

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 4TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
FIRST SESSION (1981) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1981

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (82)

Speaker (1)

Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P.

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (69)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. P.A. Reid, O.E., M.P.

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., (Works and Transport)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P. (Economic Planning and Finance)(Absent)

Cde. H. Green, M.P. (Public Welfare)(Absent)

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P. (Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations)

Senior Ministers (10)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P. (Higher Education)

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P. (Regional Development)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P. (National Development)

* Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P. (Trade and Consumer Protection)(Absent)

* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P. (Energy and Mines)(Absent)

* Cde. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General (Justice)(Absent)

* Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P. (Foreign Affairs)(Absent - on leave)

* Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P. (Agriculture) (Absent - on leave)

* Cde. S. Moore, M.P. (Home Affairs)

* Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P. (Education)(Absent)

Ministers (13)

Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P. (Environment and Water Supply, in the Ministry of Public Welfare)

Cde. U. Johnson, M.P. (Co-operatives)

Cde. J. Maitland-Singh, M.P. (Consumer Protection, in the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection)

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., (Crops and Livestock, in the Ministry of Agriculture)

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P. (Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance)

Cde. R. Williams, M.P. (Fisheries, in the Ministry of Agriculture)

* Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P. (Mechanical Equipment, in the Ministry of Works and Transport)

* Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P. (Information)

* Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P. (Forestry, in the Ministry of Agriculture)

* Cde. Y. Harewood-Benn, M.P. (Public Service)(Absent - on leave)

* Cde. H. Rashid, M.P. (Office of the President)

* Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P. (Drainage and Irrigation, in the Ministry of Agriculture)

* Cde. R. Van West-Charles, M.P. (Health, in the Ministry of Public Welfare)

* Non elected Member

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Ministers of State (3)

- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., (Culture, in the Ministry of Education)
 Cde. R. Fredericks, A.A., M.P. (Sport and Youth, in the Ministry of National Development)
 * Cde. C.E. Wright, M.P. (Construction, in the Ministry of Works and Transport) (Absent)

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A. Bend-Kirton, M.P. (Women's Affairs and Housing)
 Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P. (Office of the Prime Minister)
 * Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P. (Office of the Prime Minister)

Other Members (23)

- Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P.
 Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. M. Armogan, M.P.
 Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P.
 Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P.
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.
 Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.
 Cde. E.B. Davidson, M.P.
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
 Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. P. Fredericks, M.P.
 Cde. B.F. Gilbert, M.P.
 Cde. J. Gill, M.P.
 Cde. A. McRae, M.P.
 Cde. J.M. Munroe, M.P.
 Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, M.P.
 Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.P.
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
 Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
 Cde. H.B. Walcott, J.P., M.P.

Members from the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs (2)

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. B. Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

- Cde. K. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
 Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
 Cde. C.A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo/Islands/West Demerara)
 Cde. W. Bipat, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
 Cde. H. London, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
 Cde. I. Chowritmootoo, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
 Cde. N. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
 Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
 Cde. A. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)
 Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

* Non elected Member

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Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. C. Jagan, M.P. (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P.

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Minority Chief Whip

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.

Cde. C. Collymore, M.P.

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. I. Basir, M.P.

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P. (Absent)

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P.

Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P. (Absent)

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A.

Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. M.B. Henry

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Hours of Sitting

The Speaker informed the Assembly that it had been agreed that the Assembly would sit from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., and from 5.30 p.m. until the debate on the President's Address was concluded.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS, AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Vice-President (Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations) on behalf of the Vice-President (Works and Transport)

Reports of the Transport and Harbours Department
for the years ended 31st December, 1976 and
31st December, 1977.

(MT: 12/3/1)(Circulated)

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION - APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Assembly resumed the debate on the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the Government's policy adumbrated in the President's Address which was made to the Assembly on Monday, 9th February, 1981.

Cde. Chandisingh, Senior Minister (Higher Education), Cde. Corrica, Minister of State (Culture), Cde. J. Jagan, Cde. Sharma, Cde. I. Chowritmootoo, and Cde. P. Fredericks spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.25 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

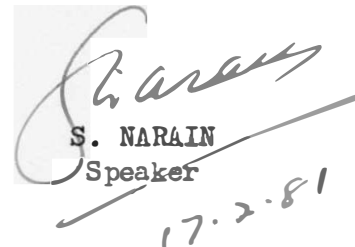
At 4.57 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Ram Karran, Deputy Speaker, and Cde. Reid, Prime Minister, spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m., on a motion by the Vice-President (Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations), the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


S. NARAIN
Speaker
17.2.81

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
17th February, 1981.