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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 90th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 12 TH MARCH, 1976

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND ASSEMBLY

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, C.B., J.P., Speaker

Members of the Government - People's National Congress(49)

Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister (2).

Cde. L.F.S. Burnham, C.E., S.C., Prime Minister

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

* Cde. H. Green, Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation (Absent)

* Cde. E.C. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

* Cde. F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance

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

* Cde. G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

* Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.J. E., Minister of Agriculture

* Cde. C.E. Baird, Minister of Education and Social Development

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

Ministers (5)

Cde. H.G. Jarrington, Minister of Labour

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

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

* Cde. C.M.D. Harper, Minister of Health

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

Ministers of State (9)

Cde. M. Kasin, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture

Cde. C.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne)

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)

- Cde. K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro)
 * Cde. W. Haynes, Minister of State for Consumer Protection
 * Cde. A. Salin, Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice)
 * Cde. F.U.L. Carnichael, Minister of State - Regional (North West)

Parliamentary Secretaries (8)

- Cde. J.B. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development
 Cde. C.B. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing
 Cde. M.M. Ackman, C.C.E., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, and Government Chief Whip
 Cde. E.L. Ambrose, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
 Cde. S. Prashed, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation
 Cde. J.P. Chowritnootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Social Development
 Cde. R.E.C. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister
 Cde. M. Corrica, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Cde. B.S. Van Sluytman, Deputy Speaker

Other Members (15)

- Cde. L.M. Branco
 Cde. B.E.A. Fowler
 Cde. J. Gill
 Cde. W. Hussein
 Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh
 Cde. K.M.E. Jonas
 Cde. M. Nissar
 Cde. L.B. Bensakoye
 Cde. J.G. Ranson
 Cde. F.L. Rayman
 Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Cde. G.M. Sukku, M.S., J.P.
 Cde. C. Sukul, J.P.
 Cde. L.L. Taylor
 Cde. L.B. Williams

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition
 Mrs. B. Da Silva

OFFICERS

- Clerk of the National Assembly (F.L. Narcin)
 Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (M.B. Henry, MBIM)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

MOTIONSSUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 23

With the Leave of the Speaker, a motion by the Prime Minister to suspend Standing Order No. 23(3) to enable the Assembly to proceed with a motion on the death of Cde. J.H. Aaron, was put and carried.

CONDOLENCE ON DEATH OF CDE. J.N. AARON

The Prime Minister moved the following motion **which** was seconded by the Leader of the Opposition:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Cde. Joseph Nathaniel Aaron, Member of Parliament, and pays tribute to the service which he rendered and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing widow, children and other relatives.

After the Speaker associated himself with the tributes paid, the motion was put and carried with Members standing.

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

As determined by the President under article 30(5) of the Constitution, by the President (Date of Election) Order, 1976 (No. 12), made on 12th February, and published in the Gazette on 14th February, 1976, the meeting of the National Assembly was held for the purpose of electing the President of Guyana.

Cde. Arthur Chung was nominated in accordance with article 30(6) of the Constitution on 21st February, 1976, for re-election as President.

In accordance with article 30(4) of the Constitution a secret ballot was taken for election to the Office of President.

The number of votes received by the Candidate was thirty-seven (37).

Cde. Arthur Chung, having received the votes of more than half of all the elected Members of the Assembly, was declared by the Speaker to be elected President of Guyana in accordance with article 30(8) of the Constitution.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 2.32 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 2.52 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

OATH OF PRESIDENT

Their Excellencies, the President, Cde. Arthur Chung, and his wife, Cde. Doreen Chung, were received in the Chamber, and in accordance with article 32 A. (1) of the Constitution, the oath of Office was administered by the Chancellor, Cde. J.O.F. Haynes, to and was made and subscribed by the President.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT

The President was congratulated by

- (i) the Speaker,
- (ii) the Prime Minister, and
- (iii) the Leader of the Opposition.

REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT

Thereafter, the President, Cde. Arthur Chung, replied to the congratulatory speeches.

Their Excellencies then withdrew from the Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.25 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, 18th March, 1976.

W. H. H. H.
J. H. H. H. 18/3/76
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
18th March, 1976.