

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 22ND 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, 16TH DECEMBER, 1993

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

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 (43)

The Hon. Samuel A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister (Absent)

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. Asgar Ally, M.P., Senior Minister of Finance

*The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth Bisnauth, M.P., Senior Minister
of Education and Cultural Development (Absent - on leave)

*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. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Senior Minister of
Foreign Affairs (Absent)

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)

Mrs. Janet Jagan, O.E., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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

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

*The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of
Finance (Absent)

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*Non-elected Member

Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, M.P. (Absent -on leave)
 Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, 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.
 Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, M.P.
 Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, M.P.
 Mrs. Una A. James, M.P.
 Mr. Alston A. Kissoon, M.P.
 Dr. Moti Lall, M.P.
 Mr. Khamraj Ramjattan, M.P.
 Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.
 Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.
 Mrs. Pauline Sukhai, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.
 Mr. Reuben A. Gilbert, M.P.
 Mr. Edward DaSilva, 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 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)

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. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P.
 Dr. Patrick L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Chief Whip
 Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P.
 Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.P.
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.
 Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.
 Miss Amna Ally, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Miss 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. (Absent)
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P. (Absent)
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P.
 Mr. Reynold N. David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni) (Absent)
 Mrs. 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
 Miss Joan C. Richards, M.P.
 Miss Gwenneth A. Brouet, M.P.
 Mr. John A. Fredericks, M.P.
 Mr. Ivan Peters, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

(ii) Working People's Alliance (2)

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
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 2.00 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 for that day's sitting:-

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth Bisnauth
The Hon. M. Shree Chan
Mrs. Pauline Sukhai
Mr. Robert Corbin
and
Miss Amna Ally

(ii) Acts Nos. 20 and 22 of 1993 (Bills Nos. 19 and 21 of 1993)

The Speaker informed Members that Bill No. 19 of 1993, which was passed by the Assembly on 15th July, 1993, was assented to by the President on 30th November, 1993, and became Act No. 20 of 1993. The Act was published in the Gazette on 4th December, 1993. He also informed them that Bill No. 21 of 1993, which was passed by the Assembly on 11th November, 1993 was assented to by the President on 25th November, 1993, and became Act No. 22 of 1993. The Act was published in the Gazette on 27th November, 1993. The two Acts had been printed and copies were circulated to Members at that sitting.

(iii) Hansard for 5th Sitting on 16th March, 1993

The Speaker stated that the Hansard for the 5th Sitting of the Assembly, held on 16th March, 1993, had been produced and that printed copies thereof had been circulated to Members at that sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Senior Minister of Finance:

Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Order (No. 3) 1993 (No. 31 of 1993), made under section 5 of the Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Act, Chapter 27:11, on 7th December, 1993, and published in the Gazette on 11th December, 1993.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security for the year 1992.

(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1993

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with Article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Senior Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 3/1993, and thereafter moved the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1993 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$435,154,851 for the period ended 1st December, 1993 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund).

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After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Senior Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:-

"RESOLVED, That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1993 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$435,154,851 for the period ended 1st December, 1993 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund)."

ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 4/1993

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply.

In accordance with Article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Senior Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 4/1993, and thereafter moved the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 4/1993 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates totalling \$2,116,248,000 for 1993.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Senior Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:-

"RESOLVED, That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 4/1993 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates totalling \$2,116,248,000 for 1993."

ITEM 3 - AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION

The Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve the conclusion as set out in the State Paper on the Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 72nd session held in June, 1986.

The motion was put and carried.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings.

ITEM 4 - GUYANA MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (REPEAL) BILL 1993 - Bill No. 26/1993 published 4.12.93

The Senior Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal the Guyana Manufacturing and Industrial Development Agency Act 1984 and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

Mr. Winston Murray spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Senior Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 5 - MEDICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY BILL 1993 - Bill No. 27/1993 published 11.12.93 - Deferred

At the request of the Senior Minister of Health, the second reading of the following Bill was deferred:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to reform the law relating to abortion and to provide for matters connected therewith.

ITEM 6 - CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1993 - Bill
No. 24/1993 - Deferred

At the request of the Senior Minister of Finance,
the second reading of the following Bill was deferred:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to
amend the Customs Act.

ITEM 7 - GUYANA AND TRINIDAD MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 - Bill No. 23/1993 published
30.10.93, 6.11.93 and 13.11.93 - Deferred

At the request of Dr. Moti Lall, the second reading
of the following Private Bill was deferred:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend
the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual
Life Insurance Company Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.10 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 December, 1993.