

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 15TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1992-1993) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 16TH JULY, 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 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 (Absent - on leave)

*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 B. Jeffrey, M.P., Senior Minister of
Labour, Human Services and Social Security

The Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, M.P., Senior Minister of
Information 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, O.E., 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

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

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*Non-Elected Member

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.
 Mr. Fazil M. Alli, 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) (Absent)
 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) (Absent)
 Mr. Bagot Paul, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
 Mr. Kum Karan Ramdas, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
 Mr. Ramrattan, M.P. a/k Balkarran (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

(There is one vacancy)

Members of the Minority (29)

(i) People's National Congress (26)

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minority Leader (Absent - on leave)
 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.P.
 Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.P.
 Mr. Deryck Bernard, M.P.
 Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.
 Ms Amna 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 N. David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
 Ms Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P.
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 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 C. Richards, M.P.
 Ms Gwenneth A. Brouet, M.P.
 Mr. John A. Fredericks, M.P.
 Mr. Ivan Peters, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

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(ii) Working People's Alliance (2)

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas, M.P.

Mr. Matheson Williams, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs) (Absent - on leave)

(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

Resignation of Mr. Brindley H. Benn C.C.H.

The Speaker announced that he had received a letter from Mr. Brindley Horatio Benn, C.C.H., resigning his seat in the National Assembly, with effect from 7th July, 1993, consequent upon his appointment to the Office of High Commissioner to Canada.

The Speaker stated that, with his resignation, Mr. Benn had, in accordance with paragraph (1)(c) of article 156 of the Constitution, vacated his seat in the Assembly.

The Speaker also stated that, in accordance with section 99A of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03, he would call upon the representative of the list of candidates in which Mr. Benn's name was included, to further extract from the said list the name of a person to fill the vacancy in the Assembly.

On behalf of himself and Members of the Assembly, the Speaker extended congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Benn.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Adams Commission of Inquiry Report

A request by Mr. R.H.O. Corbin for leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the Adams Commission of Inquiry Report was not allowed by the Speaker as the matter did not qualify.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 - Bill No. 20/1993
published 17.7.93

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs,
on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill
which was read the first time.

A BILL intituled AN ACT to alter
the Constitution in accordance
with articles 66 and 164.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

APPROVAL OF PRIVATISATION POLICY FRAMEWORK PAPER
(JUNE 1993)

The Senior Minister of Finance moved the following
motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly notes the
Privatisation Policy Framework Paper (June
1993) which was laid in the National Assembly
on 1st July, 1993, and approves of the Government's
policy set out therein.

(Notice Paper No. 10 (M10 Govt 10) published 15.7.93)

The following Members spoke to the motion:-

Dr. Kenneth F.S. King

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas

Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman was speaking to the motion
when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman continued and concluded his
speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:-

The Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
Mr. Dunstan Barrow
The Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Manzoor Nadir
Mr. Alston A. Kisson
Mr. Winston S. Murray

The Senior Minister of Finance replied.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. Ramrattan
Mr. Ramdas
Mr. DeSouza
Mr. Baldeo
Mr. Bacchus
Mr. Zephyr
Mrs. Sukhai
Mr. Rodney
Mr. Ramotar
Mr. Ramjattan
Dr. Lall
Mr. Kisson
Mrs. James
Dr. Hanoman
Mr. Evans
Mrs. Edwards
Mr. Chand
Mr. Baksh
Mr. Husman Alli
Mr. Fazil Ali
Mr. Belgrave
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Collymore
Mr. Chan
Miss Teixeira
Mr. Rohee
Mr. Nagamootoo
Mr. Persaud
Mr. Hinds

Mr. Nadir
Dr. Thomas
Mr. Fredericks
Miss Brouet
Miss Richards
Mr. Hukumchand
Mr. Bynoe
Mr. Tyndall
Mrs. Ferreira
Mr. David
Mr. Barrow
Mr. Ng-See-Quan
Mr. Alexander
Miss Persico
Dr. King
Mrs. Riehl
Dr. McKenzie
Mr. Murray
Mr. Corbin
Mr. Narain

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.28 p.m., on a motion by the Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



D.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

16th July, 1993.