

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 7TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1992-1993) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1993

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (72)

Speaker (1)

The 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 Mahomed, M.P., Senior Minister of Home Affairs  
(Government Chief Whip)

The Hon. Harripersaud Natta, 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. Ramsauth Bismuth, M.P., Senior Minister of  
Education and Cultural Development

\*The Hon. Bernard C. DeSantos, F.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. Nagamootoo, 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 (Absent - on leave)

Ms Janet Jagan, M.P., (Absent - on leave)

The Hon. Clinton C. Cullymore, 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

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

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\*Non-elected Member

Mr. Cyril C. Delgravé, M.P.  
 Mr. Brindley H. Benn, M.P.  
 Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P.  
 Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.  
 Mr. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, 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 A. 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 Bacchus, 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. DeSouza, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)  
 Mr. Eugene La Cruz, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)  
 Mr. Bagot Paul, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) Absent  
 Mr. Kum Karan Ramdass, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)  
 Mr. Ramratan, 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.F., 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., Chief Whip  
 Ms. Clarissa Riehl, M.F.  
 Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.F.  
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.  
 Dr. Faith A. Hardina, M.F.  
 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.F.  
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.F.  
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P.  
 Mr. Reynold N. David, M.F. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)  
 Ms. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.F.  
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahmad, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P.  
 Mr. Phillip Bynoe, M.F. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)  
 Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.F. (Absent)  
 Mr. Hukumchand, M.P. a/k Parag,  
 Ms. Joan C. Richards, M.P.  
 Ms. Gwenneth A. Brouet, M.F.  
 Mr. John A. Fredericks, M.F.  
 Mr. Ivan Peters, M.F. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

(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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

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

The Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry.  
Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Prime Minister:

- (i) Timehri International Airport (Amendment) Regulations 1993 (No. 1), made under section 3 of the Timehri International Airport Act, Cap. 52:01 on 28th January, 1993, and published in the Gazette on 13th February, 1993.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Timehri International Airport (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1993 (No. 2), made under section 3 of the Timehri International Airport Act, Cap. 52:01 on 15th February, 1993, and published in the Gazette on 27th February, 1993.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1993

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1993.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Dr. Patrick L. McKenzie  
The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Public Works,  
Communications and Regional Development  
Mr. Faziil M. Ali  
Mr. Ramratan a/k Balkarran  
Mr. Authur A. Alexander

The Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security was speaking to the motion when the time agreed for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

#### SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

#### RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.32 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security concluded his speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion.

Mr. Brindley H. Benn  
Ms Amna Aily  
The Senior Minister of Home Affairs  
Mr. Dunstan Barrow  
Mr. Shaik K. Z. Daksh  
Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan  
Mr. Reynold N. David

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 9.06 p.m., on a motion by the Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 19th March, 1993.



Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

18th March, 1993.