

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1979

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 197th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

TUESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 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

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

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

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

* 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

* Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

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

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* 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.D. Corbin, M.P., Minister of State for Youth and Sport,
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.
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cde. J. Gill, M.P.
- 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.
- Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., M.P.
- 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)(i) People's Progressive Party (14)Leader of the Opposition (1)

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

* Non elected Minister

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent -
on leave)

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

(ii) Liberator Party (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P.
Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

Officers

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Second Reading, Committee and Third Reading

Second Reading

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 - Bill No. 11/1979
published 13.10.79

The Attorney General and Minister of Justice, on behalf of the
Prime Minister, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO EFFECT AN
ALTERATION TO ARTICLE 82 OF THE
CONSTITUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ARTICLE 73 THEREOF.

Cdes. Mohamed, N. Persaud and Collymore spoke to the motion.

Mr. Singh 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.

Mr. Singh concluded his speech.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister replied.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 was passed as was previously corrected.

Assembly resumed.Third Reading

On a motion by the Prime Minister, the Bill was read the third time and passed as was corrected on the following division:

FOR	AGAINST
Cde. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Abraham
Cde. Willems	Mr. Singh
Cde. Taylor	Cde. Sukhai
Cde. Sukul	Cde. Nokta
Cde. Sukhu	Cde. Dindayal
Cde. Stoby	Cde. Dalchand
Cde. Salim	Cde. Belgrave
Cde. Rayman	Cde. Basir
Cde. Ramson	Cde. Mohamed
Cde. Jonas	Cde. Collymore
Cde. Hussain	Cde. N. Persaud
Cde. Gill	Cde. J. Jagan
Cde. Fowler	Cde. C. Jagan
Cde. Field-Ridley	
Cde. Carrington	
Cde. Wrights	
Cde. Bynoe	
Cde. Corrica	
Cde. Ambrose	
Cde. Ackman	
Cde. Durant	
Cde. Van Sluytman	
Cde. Prashad	
Cde. Corbin	
Cde. Thomas	
Cde. Chowritmootoo	

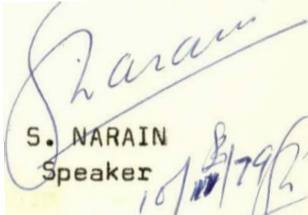
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Forward: 26

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	<u>FOR</u>	AGAINST
Brought Forward:	26	13
Cde. Bancroft		
Cde. Duncan		
Cde. Carmichael		
Cde. Nascimento		
Cde. Clarke		
Cde. Mingo		
Cde. Ramsaroop		
Cde. Naraine		
Cde. Hoyte		
Cde. Reid		
Cde. Burnham		
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ADJOURNMENT

At 6.28 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



S. NARAIN
Speaker
10/11/79

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
10th November, 1979.