

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 65TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1992-1995) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M

ON FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1995

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)

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Senior Minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development

*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

*The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Senior Minister of Finance

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

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

*The Hon. George E. Fung-On, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President

*Non-elected Member

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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. (Absent)
 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 - Pomeroun/Supenaam)(Absent-on leave)
 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)(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
 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. (Absent-on leave)
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, 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. David Subnauth, M.P.
 Mr. Reynold N. David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)(Absent)
 Mr. M. Idris Deen, M.P.
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P.
 Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
 Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P. (Absent-on leave)
 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.
 Mr. John A. Fredericks, M.P.
 Mr. Ivan Peters, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
 Mr. Hubert K.H. Hyman, M.P.
 Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Absent-on leave)

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(ii) Working People's Alliance (2)

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, 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.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 2.03 p.m.the Sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 2.33 p.m.the Sitting was resumed.

ARRIVAL OF THE PRESIDENTS OF GUYANA AND NAMIBIA

The Speaker, His Excellency Dr. Cheddi Jagan, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma, President of the Republic of Namibia, entered the Chamber.

WELCOME BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker, on behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, extended a warm welcome to His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma, President of the Republic of Namibia, and to the Members of the Namibian Delegation and invited His Excellency to address the Assembly.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF NAMIBIA

His Excellency the President of Namibia addressed the Assembly.

THANKS BY THE SPEAKER

On behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, the Speaker thanked His Excellency for his Address.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 2.52 p.m.the sitting was suspended.

WITHDRAWAL OF THE PRESIDENTS OF GUYANA AND NAMIBIA

The Speaker, His Excellency Dr. Cheddi Jagan and His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma withdrew from the Chamber.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 3.00 p.m. the Sitting was resumed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Appointment of Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo as Senior Minister

The Speaker informed Members that the Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, who was a Minister in the Ministry of Finance, had been appointed a Senior Minister and was designated Senior Minister of Finance, with effect from 4th October, 1995.

On behalf of the Members of the Assembly and himself, the Speaker congratulated Mr. Jagdeo on his appointment and extended best wishes to him.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

Mr. Moses Nagamootoo,

Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, and

Mr. Ivor Allen, for that sitting,

and

Dr. Kenneth King up to 6th November, 1995.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS ETC:

(1) By the Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Public/Police Service Commissions for the year 1994.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House):

Annual Report of the Ministry of Agriculture for the year 1993.

(Circulated) 27 August

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

State Paper on the following Conventions and Recommendations adopted at the 79th and 80th Sessions of the International Labour Conference held in June, 1992, and June, 1993:-

- (a) Protection of Workers' Claims (Employer's Insolvency) Convention, 1992, No. 173
- (b) Protection of Workers' Claims (Employer's Insolvency) Recommendation, 1992, No. 180
- (c) Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Convention, 1993, No. 174
- (d) Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Recommendation, 1993, No. 181.

(Circulated)

(4) By the Senior Minister of Finance:

- (i) Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of Guyana for the year 1994.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Annual Reports (3) of the National Insurance Scheme for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994.

(Circulated)

- (iii) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) (No. 2) Order 1995 (No. 36 of 1995), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Chapter 1:07, on 6th October, 1995.

(Circulated)

- (iv) Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) (No. 2) Order 1995 (No. 37 of 1995), made under section 5 of the Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Act, Chapter 26:11, on 6th October, 1995.

(Circulated)

(5) By Mr. Dunstan Barrow, on behalf of the Chairman, Public Accounts Committee:

Reports (2) of the Public Accounts Committee on the Public Accounts of Guyana for the years 1992 and 1993.

(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

INTEGRITY COMMISSION BILL 1995 - Bill No. 17/1995

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of an Integrity Commission and to make provisions for the purpose of securing the integrity of persons in public life.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.06 pm, on a motion by the Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

27th OCTOBER, 1995