

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 141<sup>th</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**  
**(2006-2011) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON MONDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2011**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM,**  
**GEORGETOWN**

**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (70)**

**Speaker (1)**

The Hon. Hari N. Ramkarran, S.C., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

**MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (41)**

**People's Progressive Party/Civic (40)**

**The United Force (1)**

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice),  
Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne),  
Minister of Health

The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, M.P. (Region No. 9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo),  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

\*The Hon. Dr. Ashni K. Singh, M.P., Minister of Finance

The Hon. Robert M. Persaud, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne),  
Minister of Agriculture

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**\*Non-elected Minister**

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The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni),  
Minister of Public Service

The Hon. Kellawan Lall, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

\*The Hon. Charles R. Ramson, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. B. H. Robeson Benn, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

\*\*The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Labour

The Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice),  
Minister of Human Services and Social Security

The Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

The Hon. Jennifer I. Webster, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Finance

The Hon. Manniram Prashad, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

\*The Hon. Pauline Sukhai, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs (Absent)

The Hon. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P.

Ms Bibi S. Shadick, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Mr. Albert A. Atkinson, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 8 – Potaro/Siparuni)

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**\*Non-Elected Minister**

**\*\*Elected Member from the United Force**

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Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Mohamed F. Khan, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P.

Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Neendkumar, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

\*\*\*Mr. Steve P. Ninvalle, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport

Mr. Parmanand P. Persaud, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Housing and Water

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Mr. Norman A. Whittaker, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Dr. Vishwa Deva Budhram Mahadeo, M.P.

Rev. Dr. Kwame Gilbert, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Lloyd J. Pereira, J.P., M.P.

**Members of the Opposition (28)**

(i) **Members of People's National Congress Reform-One Guyana (22)**

Mr. Robert Corbin, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

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\*\*\*Non-elected Parliamentary Secretary

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Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip (Absent – on leave)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. (Absent)

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P. (Absent)

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P.

Ms Cheryl Sampson, M.P.

Mr. Dave Danny, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Ernest Barnabas Elliot, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Judith David-Blair, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Dr. John Austin, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Ms Jennifer Wade, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Ms Joan Baveghems, M.P.

Ms. Vanessa Kissoon, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Mr. Desmond Fernandes, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Ms Dawn Hastings, M.P.

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(ii) **Alliance for Change (5)**

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Mrs. Latchmin Punalall, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. David Patterson, M.P.

**Guyana Action Party/Rise Organize and Rebuild (1)**

Mr. Everall N. Franklin, M.P.

**OFFICERS (2)**

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, Clerk of the National Assembly

Ms Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The sitting commenced at 2.08 p.m.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-**

At the request of the Minister of Finance the presentation of Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2011 – No. 1 of 2011 was deferred.

6.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND  
MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

The Speaker's consent was given in accordance with Standing Order No. 28(2) to move the following motion:

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 71(2)**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications moved the following motion:

WHEREAS Standing Order No. 71(2) provides for five (5) days to be allotted for the debate on a motion for the approval of the Estimates of Revenues and Expenditure;

AND WHEREAS it is anticipated that the five days allotted by Standing Order No. 71(2) would be inadequate for the debate on the motion for the approval of the 2011 Estimates of Revenues and Expenditure,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 71(2) be suspended to enable the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Revenues and Expenditure for the year 2011 to be extended to six (6) days.

**(Notice Paper No. 510 (M166 Govt 102) published on 2011-01-20)**

The motion was put and carried.

7.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-**

**Presentation and First Reading**

**FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2011 – Bill No. 2/2011**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Income Tax Act and the Corporation Tax Act.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS -**

**(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**BUDGET SPEECH 2011 – MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2011**

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2011.

**(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2011-01-17)**

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mrs. Volda Lawrence

The Minister of Labour

**Withdrew from the Chamber**

At 3.25 p.m., while the Minister of Labour was speaking to the motion the Members of the People's National Congress Reform withdrew from the Chamber.

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**Return to the Chamber**

At 3.35 p.m., while the Minister of Labour was speaking to the motion some Members of the People's National Congress Reform returned to the Chamber.

**Presiding by Mr. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P.**

At 4.13 p.m., the Speaker withdrew from the Chamber and Mr. Harripersaud Nokta took the Chair.

**Speaker's Return to the Chamber**

At 4.18 p.m., the Speaker returned to the Chamber.

Ms Jennifer Wade also spoke to the motion.

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 4.50 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 5.40 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance

While Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan was speaking to the motion, the Speaker suspended the sitting due to the disorderly behaviour of some Members of the Assembly.

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 7.05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.



**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 7.22 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan continued and concluded his speech.

While the Minister in the Ministry of Health was speaking to the motion, the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 8.13 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 8.53 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The Minister in the Ministry of Health continued and concluded his speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Desmond Fernandes

Ms Bibi Shadick

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 10(1)**

At 10.01p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister, Standing Order No. 10(1) was suspended to enable the Assembly to continue with its budget debate uninterrupted.

Ms Bibi Shadick continued and concluded her speech.

**Presiding of Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P.**

At 10.12 p.m., while Ms Vanessa Kissoon was speaking to the motion, the Speaker withdrew from the Chamber and Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly took the Chair.

Ms Vanessa Kissoon continued and concluded her speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Steve Ninvalle

Mr. Parmanand Persaud

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11.04 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.

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**HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,**  
**Speaker of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,**  
**Public Buildings,**  
**Brickdam,**  
**Georgetown.**

**24<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.**

