

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST**  
**SESSION (2001-2002) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2002**  
**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 (Absent)

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

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

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

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) (Absent - on leave)

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.

Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)

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. (Absent)

Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Vincent L. Alexander, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)

Mr. Andy Goveia, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Dr. Dagleish Joseph, M.D., M.P.

Miss Anna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

Miss Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Jerome Khan, M.P.

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) (Absent)

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.

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**

(i) **Leave**

The Speaker announced that leave from that day's sitting had been granted to the following Members:

Mr. Bernard DeSantos,  
Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte,  
Mr. C. Stanley Ming, and  
Mrs. Volda Lawrence.

(ii) **Death of Mr. C.B. Cadogan, M.S., Former Sergeant-At-Arms**

The Speaker also made the following announcement:-

"Honourable Members, I have been informed that Mr. Charles Benjamin Cadogan, M.S., a former Sergeant-at-Arms, died on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, at the age of eighty-two years.

Mr. Cadogan was born in Berbice and attended the All Saints Anglican School, the Cumberland Methodist School and the Berbice High School.

After leaving school, Mr. Cadogan joined the British Guiana Police Force where he spent approximately three years. He then gave Service during World War II - as a Signaller in the Trinidad Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, as an Infantryman in the Army in the United States of America, Italy and Egypt and obtained the Italian Star, Defence Medal and the War Medal from the First Battalion Caribbean Regiment.

In 1950 he joined the British Guiana Volunteer Force and was a Sergeant. He was later appointed an Orderly at the Governor's Office.

He joined the Parliament Office Staff in 1953 as Marshal, a position which was re-designated Sergeant-at-Arms from the time of our Independence in 1966. Mr. Cadogan held that office for twenty-three years and proceeded into retirement in 1976.

As Marshall and Sergeant-At-Arms, Mr. Cadogan performed a number of duties, including those of Mace bearer. His duties also included the preparation of the Parliament Chamber for Sittings of the National Assembly and the circulation of Parliamentary Papers in the Chamber.

Mr. Cadogan was an efficient and dedicated officer, one who was meticulous and had high standards. He carried the Mace with dignity.

On the occasion of the first awards of National Honours, when Guyana became a Republic, Mr. Cadogan received the Medal of Service for service with exceptional dedication in the Parliament of Guyana.

Mr. Cadogan has left to mourn his loss a widow and eight children. I am sure that Members of the Assembly would wish us to place on record our regret at his passing and to extend our sympathy to his bereaved family."

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

1. **BUDGET FOR 2002 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2002**

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2002.

As the Minister of Education rose, the Members of the People's National Congress and Mrs. Sheila Holder of the Guyana Action Party/Working People's Alliance withdrew from the Chamber.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Education

The Minister of the Public Service

The Minister in the Office of the President with responsibility for Foreign Affairs.

**Presiding by Mr. Komal Chand**

While the Minister in the Office of the President with responsibility for Foreign Affairs was speaking to the motion, the Speaker withdrew from the Chamber and Mr. Komal Chand presided during his absence.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Amerindian Affairs

The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

The Minister of Housing and Water.

**Return of the Speaker**

While the Minister of Housing and Water was speaking, the Speaker returned to the Chamber.

The Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock also spoke to the motion.

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 4.52 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 5.30 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Home Affairs

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

The Minister of Health

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.

Following the conclusion of the general debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2002, Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider and dispose of the Report of the Business Sub-Committee of the Committee of Supply.

**In Committee of Supply**

The Speaker reported that the Business Sub-Committee of the Committee of Supply met on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2002, considered the allocation of time for the consideration of the 2002 Estimates of Expenditure in the Committee of Supply, and passed a Resolution on the matter.

*The Minister*

Copies of the Sub-Committee's Minutes, Resolution and Time Table had been circulated to Members at the Sitting on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2002.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Committee of Supply agreed with the Business Sub-Committee in its Resolution.

The Speaker stated that in accordance with the Resolution, the Committee of Supply would commence consideration of the 2002 Estimates of Expenditure on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2002.

Assembly resumed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7.49 p.m., the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2002.



**HARI N. RAMKARRAN**

**Speaker of the National Assembly**

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

**27<sup>th</sup> March, 2002.**