

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 17TH 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, 5TH AUGUST, 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) (Absent)
The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, 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 B. Jeffrey, M.P., Senior Minister of
Labour, Human Services and Social Security (Absent - on leave)
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 (Absent - on leave)
*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. Ali, M.P.
 Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.
 Mr. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 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 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)
 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
 Mr. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 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)

(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

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The sitting commenced at 2.58 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Delay in Commencement of Sitting

The Speaker expressed regret to Members for the late commencement of the sitting. This was due to a request made by representatives of the Parties to enable them to have further discussions on the Constitution (Amendment) Bill 1993 (Bill No. 20/1993 published 17.7.93)

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

(1) By the Senior Minister of Education and Cultural Development:

- (i) Cyril Potter College of Education (Board of Governors) Order 1993 (No. 16), made under section 22 of the President's College Act 1990 (No. 11), on 1st July, 1993 and published in the Gazette on 24th July, 1993.

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- (ii) Tertiary Technical and Vocational Institutions (Board of Governors) Order 1993 (No. 17), made under section 22 of the President's College Act 1990 (No. 11), on 1st July, 1993 and published in the Gazette on 24th July, 1993.

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- (iii) Sixth Form Secondary Schools (Board of Governors) Order 1993 (No. 18), made under section 22 of the President's College Act 1990 (No. 11), on 1st July, 1993, and published in the Gazette on 24th July, 1993.

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(2) By the Prime Minister on behalf of the Senior Minister
of Labour Human Services and Social Security:

Review of the Operations of the Sugar Industry
Labour Welfare Fund for the year 1991.

(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Withdrawn

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

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved that the BILL intituled AN ACT to alter the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164, be withdrawn.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas

A motion by the Senior Minister of Information in the Office of the President that the question be now put was out and carried on the following division:

FOR	<u>AGAINST</u>	DECLINED TO VOTE
Mr. Ramrattan	Mr. Williams	Mr. Nadir
Mr. Ramdas	Dr. Thomas	
Mr. Paul	Mr. Peters	
Mr. DeSouza	Mr. Fredericks	
Mr. Baldeo	Miss Brouet	
Mr. Baksh	Miss Richards	
Mr. Bacchus	Mr. Hukumchand	
Mr. Zephyr	Mr. Gouveia	
Mrs. Sukhai	Mr. Bynoe	
Mr. Rodney	Mr. Tyndall	
Mr. Ramotar	Mrs. Ferreira	
Mr. Ramjattan	Mr. David	
Dr. Lall	Mr. Subnauth	
Mr. Kissoon	Mr. Barrow	
Mrs. James	Mr. Ng-See-Quan	
Dr. Hanoman	Mr. Alexander	
Mr. Evans	Miss Persico	
Mrs. Edwards	Miss Ally	
Mr. Chand	Dr. Harding	
Mr. Husman Alli	Mr. Bernard	
Mr. Fazil Ali	Dr. King	
Mr. Belgrave	Mrs. Riehl	
Mr. Collymore	Dr. McKenzie	
Mrs. Jagan	Mr. Murray	
Mr. Chan	Mr. Corbin	
Miss Teixeira	Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Rohee		
Mr. Nagamootoo		
Mr. Nokta		
Mr. Persaud		
Mr. Hinds		

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The motion that the Bill be withdrawn was then put and carried on the following division:

FOR	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DECLINED TO</u> VOTE
Mr. Ramrattan	Mr. Williams	Mr. Nadir
Mr. Ramdas	Dr. Thomas	
Mr. Paul	Mr. Peters	
Mr. DeSouza	Mr. Fredericks	
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ADJOURNMENT

At 3.31 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.

6th August, 1993