

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 74TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1992-1996) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1996

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 (Absent-on leave)

\*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 (Absent-on leave)

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

The Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, M.P., Senior Minister of Local Government (Absent)

\*Non-elected Member

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

(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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman and Mr. Ivor Allen for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Senior Minister of Education and Cultural Development:

Education (Extension of Application of Section 34B of the Act) (Richard Ishmael Secondary School) Order 1996 (No. 3 of 1996) made under section 34B(10) of the Education Act, Chapter 39:01, on 26th January, 1996, and published in the Gazette on 3rd February, 1996.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

1. MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1996

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1996.

In Committee of Supply

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

	\$
Head 1 - Office of the President	552,336,000
Head 2 - Guyana Defence Force	-1,229,635,000
Head 3 - Guyana National Service	140,099,000
Div. 501 - Office of the President	500,689,000
Head 4 - Office of the Prime Minister	20,664,000
Head 7 - Office of the Ombudsman	1,606,000
Head 8 - Public and Police Service Commission	11,078,000
Head 9 - Teaching Service Commission	7,561,000
Head 11 - Public Service Appellate Tribunal	1,883,000
Div. 505 - Constitutional Agencies	52,450,000
Head 5 - Parliament Office	57,063,000
Head 28 - Ministry of Agriculture	42,975,000
Head 29 - Crops and Livestock Division	470,466,000
Head 30 - Lands and Surveys Division	29,680,000
Head 32 - Hydrometeorological Division	81,647,000
Head 33 - Fisheries Division	11,513,000
Div. 508 - Ministry of Agriculture	761,600,000
Div. 510 - Ministry of Agriculture-MMA III	46,000,000
Div. 512 - Ministry of Agriculture-Artisanal Fishery	15,500,000
Head 12 - Elections Commission	16,503,000
Head 21 - Ministry of Home Affairs	22,507,000
Head 22 - Ministry of Home Affairs-Police	-1,088,812,000
Head 23 - Prisons	161,767,000
Head 24 - Police Complaints Authority	1,306,000
Head 25 - Fire Protection Services	71,416,000
Head 26 - National Registration Centre	112,751,000
Head 27 - General Register Office	10,726,000
Div. 507 - Ministry of Home Affairs	141,200,000
Head 52 - Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development	794,402,000

Assembly ResumedSUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.33 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

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

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Head	54 - Civil Aviation Department	229,512,000
Div.	517 - Guyana Water Authority	171,800,000
Div.	518 - GUYWA-Water Supply Improvement -	375,000,000
Div.	519 - Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development - Sea Defences	-1,963,000,000
Div.	520 - Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development	-2,825,400,000
Div.	521 - Ministry of Public Works, Road Construction, Rehab. and Studies	-1,500,100,000
Head	31 - Hydraulics Division	70,730,000
Head	37 - Ministry of Education and Cultural Development	504,311,000
Head	38 - Nursery Schools	83,188,000
Head	39 - Primary Schools	178,903,000
Head	40 - Secondary/Multilateral and Community High Schools	302,199,000
Head	41 - Technical and Vocational Schools	86,098,000
Head	42 - Practical Instruction Centres	16,360,000
Head	43 - Teacher Training Institutions	106,641,000
Head	44 - Resource Centre	47,105,000
Head	45 - Department of Culture	52,994,000
Div.	542 - Ministry of Education - Primary Education Improvement Programme	-1,230,000,000
Div.	543 - Ministry of Education	276,462,000

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**Assembly Resumed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6.40 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 Tuesday, 6th February, 1996.



**D.C. JAGAN**

Speaker of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.**

**5th February, 1996**