
FIRST SESSION.

1973 1977

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 107th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 5TH JANUARY, 1977

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

Cde. Saso Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly
Members of the Government - People's National Congress (50)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. L. F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., M.P., Prime Minister

Deputy Prime Minister (1)

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

Senior Ministers (9)

- Cde. H.D. Hoyto, S.C., M.P., Minister of Economic Development
- * Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation
 - * Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
 - * Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Finance
 - * Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Housing (Absent - on leave)
 - * Cde. G.A. King, M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection
 - * Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture
 - * Cde. C.L. Baird, M.P., Minister of Education and Social Development
 - * Cde. F.R. Wills, S.C., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice

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* Non elected Minister

Ministers (5)

- Cde. W.G. Carrington, M.P., Minister of Labour
 Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, M.P., Minister of Information and Culture
 Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and
 Leader of the House
 * Cde. O.M.R. Harper, M.P., Minister of Health
 * Cde. C.V. Mingo, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

Ministers of State (9)

- Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., M.P., Minister of State for Agriculture
 Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/
 Corentyne)
 Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)
 Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime
 Minister
 Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/
 Potaro)
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, M.P., Minister of State - Regional
 (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)
 * Cde. W. Haynes, M.P., Minister of State for Consumer Protection
 * Cde. A. Salim, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/
 West Coast Berbice)
 * Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (North
 West)

Parliamentary Secretaries (6)

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

Other Members (19)

- Cde. L.M. Branco, M.P. ✓
 Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P. ✓
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. J. Gill, M.P.
 Cde. W. Hussain, M.P.
 Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh, M.P.
 Cde. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P.
 Cde. M. Nissar, M.P.
 Cde. L.E. Ramsahoye, M.P.
 Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P.
 Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
 Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P., M.P.
 Cde. C. Sukul, J.P., M.P.

* Non elected Minister

Cde. H.A. Taylor, M.P.
 Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P.
 Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P.
 Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. M. Zaheruddeen, J.P., M.P.

Members of the Opposition (16)

(i) People's Progressive Party (14)

Leader of the Opposition (1)

Cde. C. Jagan, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karan, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (12)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.
 Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Opposition Chief Whip
 Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.
 Cde. C. Collymore, M.P.
 Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.
 Cde. L. Lalbahadur, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. B. James, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.
 Cde. R. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. Dalchand, J.P.; M.P.
 Cde. Dindayal, M.P.
 Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) Liberator Party (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mrs. E. Da Silva, M.P.

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly (F.A. Narain)
 Acting Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (A. Knight)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Singh for that sitting.

(ii) Standing Orders

The Speaker announced that he had caused to be prepared and

circulated at that sitting extracts of certain Standing Orders for the information of Members.

(iii) Newspaper Reports

The Speaker referred to reports of proceedings in the Assembly which appeared in the Mirror Newspapers of 14th December, 1976, and 1st January 1977, and stated that unless the newspaper printed fair reports in futuro, he would take appropriation action.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Office of the Director of Audit

The Minister of Finance made a statement on the remarks concerning the Director of Audit, made at the sitting on 13th December, 1976 by Cde. Nabada Persaud in his contribution on the Second reading of the Financial Administration and Audit (Amendment) Bill 1976.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1977.

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1977, totalling \$417,283,736.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Economic Development was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Economic Development concluded his speech.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs spoke to the motion.

The Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation concluded his speech.

Cde. N. Persaud and the Minister of Trade & Consumer Protection spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.53 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, 6th January, 1977.


J. NARAIN 6.1.77.
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
6th January, 1977.