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PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE THIRD SESSION (1983) OF THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

46th Sitting

11:00 hrs

Friday

1985-05-17

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 - on leave)

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

(Absent - on leave)

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

(Absent)

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

(Absent - on leave)

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

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

*Non-elected Member

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P.,

Minister of Forestry

(Absent – on leave)

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

Ministers (5)

Cde. Urmia Johnson, M.P.,

Minister within the Ministry of National Development

(Absent – on leave)

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

(Absent)

*Cde. Dr. S.P. DaSilva, M.P.,

Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture

(Absent)

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 in the Ministry of
Education

(Absent)

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.

(Absent - on leave)

(Absent)

*Non-elected Member

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.
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., (Absent)
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 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. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)

(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

14:00 hrs

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERAcknowledgement from Widow of W.A. Blair

The Speaker: Comrades and hon. Member, following the death of William Alexander Blair, a former Parliamentarian, the National Assembly, at its sitting on the 14th March, 1985, passed a Resolution in which it paid tribute to the distinguished service which Cde. Blair had rendered to Guyana and to its Parliament and directed that an expression of the Assembly's sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing widow and children. In an acknowledgement, Cde. Sybil Blair, the widow of Cde. Blair, ^{has} expressed the grateful thanks of her family and herself to the Members of Parliament for their kind thoughts. They have been touched and comforted in being remembered by us.

Leave to Members

The Speaker: Leave has been granted to Cdes. Hoyte, Green, Shahabuddeen, Rashid, Van West-Charles, Johnson, Chowritmootoo and Belgrave from today's sitting.

LETTER FROM D.P.R.K.

The Speaker: I have received from the Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea a copy of a letter sent from the Fourth Session of the Seventh Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the National Assembly of South Korea, on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the August 15 restoration. The letter consists of five pages and is available at the Table.

Address from U.S.S.R. on 40th Anniversary of the End of World War II

The Speaker: I have also received through the Ambassador of the U.S.S.R. here in Guyana a copy of an Address by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Presidium of the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet and the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. The Address has been made for the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the end of World War II and has been sent to Peoples, Parliaments and Governments of all countries.

It consists of seven pages and is available at the Table.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

The following Papers were laid:

- (1) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 1985 (No. 18), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Chapter 1:07, on 1st March, 1985 and published in the Gazette on 2nd March, 1985.
/The Minister of Home Affairs on behalf of the Minister of Finance./

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14:00 – 14:08 hrs

- (ii) Annual Report of the Guyana Forestry Commission for the year 1980.
[Minister of Forestry.]

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

The following Bill was introduced and read the First time:

National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 1985 –

Bill No. 8/1985 published 1985-05-15

[The Minister of Home Affairs]

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, “That this Assembly do now adjourn until Thursday, 1985-05-23, at 14:00 hrs. [The Minister of Home Affairs.]

Adjourned accordingly at 14:08 hrs