

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 28TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1992-1994) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1994

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  
(Absent - on leave)

\*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. 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

Mrs. 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  
(Absent - on leave)

\*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.  
 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. (Absent)  
 Dr. Moti Lall, M.P.  
 Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.  
 Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.  
 Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.  
 Mrs. Pauline Sukhai, M.P.  
 Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.  
 Mr. Reuben A. Gilbert, M.P.  
 Mr. Edward DaSilva, M.P. (Absent)  
 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)  
 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  
 Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P.  
 Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent- on leave)  
 Dr. Patrick L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Chief Whip  
 Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P.  
 Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.  
 Miss Amna Ally, M.P.  
 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.  
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P.  
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. Reynold N. David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)  
 Mrs. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P. (Absent)  
 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)

(There is one vacancy)

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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)

(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) Resignation of Mr. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., J.P.

The Speaker informed the Assembly that he had received a letter dated 7th February, 1994, from Mr. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., J.P., resigning his seat in the National Assembly, with effect from 8th February, 1994.

With his resignation, Mr. Narain had, in accordance with paragraph (1)(c) of article 156 of the Constitution, vacated his seat in the Assembly.

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

The Speaker also stated that Mr. Sase Narain first became a Parliamentarian upon his election on 4th January, 1971, as Speaker of the National Assembly. Of the 23 years that he was a Parliamentarian 21 years and 11 months were as Speaker of the National Assembly, and the remainder were as an Ordinary Member of the Assembly.

On behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, the Speaker extended good wishes to Mr. Sase Narain on his retirement.

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(ii) Visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh

The Speaker stated that with the authority given to him, by the National Assembly, in its Resolution which was passed on 20th January, 1994, he had appointed a Committee to make the arrangements for the visit to the Assembly of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

The arrangements having been completed, and the Visit made on Monday, 21st February, 1994, at a Special Sitting of the National Assembly, the Speaker took that opportunity of expressing his most grateful thanks to the Members of Parliament who served on the Committee, for their valuable inputs - their time and their contributions. He also thanked all the other persons and agencies who assisted, including the Staff of Parliament and said that he was sure that Members were pleased with the arrangements made.

(iii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to the following Members:

The Hon. Asgar Ally for that day's sitting,  
The Hon. Vibert DeSouza up to 13th March, 1994,

and

Mr. Winston Murray, )  
Dr. Kenneth King and ) for that sitting.  
Mr. Deryck Bernard )

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development, on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Annual Reports (2) of the Public/Police  
Service Commissions for the years  
1990 and 1991.

(Circulated)

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

Electricity Situation on Essequibo Coast

A claim by Mr. Hukumchand to move the adjournment of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing the electricity situation on the Essequibo Coast was, with the satisfaction of the Speaker that the matter was definite, urgent and of public importance and could properly be raised on a motion for the

adjournment of the Assembly, and with the leave of the Assembly, allowed.

The motion accordingly stood over in accordance with Standing Order No. 11(3).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 -  
Bill No. 5/1994 published 24.2.94

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development, on behalf of the Prime Minister, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the  
Local Authorities (Elections) Act,  
the Local Democratic Organs Act 1980  
and the Local Authorities (Elections)  
(Amendment) Act 1990 and to repeal  
the Local Democratic Organs (Elections)  
Act 1990.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second Reading - Deferred

ITEM 1 - PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 - Bill  
No. 3/1994 published 5.2.94

At the request of the Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry, the second reading of the following Bill was deferred:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend  
the Public Utilities Commission  
Act 1990.

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 2 - REGISTRATION OF LANDLORDS BILL 1994 - Bill No. 4/1994  
published 5.2.94

The Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to  
provide for the registration  
of Landlords.

Mr. Arthur Alexander, Dr. Clive Thomas and Mr. Manzoor Nadir spoke to the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Electricity Situation on Essequibo Coast

In accordance with the earlier decision made, Mr. Hukumchand moved the adjournment of the Assembly and spoke on the Electricity situation on the Essequibo Coast.

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development spoke on the matter.

Mr. Hukumchand replied.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.10 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, 4th March, 1994.



D.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

28th February, 1994.