

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 1 TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION 1986 OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 HRS

ON THURSDAY - 1986-06-12

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

Speaker (1)

*Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (61)

Ministers in the Cabinet (10)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Prime Minister

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

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

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Vice-President, National Mobilisation, and Deputy Prime Minister

Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P., Vice-President, Education and Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister

Other Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Agriculture (Absent - on leave)

Senior Ministers (4)

Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Transport

*Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade

Other Ministers (11)

Senior Ministers (3)

Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Manpower, Housing and Environment (Absent - on leave)

Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health (Absent)

Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information and the Public Service

Ministers (4)

Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of National Mobilisation

*Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of Youth and Sport within the Ministry of Education

Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister within the Office of the President

*Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Education

*Non-elected Member

Ministers of State (4)

- *Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Manpower, Housing and Environment (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Forestry
- *Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Planning and Development

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the President
- Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Home Affairs
- *Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., Parliamentary Secretary, Education

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (24)

- Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P.
- Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton, M.P.
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
- Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
- Cde. Bissoondai Beniprashad-Rayman, M.P.
- Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.
- Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
- Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. Amna Ally, M.P.
- Cde. L.R. Arthur, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. J.R.L. Bovell-Drakes, M.P.
- Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
- Cde. G.W. Chin, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.
- Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
- Cde. Edith Deygo, M.P.
- Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.
- Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P.
- Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.
- Cde. B. Persaud, M.P.
- Cde. E.W. Trotman, M.P.

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

- Cde. E. Mohamed, M.P.
- Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

- Cde. Nellie R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
- Cde. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
- Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
- Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, M.S., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
- Cde. I. Ally, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
- Cde. Patricia A. Daniel, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
- Cde. B.L. Domingo, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
- Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
- Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent - on leave)

*Non-elected Member:

Members of the Minority (11)

(i) People's Progressive Party (8)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (6)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P.
Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P.
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.
Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Mr. E. Kwayana, 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

(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cde. Corbin up to 2nd July,
- (b) Cdes. Ainsworth and Cumberbatch for that day's sitting, and
- (c) Cde. Arthur up to 16th July.

(ii) Election Petition - Declaration on

The Speaker read a letter dated 11th June, 1986, which the Honourable Chief Justice sent him in accordance with Section 32 of the National Assembly (Validity of Elections) Act, Chapter 1:04, and in which he informed the Speaker that on the 5th June, 1986, he had declared the election Petition presented by Winston Payne and Ivan Austin, to be a nullity and accordingly had dismissed it.

The Chief Justice undertook to forward a type written copy of his judgement to the Speaker.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister of Foreign Affairs:
Annual Report of the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs for the year 1985.
(FA: 1/42/1)(Circulated)
- (2) By the Minister of Information and the Public Service on
behalf of the Minister of Finance:
Annual Report of the Ministry of
Finance for the year 1985.
(ST: 25/2/1/9)(Circulated)
- (3) By the Minister of Transport:
Annual Report of the Ministry of
Transport for the year 1985.
(MT: 12/3/3)(Circulated)
- (4) By the Minister of Trade:
Annual Report of the Ministry of Internal
Trade and Consumer Protection for the
year 1985.
(Circulated)
- (5) By the Minister of Information and the Public Service, on
behalf of the Minister of Health:
Annual Reports (2) of the Ministry of
Health for the years 1983 and 1984.
(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF CDE. ALBERT McRAE, FORMER MEMBER OF
PARLIAMENT

The Vice-President, National Mobilisation, and Deputy Prime
Minister, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its
deep regret at the death of Cde. Albert McRae,
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, children
and relatives.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Kwayana spoke to
the motion.

The motion was, thereafter, put and carried with Members
standing in silence for one minute.

ITEM 2 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1986

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motions to approve Financial Papers Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of 1986 and thereafter, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1986 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$33,056,388, for the period ended 1985-12-19 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1985).

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried:

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1986 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$33,056,388, for the period ended 1985-12-19 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1985).

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 16:35 hrs the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 17:00 hrs the sitting was resumed.

ITEM 3 MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1986

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1986 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$100,705,322, for the period ended 1985-12-31.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1986 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$100,705,322, for the period ended 1985-12-31.

ITEM 4 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1986

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1986 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$229,896,616, for the period ended 1986-05-23.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1986 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$229,896,616, for the period ended 1986-05-23.

BILL - Second and Third Readings

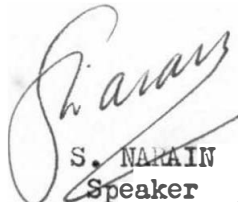
ITEM 5 - SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1985 BILL 1986) Bill No. 7/1986 published 1986-06-07

On motions by the Minister of Finance, the following Bill was read a second and the third times and was passed as printed:

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the authorisation of the issue during the financial year ended on the 31st December, 1985 from the Consolidated Fund of moneys expended for any purpose in excess of the amount appropriated for that purpose by the Appropriation Act 1985 or for a purpose for which no amount has been appropriated by that Act, a statement of excess whereof has been approved by the National Assembly, and for the inclusion under appropriate heads of the sums in question, in conformity with the Constitution.

ADJOURNMENT

At 18:15 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Information and the Public Service, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Wednesday 1986-06-18.


S. NARAIN
Speaker
86.06.18

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

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