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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA UNDER
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA.

38th Sitting	14:00 hrs	Monday, 1984-12-03
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MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

Speaker (1)

*Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., 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.

Senior Ministers (8)

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

* Non-elected Member

- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P.,
Minister of National Mobilization (Absent)
- Cde H. Rashid, M.P.,
Minister of Energy and Mines (Absent -on leave)
- *Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P.
Minister of Finance
- 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

Ministers (6)

- Cde. Urmia Johnson, M.P.,
Minister within the Ministry of National
Development
- Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P.,
Minister within the Ministry of Education
- *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. S. Prashad, M.P.,
Minister of Transport within the Vice-Presidency
of Social Infrastructure
- * Cde. Dr. S.P. DaSilva, M.P.,
Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture

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.,
Minster of State within the Ministry of
Regional Development

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P.
Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, within the
Ministry of Health and Public Welfare (Absent)
- Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Youth
- *Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P.
Parliamentary Secretary, National Development (Absent -on leave)

Government Chief Whip (1)

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

* Non-elected Member

Other Members (24)

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P.
Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P. (Absent -on leave)
Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. Philomena A. Rayman
Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P. (Absent)
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. (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, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Absent)
(One seat vacant)

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

Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Absent)
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) (Absent)
Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Berbice)
Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)
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 (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

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

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)

(ii) United Force (2)

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

Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P. (Absent)

OFFICERS

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

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

PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave to Members

The Speaker: Leave has been granted to Cdes. Rashid and Bhaggan for today's sitting and to Cde. Williams to the 8th December.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS- SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

RICE (REGULATION OF MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING) BILL 1984

A Bill intituled:

“An Act to make provisions for regulation of the manufacture and marketing of rice, for securing the further development of rice industry, for the establishment of the National Padi and Rice Grading Centre, the Guyana Rice Milling and Marketing Authority and the Guyana Rice Export Board, and for matters connected therewith.” /The Prime Minister./

The Speaker: Cde. Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister Prime Minister (Cde. Hoyte): Cde. Speaker, I should have been moving the Second Reading of the Rice (Regulation of Manufacturing and Marketing) Bill 1984 this afternoon but I would ask that the Second Reading be deferred until next week Monday. The Minority Leader has asked to be given some more time to study the provisions of the Bill and we are disposed to grant him that time. So I would ask that the matter be deferred.

PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983

A Bill intituled:

“An Act to amend the Public Corporations Act.” /The Minister of Finance/

The Minister of Finance (Cde. Greenidge): Cde. Speaker, I beg to move that the Public Corporations (Amendment) Bill 1983 be read a Second time.

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14:05-14:10 hrs

The Speaker: Cde. Greenidge, you will have to make it 1984. So we will make that amendment.

Cde. Greenidge: Cde. Speaker, I will be very brief in my presentation on this Bill because I think it is really an effort to tidy up the existing legislation. The legislation as it stands preserves the service of public officers and teachers whose service is pensionable within the meaning of the Pensions Act whenever they are transferred to public corporations and companies. The intention of this piece of legislation that is before the Assembly is to effect a similar arrangement in respect of public officers who are paid salaries from the open votes and whose superannuation benefits are determined by Establishment Circular 52/59.

The problem arising with the years arose because the Bill was published last year and it was to be taken at the sitting on the 28th October but, at the request of the Vice-President of Party and State Matters, it was held over. That is basically the background and I invite the Assembly to adopt and put into legislation these proposals.

The Speaker: In section 1, instead of Public Corporations (Amendment) Act 1983 kindly substitute 1984 for 1983.

Question proposed, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second time.

Assembly in Committee.

Bill considered and approved.

Assembly resumed.

Bill reported with Amendment, read the Third time and passed as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, "That this Assembly do now adjourn until Monday 1984-12-10 at

14:00 hrs. /The Minister of Home Affairs./

Adjourned accordingly at 14:10 hrs.