

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1979

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 182nd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1979

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (63)

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly
Members of the Government - People's National Congress (46)

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 (12)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Transport

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

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

*Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Health, Housing and Labour (Absent)

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

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

*Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)

*Cde. M. Shahabuddeen, C.C.H., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Justice

*Cde. V.R. Teekah, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture

*Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent)

*Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent - on leave)

Ministers (2)

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister - Regional (East Berbice/ Corentyne)

Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

* Non elected Minister

Ministers of State (10)

Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)
 Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Economic
 Development and Co-operatives
 Cde. K.B. Bancroft, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional
 (Mazaruni/Potaro)
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional
 (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)
 Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime
 Minister
 Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of National
 Development
 Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/
 West Coast Berbice)
 Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of
 Agriculture
 Cde. L.A. Durant, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (North West)
 Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P., Minister of State for Information,
 Ministry of National Development

Parliamentary Secretaries (5)

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. M. Corrica, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of
 Education, Social Development and Culture
 Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of
 Trade and Consumer Protection
 Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry
 of Economic Development and Co-operatives

Other Members (15)

Cde. W.G. Carrington, C.C.H., M.P.
 Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. J. Gill, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. W. Hussain, M.P.
 Cde. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P.
 Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P.
 Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
 Cde. A. Salim, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
 Cde. C. Sukul, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. H.A. Taylor, M.P.
 Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P.
 Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, M.P.

Members of the Opposition (16)(1) People's Progressive Party (14)Leader of the Opposition (1)

Cde. C. Jagan, M.P., Leader of the Opposition (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

* Non elected Minister

Other Members (12)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P. (Absent)
 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. (Absent)
 Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. R. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. Dindayal, M.P.
 Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.
 Cde. P. Sukhai, M.P. (Absent)

(ii) Liberator Party (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1979

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1979.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 1	OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT	\$199,403
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With the leave of the Speaker under Standing Order No. 83, and on a motion by the Prime Minister, Standing Order No. 66(1) was suspended, to enable an amendment to be moved to this Head.

On a motion by the Prime Minister who signified Cabinet's recommendation, Head 1 Office of the President, was amended by the insertion of the following as Subhead 16:

"Subhead 16 National Honours - \$46,540"

HEAD 1	OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT was then	
	<u>passed as increased at</u>	... \$245,943


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HEAD 7	-PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	812,909
HEAD 10	-OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	1,402,510
HEAD 11	-GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	39,500,000
DIVISION V	-PRIME MINISTER was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	15,345,000
HEAD 14	-MINISTRY OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	17,793
HEAD 15	-PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	1,736,172
DIVISION VIII	-PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	12,493,000
HEAD 31	-MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	7,890,145
HEAD 33	-MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	2,432,039
DIVISION XIX.	-MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	20,476,000
HEAD 34	-MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	7,002,789
DIVISION XX	-MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	3,979,600

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.00 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 Friday, 23rd March, 1979.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
23rd March, 1979.