

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 31ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1992-1994) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 11TH MARCH, 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 (Absent)

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

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Senior Minister of Health (Absent - on leave)

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

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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. Kisson, M.P.
 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.
 Mr. Khadim Bacchus, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic
 Organs)
 Mr. Samad A. Baksh, M.P. (Region No.2 - Pomeroun/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) (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) (Absent - on leave)

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.
 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)
 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 - on leave)
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P.
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P.
 Mr. Reynold N. David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
 Mrs. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P. (Absent)
 Mr. M. Idris Deen, M.P.
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P. (Absent)
 Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P.
 Mr. Phillip Bynoe, M.P. (Region No. 10 -Upper Demerara/
 Berbice) (Absent)
 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)

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

(iii) The United Force (2)

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

Leave

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

The Hon. Gail Teixeira,
Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, and
Mr. Simon H. Ng-See-Quan.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House), on behalf of the Prime Minister:

(i) Air Mail Postage Rates (Amendment) Order 1994, made under section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 31st January, 1994.

(Circulated)

(ii) Air Mail (Rates of Postage) (Parcels) (Amendment) Order 1994, made under section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 31st January, 1994.

(Circulated)

(iii) Inland Money Orders (Rates of Commission) (Amendment) Order 1994, made under section 35 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 31st January, 1994.

(Circulated)

(iv) Postal Franking (Amendment) Regulations 1994, made under section 23 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 31st January, 1994.

(Circulated)

- (v) Postal Stationery (Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1994, made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 31st January, 1994.
(Circulated)
- (vi) Postal Insurance (Amendment) Regulations 1994, made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 31st January, 1994.
(Circulated)
- (vii) Telegraph Money Orders (Inland) (Amendment) Regulations 1994, made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 31st January, 1994.
(Circulated)
- (viii) Post Office (Express Delivery) (Amendment) Regulations 1994, made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 31st January, 1994.
(Circulated)
- (ix) Inland Postal Matter (Registration and Advice of Delivery Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1994, made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 31st January, 1994.
(Circulated)
- (x) Private Letter Bags (Amendment) Regulations 1994, made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 4th February, 1994.
(Circulated)
- (xi) Post and Telegraph (Late Fee) (Amendment) Regulations 1994, made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 31st January, 1994.
(Circulated)
- (xii) Private Letter Boxes (Amendment) Regulations 1994, made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on 31st January, 1994.
(Circulated)

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

- (i) State Paper on Conventions Nos. 160 and 161 and Recommendations Nos. 170 and 171, which were adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 71st Session held in June, 1985.
(Circulated)
- (ii) State Paper on Convention No. 162 and Recommendation No. 172, which were adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 72nd Session held in June, 1986.
(Circulated)

(3) By the Senior Minister of Health:

Guyana Agency for Health Sciences,
Education, Environment and Food Policy
(Dissolution and Transfer of Assets)
Order 1994, made under sections 8, 9
and 11 of the Public Corporations Act
1988 (No. 21 of 1988), on 9th February,
1994.

(Circulated)

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

Local Authorities (Elections) (Registration of Voters)
Order 1994

A request by Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin for leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the Local Authorities (Elections) (Registration of Voters) Order 1994, made under the Local Authorities (Elections) Act (Chapter 28:03), dated 8th March, 1994, among other things, naming 14th March, 1994, as the day on which the Electoral Registrars shall publish the Preliminary Lists under section 12 of the Act for the purpose of the forthcoming Municipal and Local Government Elections, was not allowed by the Speaker as the matter did not qualify.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1994

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1994.

Dr. Kenneth F.S. King spoke to the motion.

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension 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. Clive Y. Thomas continued and concluded his speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance

Mr. Manzoor Nadir

Mr. Donald Ramotar

Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman

Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard

The Senior Minister of Education and Cultural
Development

Miss Jean M.G. Persico

The Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human
Services and Social Security.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.40 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 Monday, 14th March, 1994.



D.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

11th March, 1994.