

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 35TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1992-1994) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 24TH 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

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

\*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 - on leave)

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, 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

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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. (Absent)  
 Dr. Moti Lall, M.P.  
 Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.  
 Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.  
 Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P. (Absent)  
 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 - 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) (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)

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. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P.  
 Dr. Patrick L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Chief Whip  
 Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P. (Absent)  
 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.  
 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. (Absent)  
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 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 - on leave)  
 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. (Absent)  
 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.

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

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to—

- (i) Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo for that day's sitting,
- (ii) Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte up to 8th April, 1994,
- (iii) Mr. David Subnauth for that day's sitting, and
- (iv) Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad up to the end of the week.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

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

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Committee of Supply resumed consideration of the 1994 Estimates of Expenditure.

The Following Heads and Divisions were approved, as printed in the Estimates:-

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Head 12 - Elections Commission	\$ 10,681,000
Head 21 - Ministry of Home Affairs	\$ 19,502,000
Head 22 - Ministry of Home Affairs - Police	\$ 890,370,000
Head 23 - Prisons	\$ 122,477,000
Head 24 - Police Complaints Authority	\$ 1,803,000
Head 25 - Fire Protection Services	\$ 47,398,000
Head 26 - National Registration Centre	\$ 134,897,000
Head 27 - General Register Office	\$ 8,227,000
Div. 507 - Ministry of Home Affairs	\$ 112,250,000
Head 6 - Office of the Auditor General	\$ 65,155,000
Head 47 - Ministry of Finance	\$3,094,509,000
Head 48 - Accountant General Department	\$ 531,575,000
Head 49 - Customs and Excise Department	\$ 161,166,000
Head 50 - Inland Revenue Department	\$ 244,729,000
Head 94 - Public Debt	\$ 700,000
Div. 526 - Ministry of Finance	\$4,415,986,000
Div. 527 - Ministry of Finance - Human Resources Development Programme	\$ 172,889,000

Assembly resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

At 4.15 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.45 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The following Heads and Divisions were also approved, as printed in the Estimates:-

Head 37 - Ministry of Education and Cultural Development	\$ 738,039,000
Head 38 - Nursery Schools	\$ 54,223,000
Head 39 - Primary Schools	\$ 98,500,000
Head 40 - Secondary/Multilateral and Community High Schools	\$ 165,928,000
Head 41 - Technical and Vocational Schools	\$ 58,019,000
Head 42 - Practical Instruction Centres	\$ 21,422,000

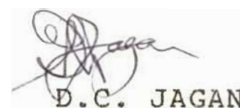
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Head 43 - Teacher Training Institutions	\$ 56,572,000
Head 44 - Resource Centre	\$ 41,820,000
Head 45 - Department of Culture	\$ 51,322,000
Div. 543 - Ministry of Education	\$ 599,000,000
Head 10 - Public Prosecutions	\$ 12,209,000
Head 14 - Ministry of Legal Affairs	\$ 8,544,000
Head 15 - Supreme Court of Judicature	\$ 27,310,000
Head 16 - Magistrates	\$ 25,582,000
Head 17 - Attorney General	\$ 26,374,000
Head 18 - Official Receiver	\$ 5,648,000
Head 19 - Deeds Registry	\$ 6,386,000
Div. 514 - Ministry of Legal Affairs	17,585,000
Head 13 - Public Utilities Commission	\$ 13,406,000
Head 51 - Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry	\$ 77,849,000
Div. 528 - Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry	\$ 2,500,000

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.12 p.m., the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 25th March, 1994.



D.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

24th March, 1994.