

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 20TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (2002-2003) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON MONDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 2003
IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE, OCEAN VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,
LILIENDAAL, GREATER 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. 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 (Absent - on leave)

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)
- 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 (Absent)
- 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)
- Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- 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. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent)
- Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.D., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- 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)
- Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P.
- Mr. Neendkumar, M.P.

*Non-Elected Minister

**Elected Member from The United Force

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

Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P. (Absent)

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) (Absent)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.

Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P.

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

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

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Dr. Dalglish Joseph, M.D., M.P.

Miss Amna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice) (Absent - on leave)

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

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)

There is one vacancy

(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) (Absent - on leave)

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

Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

OFFICERS

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

Mrs Bibi Baldeo, Principal Assistant Secretary (Finance)

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.40 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) **Leave**

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

Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security,

Dr. Bheri Ramsarran,
Mr. Basil Williams, and
Mr. Ravindra Devi, for that day's sitting.

(ii) **Funeral Arrangements for the late Mr. Andy Goveia, M.P.**

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the late Mr. Andy Goveia, M.P., would be buried on Tuesday, 19th August, 2003 and that the funeral service would be held at the Brickdam Cathedral.

The Speaker also informed the Assembly that the body would arrive at the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. for viewing and Funeral Service at 3.30 p.m., thence to the La Reprintier Cemetary for burial.

The Speaker further informed the Assembly that there would be a wake at Congress Place Sophia that evening for Mr. Andy Goveia.

(iii) **Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly - Vacation Leave**

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Mrs. Lilawitie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, was on Vacation Leave and that Mrs. Bibi Baldeo, Principal Assistant Secretary in the Parliament Office was performing the duties of Deputy Clerk in Mrs. Coonjah's absence.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Speaker (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

Minutes of the Proceedings of the 7th Meeting of the Committee of Selection of the Second Session held on 13th August, 2003.

(Circulated)

BILLS - Report from Select Committee and Third Reading

ITEM 1 - VETERINARIANS BILL 2003 - Bill No. 14/2003 published on 2003-07-30

On a motion by the Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock:-

- (i) the report of the Special Select Committee on the Veterinarians Bill 2003, was adopted, and
- (ii) the Veterinarians Bill was read a third time and passed as amended.

ITEM 2 - ANIMALS (MOVEMENT AND DISEASE PREVENTION) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 15/2003 published on 2003-07-30

On a motion by the Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock:-

- (i) the report of the Special Select Committee on the Animals (Movement and Disease Prevention) Bill 2003, was adopted, and
- (ii) the Animals (Movement and Disease Prevention) Bill 2003 was read a third time and passed as amended.

ITEM 3 - FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT)(No. 2) Bill 2003 -
Bill No. 16/2003 published on 2003-07-30

On a motion by the Minister of Finance :-

- (i) the report of the Special Select Committee on the Fiscal Enactments (Amendment) Bill 2003, was adopted, and
- (ii) the Fiscal Enactments (Amendment) Bill 2003 was read a third time and passed as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.50 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the sitting was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



HARI N. RAMKARRAN
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

18th August, 2003.