

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 19TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
FIRST SESSION (1981) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 30TH JULY, 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., Speaker of the National Assembly

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

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. Dr. P.A. Reid, O.E., M.P., Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Vice-President, Works and Transport

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance (Absent - on leave)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Public Welfare

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations

Senior Ministers (10)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Higher Education

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of Regional Development

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

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

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

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

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

* Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)

* Cde. S.A. Moore, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

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

Ministers (13)

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

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives

Cde. J.N. Maitland-Singh, M.P., Minister, Consumer Protection, in the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent - on leave)

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

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

Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P., Minister, Fisheries, in the Ministry of Agriculture

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

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

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

* Non elected Member

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- * Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Public Service
- * Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister, Office of the President (Absent)
- * Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P., Minister, Drainage and Irrigation, in the Ministry of Agriculture (Absent)
- * Cde. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister, Health, in the Ministry of Public Welfare (Absent)

Ministers of State (3)

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

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Women's Affairs and Housing
- Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister
- * Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

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.
- Cde. P. Fredericks, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.
- Cde. J. Gill-Mingo, M.P.
- Cde. A. McRae, M.P.
- Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
- Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., 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-Nacimiento, J.P., M.P., Government Chief Whip

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.N. 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) (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. H.I. London, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice) (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. I. Chowritmootoo, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
- Cde. N.R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
- Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
- 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. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (8)

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

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

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. C.C. Collymore M.P. (Absent)

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

Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent)

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

Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P. (Absent- on leave)

(ii) United Force (2)

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

Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

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

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cde. Dr. Reid and Cde. Hoyte for that day's sitting,
- (b) Cde. Jackson for 11 days from 26th July, 1981,
- (c) Cde. Bipat from 30th July to 30th August, 1981,
- (d) Cde. London from 30th July to 8th September, 1981, and
- (e) Cde. Dalchand for 6 weeks from 17th July, 1981.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister, Finance, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance:

- (a) Loan Agreement dated 24th April, 1981, between the Caribbean Development Bank and Guyana (CDB Facility III)

(ST: 3/2/6/12/2)(Circulated

- (b) Loan Agreement dated 18th February, 1981, between the Government of Guyana and the Government of Canada for a development loan for establishing a line of credit.

(ST: 3/2/3/9)(Circulated)

- (c) Financial Paper No. 1/1981 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1980), totalling \$11,330,632.

(ST: 10/4 TJ)(Circulated)

- (d) Financial Paper No. 2/1981 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates (Releases made by Special Warrants in terms of Article 219(3) of the Constitution for the period ended 31st December, 1980), totalling \$69,697,311).

(ST: 10/4 TJ)(Circulated)

- (e) Financial Paper No. 3/1981 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ending 15th July, 1981), totalling \$8,710,045.

(ST: 10/4 TJ)(Circulated)

In terms of Standing Order No. 68 (1), the Minister named Thursday, 6th August, 1981, as the day for consideration of the Financial Papers in Committee of Supply.

- (2) By the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, on behalf of the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (a) Annual Report of the Guyana Fire Service for the year 1975.

(HA: 1/1/2/1^{III})(Circulated)

- (b) Annual Report of the Guyana Prison Service for the year 1975

(HA: 1/1/2/1^{III})(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

RENT CONTROL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981
Bill No. 8/1981 published 1.8.81

The Vice-President, Public Welfare, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Rent Restriction Act and the Rice Farmers (Security of Tenure) Act and to make certain incidental provision on the expiry of the Rent Control (Special Provision) Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

MOTION OF SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF CDE. RUPERT CLEMENT TELLO

The Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

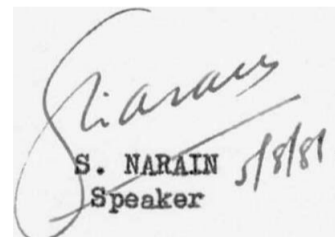
That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Cde. Rupert Clement Tello and pays tribute to the distinguished service which he rendered to Guyana and to its Parliament and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing widow and children.

Cde. Ram Karran, Deputy Speaker, and Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried with Members standing.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.30 p.m., on a motion by the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 6th August, 1981.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
5th August, 1981.