



OF THE 1ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1992) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1992

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (72)

Speaker (1)

Hon. Derek C. Jagan, S.C., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National  
Assembly

Members of the Government - People's Progressive Party/Civic (42)

The Hon. Samuel A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Senior Minister of  
Agriculture (Leader of the House)

The Hon. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Senior Minister of Home  
Affairs (Government Chief Whip)

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Senior Minister in the Ministry  
of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development

\*The Hon. Asrar Ally, M.P., Senior Minister of Finance

\*The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth Bisnauth, M.P., Senior Minister of  
Education and Cultural Development

\*The Hon. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and  
Minister of Legal Affairs

\*The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Senior Minister of Labour,  
Human Services and Social Security

The Hon. Moses V. Macamootoo, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office  
of the President

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

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Senior Minister of Health

The Hon. M. Shree Chan, M.P., Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism  
and Industry

Ms Janet Jagan, M.P.

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of  
Agriculture

The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of  
Labour, Human Services and Social Security

\*The Hon. F. Vibert DeSouza, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public  
Works, Communications and Regional Development

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\*Non-elected Member

\*The Hon. George E. Fung-On, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.,  
 Mr. Brindley H. Benn, M.P.  
 Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P.  
 Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.  
 Mr. Shaik K.Z. Paksh, M.P.  
 Mr. Komal Chand, M.P.  
 Ms Shirley V. Edwards, M.P.  
 Mr. Randolph Evans, M.P.  
 Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, M.P.  
 Ms Una James, M.P.  
 Mr. Alston A. Kissoon, M.P.  
 Dr. Moti Lall, M.P.  
 Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.  
 Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.  
 Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.  
 Ms Pauline Sukhai, M.P.  
 Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.  
 Mr. Khadim Racchus, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)  
 Mr. Samad A. Baksh, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)  
 Mr. Harrinarine Baldeo, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)  
 Mr. Joseph M. De Souza, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Parima/Waini)  
 Mr. Eugene La Cruz, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)  
 Mr. Raqot Paul, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)  
 Mr. Kum Karan Ramdass, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)  
 Mr. Ramrattan, M.P. a/k Balkarran (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/  
 West Demerara)

(Members of the Minority 29)

(i) People's National Congress (26)

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minority Leader  
 Mr. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., J.P., M.P.  
 Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P.  
 Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P.  
 Dr. Patrick L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P.  
 Ms Clarissa Riehl, M.P.  
 Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.P.  
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Pernard, M.P.  
 Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.  
 Ms Anna Ally, M.P.  
 Ms Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.  
 Mr. Arthur A. Alexander, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly  
 Mr. Simon H. Ng-See-Quan, M.P.  
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P.  
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P.  
 Mr. Reynold David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)  
 Ms Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P.  
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P.  
 Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P.  
 Mr. Phillip Bynoe, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)  
 Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P.  
 Mr. Hukumchand, M.P. a/k Parag  
 Ms Joan Richards, M.P.  
 Ms Gwenneth A. Brouet, M.P.  
 Mr. John Fredericks, M.P.  
 Mr. Ivan Peters, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

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\*Non-elected Member

(ii) Working People's Alliance (2)

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas, M.P.

Mr. Matheson Williams M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)

(iii) The United Force (1)

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

OFFICERS

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

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

PROCLAMATION SUMMONING THE SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

The Clerk read the Proclamation made by the President appointing the Parliament Chamber, Public Buildings, Georgetown, Guyana, as the place where a session of the Sixth Parliament shall be held and 2.00 o' clock in the afternoon on Thursday, 17th December, 1992, as the time when such session shall begin.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The Clerk called the following names of the persons declared elected as Members of the National Assembly, in the order of their extraction from the Lists of Candidates:-

Persons (53) who, following the general elections on 5th October, 1992, were declared on 24th November, 1992, by the Elections Commission, to have become Members of the National Assembly

(i) From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (28)

Fazil M. Ali  
 Husman Alli  
 Shaik K.Z. Paksh  
 Cyril C.L. Pelgrave  
 Brindley H. Penn  
 Michael S. Chan  
 Komal Chand  
 Indranie Chandarpal  
 Clinton C. Collymore  
 Shirley V. Edwards  
 Randolph Evans  
 Hughley H. Hanoman  
 Samuel A. Hinds  
 Janet Jagan  
 Una James  
 Alston A. Kissoon  
 Moti Lall  
 Sheik Feroze Mohamed  
 Moses V. Nagamootoo  
 Haripersaud Nokta  
 Reepu Daman Persaud  
 Khemraj Ramjattan  
 Donald Ramotar  
 Lawrence E. Rodney  
 Clement J. Rohee  
 Pauline Sukhai  
 Gail Teixeira  
 Winslow M. Zephyr

(ii) From the People's National Congress (23)

Aftabuddin Ahamad  
Arthur A. Alexander  
Amra Ally  
Dunstan Barrow  
Deryck Bernard  
Gwenneth A. Brouet  
Robert H.O. Corbin  
Jennifer Ferreira  
John Fredericks  
Andy Gouveia  
Faith A. Harding  
Hugh Desmond Hoyte  
Hukumchand a/k Parag  
Kenneth King  
Patrick McKenzie  
Winston Murray  
Sase Narain  
Simon H. g-See-Quan  
Jean Persico  
Joan Richards  
Clarissa Riehl  
David Subnauth  
Kenrick Tyndall

(iii) From the Working People's Alliance (1)

Clive Y. Thomas

(iv) From the United Force (1)

Manzoor Nadir

Persons (10) who were elected by the Regional Democratic Councils on 7th December, 1992

Region 1 - Joseph M. DeSouza  
Region 2 - Samad Baksh  
Region 3 - Ramrattan a/k Balkarran  
Region 4 - Ivan Peters  
Region 5 - Harrinarine Baldeo  
Region 6 - Kum Karan Ramdass  
Region 7 - Reynold David  
Region 8 - Pagot Paul  
Region 9 - Eugene La Cruz  
Region 10 - Phillip Bynoe

Persons (2) who were elected by the ~~National Congress~~ of Local Democratic Organs on 10th December, 1992:

Khadim Bacchus  
Matheson Williams

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Persons (6) who were not elected Members of the National Assembly but who have been appointed Ministers and have become Members of the National Assembly:

Asnar Ally  
 Ramnauth Bisnauth  
 Bernard C. DeSantos  
 Henry B. Jeffrey  
 Vibert DeSouza  
 George E. Fung-On

All Members were present and answered as their names were called.

Election of Speaker

The Clerk invited Members to elect the Speaker of the National Assembly in accordance with Article 56(1) of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 2.

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud proposed and Mr. Simon H. Ng-See-Quan seconded Mr. Derek C. Jagan, S.C., J.P.

As there was no other nomination, the Clerk declared Mr. Derek C. Jagan, S.C., J.P., duly elected Speaker of the National Assembly.

Mr. Derek C. Jagan who was present was escorted by his proposer and seconder to the Chair.

Election of Deputy Speaker

In accordance with article 56(3) of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 3(2), the Speaker invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Speaker.

Dr. Patrick McKenzie proposed and Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed seconded Mr. Arthur A. Alexander.

As there was no other nomination, the Speaker declared Mr. Arthur A. Alexander duly elected Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly.

OATHS

The oath of office was made and subscribed by:

The Speaker, the Hon. Derek C. Jagan, S.C., J.P., M.P.  
 The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Arthur Alexander, M.P.  
 The Hon. Samuel A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister  
 The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Senior Minister of Agriculture  
 The Hon. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Senior Minister of Home Affairs  
 The Hon. Harripersaud Bokta, M.P., Senior Minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development  
 The Hon. Asgar Ally, M.P., Senior Minister of Finance  
 The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth Bisnauth, M.P., Senior Minister of Education and Cultural Development  
 The Hon. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs  
 The Hon. Dr. Henry C. Jeffrey, M.P., Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security

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The Hon. Moses V. Magamootoo, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of the President

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

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Senior Minister of Health

The Hon. M. Shree Chan, M.P., Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry

Ms Janet Jaqan, M.P.

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture

The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security

The Hon. F. Vibert DeSouza, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development

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Mr. Komal Chand, M.P.

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Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.

Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.

Ms Pauline Sukhai, M.P.

Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.

Mr. Khadim Bacchus, M.P.

Mr. Samad A. Baksh, M.P.

Mr. Harrinerine Paldeo, M.P.

Mr. Joseph M. DeSouza, M.P.

Mr. Eugene La Cruz, M.P.

Mr. Bagot Paul, M.P.

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Ms Clarissa Riehl, M.P.

Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.P.

Mr. Deryck M.A. Parnard, M.P.

Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P.

Ms Jean M.G. Persico, M.P.

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Mr. David Subnauth, M.P.

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Mr. Phillip Pynoe, M.P.

Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P.

Mr. Hukumchand, M.P. a/k Parag

Ms Joan Richards, M.P.

Ms Gwenneth A. Prouet, M.P.

Mr. John Fredericks, M.P.

Mr. Ivan Peters, M.P.

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas, M.P.

Mr. M. Williams, M.P.

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

#### PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

#### REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

In his remarks, the Speaker thanked Members for electing him and congratulated them on their becoming Members of the National Assembly. He also extended good wishes to Members.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER

The Senior Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of the Members of the Government, congratulated Mr. Derek Jagan on his election as Speaker and wished him a successful term of office. He also extended congratulations to Mr. Arthur Alexander upon his election as Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Winston Murray, on behalf of the People's National Congress, congratulated Mr. Derek Jagan and Mr. Arthur Alexander upon their election as Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively.

Dr. Clive Thomas, on behalf of the Working People's Alliance, and Mr. Manzoor Nadir on behalf of the United Force, also congratulated Mr. Derek Jagan and Mr. Arthur Alexander upon their election as Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Appointments

For the purpose of the records, the Speaker announced the following Ministerial and other appointments:

The Hon. Samuel A. Hinds was appointed Prime Minister, with effect from 10th October, 1992. As Prime Minister, Mr. Hinds was, in accordance with article 101(2) of the Constitution, leader of Government business in the National Assembly.

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., was appointed a Senior Minister and designated Senior Minister of Agriculture, with effect from 13th October, 1992.

The Hon. Sheik Feroze Mohamed, was appointed a Senior Minister and designated Senior Minister of Home Affairs, with effect from 13th October, 1992.

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta was appointed a Senior Minister and designated Senior Minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development, with effect from 13th October, 1992.

The Hon. Asgar Ally was appointed a Senior Minister and designated Senior Minister of Finance, with effect from 13th October, 1992.

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth Bisnauth was appointed a Senior Minister and designated Senior Minister of Education and Cultural Development, with effect from 13th October, 1992.

The Hon. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., was appointed Attorney General and designated Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, with effect from 13th October, 1992.

The Hon. Dr. Henry R. Jeffrey was appointed a Senior Minister and designated Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, with effect from 13th October, 1992.

The Hon. Moses V. Magamootoo was appointed a Senior Minister and designated Senior Minister in the Office of the President, with effect from 13th October, 1992.

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The Hon. Clement J. Rohee was appointed a Senior Minister and designated Senior Minister in the Office of the President, with effect from 13th October, 1992 and subsequently Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Hon. Gail Teixeira was appointed a Senior Minister and designated Senior Minister of Health, with effect from 13th October, 1992.

The Hon. Michael Shree Chan was appointed a Senior Minister and designated Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry, with effect from 20th November, 1992.

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, was appointed a Minister and designated Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, with effect from 13th October, 1992.

The Hon. Indranie Chandarnal was appointed a Minister and designated Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, with effect from 13th October, 1992.

The Hon. Francis Vibert DeSouza was appointed a Minister and designated Minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development, with effect from 20th November, 1992.

The Hon. George Edwin Fung-On was appointed a Minister and designated Minister in the Office of the President, with effect from 20th November, 1992.

Mr. Hugh Desmond Hoyte, S.C., was appointed Minority Leader, with effect from 10th December, 1992.

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, Senior Minister of Agriculture, was appointed to perform the Parliamentary functions of Leader of the House, with effect from 16th December, 1992.

The Hon. Sheik Feroze Mohamed, Senior Minister of Home Affairs, was appointed the Government Chief Whip, with effect from 16th December, 1992.

(ii) Public Buildings For Parliament's Use

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk of the National Assembly had received from His Excellency The President a letter dated 16th December, 1992, informing him that the Government of Guyana had decided and agreed that the Public Buildings were to be used for Parliamentary matters and that the Clerk of the National Assembly should have administrative control in this respect.

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

On a proposal by the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, seconded by Ms Anna Ally, the Assembly nominated the following to be Members of the Committee of Selection, with the Speaker as Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 70(1):

From The People's Progressive Party/Civic (6)

The Hon. Reepu Daman Fersaud, J.P., M.P., Senior Minister of Agriculture

The Hon. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Senior Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. H. Lokta, M.P., Senior Minister of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development

Mr. B.H. Renn, M.P.

Mr. D. Ramotar, M.P.

Ms Pauline Sukhai, M.P.

From the People's National Congress (4)

Mr. S. Narain, O.R., S.C., J.P., M.P.

Ms Jean M.G. Fersico, M.P.

Mr. S.H. Ng-See-Guan, M.P.

Mr. A. Gouveia, M.P.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3.26 p.m. the sitting was suspended to enable the Speaker to receive His Excellency the President, Dr. Cheddi R. Jagan.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 3.58 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

ARRIVAL OF THE PRESIDENT

The President entered the Chamber and took his place on the dais.

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WELCOME TO THE PRESIDENT

The Speaker welcomed the President and invited him to address the Assembly.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

His Excellency the President, Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan, addressed the Assembly.

THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT

The Speaker, on behalf of Members of the Assembly, thanked His Excellency for his Address.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.24 p.m. on a motion by the Senior Minister of Agriculture, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



D. B. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS  
GEORGETOWN.

22nd December, 1992.