

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 84th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1975

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, J.P., Speaker

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (50)

Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister (2)

Cde. L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., Prime Minister (Absent)

Cde. P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development

Senior Ministers (9)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Economic Development (Absent)

Cde. H. Green, Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation

Cde. H.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)

Cde. F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance (Absent)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Works and Housing

Cde. G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent)

Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture

Cde. C.L. Baird, Minister of Education and Social Development (Absent)

Cde. F.R. Wills, S.C., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice

Ministers (5)

Cde. W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour (Absent - on leave)

Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House

Cde. O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)

Cde. C.V. Mingo, Minister of Home Affairs

Ministers of State (9)

Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture (Absent)

Cde. O.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Coventryne)

Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi) (Absent)

Cde. C.A. Nascimento, Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister

Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) (Absent)

Cde. K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro)

Cde. W. Hayes, Minister of State for Consumer Protection (Absent)

Cde. A. Salim, Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice) (Absent)

Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, Minister of State - Regional (North West)

Non elected Minister

Parliamentary Secretaries (8)

- Cde. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development (Absent)
 Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing
 Cde. M.M. Achman, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, and Government Chief Whip
 Cde. E.L. Ambrose, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
 Cde. S. Prasad, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation
 Cde. J.P. Cherritmootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Social Development
 Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)
 Cde. M. Carrica, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, Deputy Speaker

Other Members (16)

- Cde. J.N. Aaron
 Cde. L.H. Branco
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler
 Cde. J. Gill
 Cde. W. Hussain
 Cde. S. Jaiserrisir (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. K.M.E. Jonas (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. M. Nissar (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. L.E. Ramsahoye
 Cde. J.G. Ramson
 Cde. P.A. Rayman
 Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Cde. S. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.
 Cde. C. Sukul, J.P.
 Cde. H.A. Taylor
 Cde. L.E. Willems (Absent)

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. H.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition
 Mrs. E. Da Silva

OFFICERS

- Clerk of the National Assembly (F.A. Narain)
 Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (M.B. Henry, AMBIM)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Carrington and Nissar for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS; ETC.

By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House
on behalf of the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

Report on the Geological Surveys and Mines
 Department for the year 1973.

(ENR: 4/8 II) (Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

- (1) CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 34/1975
published 10.12.75

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 73 THEREOF AND TO
 EFFECT AMENDMENTS TO THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS
 FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES ACT.

- (2) RENT CONTROL (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 -
Bill No. 35/1975 published 10.12.75

The Minister of Works and Housing, on behalf of the Government presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE RENT
 CONTROL (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1974.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.05 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 18th of December, 1975.

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 S. NARAIN 16.12.75
 Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
 Public Buildings,
 Georgetown.

16th December, 1975.