

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 17TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1986) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 HRS

ON FRIDAY, 1986-07-11

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 (1)

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 (Absent - on leave)

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Vice-President, National Mobilisation, and Deputy Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

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

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 (Absent - on leave)

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

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Transport (Absent - on leave)

\*Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade (Absent - on leave)

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

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

Ministers (4)

Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of National Mobilisation (Absent - on leave)

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

Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.I., M.P., Minister within the Office of the President (Absent - on leave)

\*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)
- Cde. J.T. Kisson, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Forestry (Absent - on leave)
- \*Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Planning and Development (Absent - on leave)

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the President
- Cde. Stella Odic-Ali, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Home Affairs
- \*Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., 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.I., M.P.
- Cde. Edwina McIlville, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. Anna 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. (Absent)
- Cde. G.W. Chin, J.I., M.P.
- Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.
- Cde. M.I. Doon, M.P.
- Cde. Cyriilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
- Cde. Edith Deygoo, M.P.
- Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.
- Cde. C.L. Goddes, M.P.
- Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.
- Cde. B. Persaud, M.P.
- Cde. E.W. Trotman, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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

- Cde. E. Mohamed, M.P.
- Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P. (Absent)

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/Borbico)
- Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenam)
- Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, M.S., J.I., M.P., (Region No. 3 - Essiquibo Islands/West Demerara) (Absent - on leave)
- 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) (Absent)
- Cde. S.I. McCarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
- Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essiquibo) (Absent)

\*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. Roopu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (6)

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

(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

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cdes. Dr. Shahabuddeen, Chandisingh, Burnham, Corbin, Jackson, Johnson, Sawh, Trotman, E.E. Abrahams, and Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting;
- (b) Cde. Prashad up to 16th July;
- (c) Cde. Murray up to 10th August;
- (d) Cde. Thomas up to 8th August;
- (e) Cde. Sharma up to 23rd July, and
- (f) Cde. Dr. Faith Harding up to 8th August,

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Speaker:

Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the Motion to amend the Standing Orders to provide for a Recess for the National Assembly.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Police Force for the year 1984.

(HAF: 21)(Circulated)

(3) By the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Energy and Mines for the year 1985.

(EM: 4/449) (Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Finance:

Pensions (President, Parliamentary and Special Offices) (Designation of Offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of National Congress of Local Democratic Organs) Order 1986 (No. 30), made under section 2 of the Pensions (President, Parliamentary and Special Offices) Act, Chapter 27:03, on 18th June, 1986, and published in the Gazette on 28th June, 1986.

(ST: 34/2/1/15)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

Presentation and First Reading

CINEMATOGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 9/1986 published 1986-07-05

The Minister of Information and the Public Service, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Cinematograph Act to provide for the regulation of video exhibitions and to make consequential amendment to the Tax Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and Third Readings

EXPORT AND IMPORT (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL - Bill No. 8/1986  
published 1986-06-21

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to make certain special provisions of a temporary nature in respect of the export and import of goods from and into Guyana, including the payment of export and import duties in certain cases in specified foreign currency, for the purpose of increasing the foreign exchange earnings of the Government.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Kwayana and Cde. Belgrave spoke to the motion.

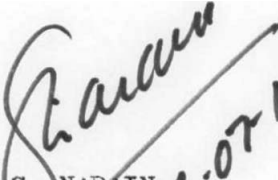
Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 16:03 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Information and the Public Service, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Wednesday 1986-07-16.

  
S. NABAIN  
Speaker 8-07-14

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

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