

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 39TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD
SESSION (1983-1984) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON MONDAY 1984-12-10

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

Speaker (1)

- * Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly
Members of the Government - People's National Congress (61)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H.D. Hoyts, S.C., M.P., Prime Minister

Other Vice-President and First Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Social Infrastructure and First
Deputy Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

- * Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Deputy Prime
Minister and Attorney General
- Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Vice-President, National Development and
Deputy Prime Minister

Other Deputy Prime Minister (1)

- * Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Planning
Senior Ministers (8)

- * Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs
- * Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of National Mobilisation (Absent)
- Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines
- * Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance
- Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister of Forestry
- Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health and Public Welfare
- * Cde. M.L. Parris, M.P., Minister of Education

Ministers (6)

- Cde. Urmia Johnson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of National Development
- Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Education
- * Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P., Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives
- Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of Youth and Sport within the
Ministry of Education
- Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Transport within the Vice-Presidency
of Social Infrastructure
- * Cde. Dr. S.P. DaSilva, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture
Agriculture (Absent)

* Non elected Member

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Ministers of State (2)

- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection
 Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.S., M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Regional Development

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, within the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare
 Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Youth
 Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, National Development

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Bidiawattie Tiwari, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (24)

- Cde. D.E. Clarke, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P.
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
 Cde. M. Ally, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. M. Armogan, M.S., J.P., M.P.
 Cde. Bissoondai Beniprashad, M.P.
 Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.
 Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.
 Cde. Patricia Fredericks, M.P.
 Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. A. McRae, M.P.
 Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Y. Khan, M.P.
 (One seat vacant)

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

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P.
 Cde. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

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

Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (8)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P.

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

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.

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

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

Cde. I. Basir, M.P.

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

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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

OFFICERS

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

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:-

- (a) Cde. Green and Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting, and
- (b) Cde. Dr. C.B. Jagan up to 1984-12-12.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ITEM 1 NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

On a proposal by the Prime Minister, seconded by Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, the following two Members of the National Assembly were nominated to fill the vacancies in the Committee of Selection created by the resignation of Cdes. B. Ramsaroop and H.B. Walcott-Nacimento:-

- (i) Cde. J.R. Thomas, Minister of Home Affairs, and
- (ii) Cde. B. Tiwari, Government Chief Whip

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Second and Third Readings

ITEM 2 RICE (REGULATION OF MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING) BILL 1984 -
Bill No. 17/1984 published 1984-11-24

The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to make provisions for the regulation of the manufacture and marketing of rice, for securing the further development of rice industry, for the establishment of the National Fadi and Rice Grading Centre, the Guyana Rice Milling and Marketing Authority and the Guyana Rice Export Board, and for matters connected therewith.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Prime Minister replied.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 15:58 hrs the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 16:17 hrs the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 95 were passed with the correction of the following printing errors being made:-

Clause 28 (Page 20)

Substitution of the word "subsections" for the word "subsection" in the first line of subsection (3).

Clause 51 (Page 31)

Substitution of the word "rice" for the word "ice" in the second line of subsection (3).

Clause 60 (Page 35)

The words from "and" to "notice" in subsection (2)(b) applying to both paragraphs (a) and (b) and should therefore to be printed separately.

Clause 63 (Page 36)

Substitution of the word "subsections" for the word "subsection" in the last line of subsection (3).

Clause 75 (Page 41)

Substitution of the word "offence" for the word "offences" in the penultimate line.

Clause 92 (Page 49)

Insertion of the word "of" between the words "be" and "as" in the seventh line of subsection (7).

Clause 92 (Page 50)

Substitution of the word "carrying" for the word "carry" in the third line of ~~the proviso~~ to subsection (10).

Clause 93 (Page 50)

Substitution of the words "The Guyana Rice Board Act" for the words "The Guyana Board Act" in the first line.

Clause 94 (Page 50)

Insertion of the word "case" between the words "the" and "may" in the last line.

The Schedule was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

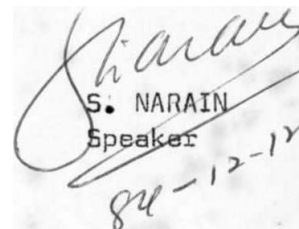
On a motion by the Prime Minister, the bill was read the third time and passed as corrected in Committee.

Congratulations to Deputy Prime Minister, Planning

The Speaker congratulated the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning, on the able manner in which he moved the second reading of the Rice (Regulation of Manufacturing and Marketing) Bill 1984 which was his first presentation to the Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT

At 17:00 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



S. NARAIN
Speaker
84-12-12

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
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