

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**OF THE 15TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2001) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 2001

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (68)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government (37)

(i) People's Progressive Party/Civic (34)

(ii) Non-elected Ministers (2)

(iii) The United Force (1)

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works
and Communications

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister of Finance

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

The Hon. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal, M.P., Minister of Agriculture
(Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

The Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
(Region No. 3 -Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and
Regional Development

The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock
(Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

* The Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Minister in the Office of the
President with responsibility for Foreign Affairs

* The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Absent - on leave)

The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P., Minister of the Public Service (Absent)

The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

The Hon. Bibi S. Shadick, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

** The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce (Absent)

The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Health

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Cyril C.L. Belgrave, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.

Mr. Husman Alli, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P.

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

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Mr. Ramesh C. Rajkumar, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Kumkaran Ramdas, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.D., M.P.

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

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

*Non-Elected Minister

**Elected Member from the United Force

Members of the Opposition (30)**(i) People's National Congress/Reform (27)**

- Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Leader of the Opposition (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P. (Absent)
- Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly
- Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip
- Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
- Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P. (Absent)
- Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.
- Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.
- Mr. Vincent L. Alexander, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
- Mr. Andy Goveia, M.P. (Absent)
- Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.
- Dr. Dalgleish Joseph, M.D., M.P.
- Miss Anna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice) (Absent - on leave)
- Miss Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice) (Absent)
- Mr. Jerome Khan, M.P. (Absent)
- Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.
- Miss Myrna E.N. Peterkin, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
- Mr. James K. McAllister, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
- Miss Lurlene A. Nestor, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
- Mr. Abdul Kadir, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
- Mr. Ricky Khan, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
- Mrs. Rajcoomarie Bancroft, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
- Mr. Nasir Ally, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
- Miss Judith David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
- Miss Genevieve Allen, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

(ii) Guyana Action Party/Working People's Alliance (2)

Mrs. Sheila V.A. Holder, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Shirley J. Melville, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

(iii) Rise, Organise and Rebuild Party (1)

Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P.

OFFICERS

Mr. Frank A. Narain, C.C.H., Clerk of the National Assembly

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

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.00 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to the following Members:

The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, for that day's sitting,

Mr. Desmond Hoyte, for that day's sitting,

Mr. Winston Murray, up to 15th September, 2001,

Mr. Stanley Ming, up to 4th September, 2001,

Miss Amna Ally, for that day's sitting, and

Mrs. Sheila Holder up to 18th August, 2001.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Speaker:

✓ Report of the Ombudsman for the year 1999.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Prime Minister:

- ✓ (i) Annual Reports (5) of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission for the years 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998.

(Circulated)

- (ii) ✓ Annual Report of the Guyana Gold Board for the year 1999.

(Circulated)

(3) ✓ By the Minister of Education:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Education for the year 1998.

(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Finance:

- ✓ (i) Financial Paper No. 1/2001 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$608,987,331, for the period 27th November, 2000 to 29th December, 2000 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund.

(Circulated)

- (ii) ✓ National Development Strategy (2001 - 2010) A Policy Framework.

(Circulated)

- ✓(iii) Investment Code.

(Circulated)

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY**AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -****Suspension of Standing Order No. 68**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs moved the following motion which was put and carried.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve of the suspension of Standing Order No. 68 to enable Financial Paper No. 1/2001 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$608,987,331, for the period 27th November, 2000 to 29th December, 2000 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund, to be considered at the Sitting on Thursday, 9th August, 2001.

(Notice Paper No. 4 (M3 Govt 3) published 6.8.2001)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2001 -

Bill No. 11/2001

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Acquisition of Lands
for Public Purposes Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

1. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2001

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance signified the recommendation of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper
No. 1/2001 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$608,987,331
for the period 27th November, 2000 to 29th December, 2000 - Advances made
from the Contingencies Fund.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried:

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

“RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper
No. 1/2001 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$608,987,331
for the period 27th November, 2000 to 29th December, 2000 - Advances made
from the Contingencies Fund.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.02 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 16th August, 2001.



HARI N. RAMKARRAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

9th August, 2001.