENA CEASAR) Order 1984 (No. 23) made under section 4 of the State Pensions Act Chapter 27:04, on 21st March 1984 and published in the Gazette on 1984-03-24. /The Minister of Finance and Economic Planning/

(4) Annual Report of the Ministry of Manpower and Co-operatives for the year 1983. /The Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives/.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS – FIRST READING

The following Bill was introduced and read the First time:

Guyana National Bureau of Standards Bill 1984 – Bill No. 7/1984 /The Minister of Economic Planning and Finance/

Rice Farmers (Security of Tenure (Amendment) Bill 1984 – Bill No. 8/1984 /The Vice President, Productivity/.

ADJOURNMENT

Cde. Ramsaroop: Cde. Speaker, I beg to move the adjournment of this House to

Friday 22nd June, 1984 at 14:00 hrs.

Adjourned accordingly at 14:15 hrs.