

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 10TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND  
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.,

ON FRIDAY 6TH APRIL, 1990

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

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 (62)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-President and Deputy Prime Minister (1)

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

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

+ \* Cde. K.S. Massiah, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Other Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

+ Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development (Absent on Leave)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Utilities

Senior Ministers (10)

+ Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent)

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

+ Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Senior Minister in the Ministry of Planning & Development

+ Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade and Tourism (Absent)

+ Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Regional Development

Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of the President

\* Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture

\* Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education

\* Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works

\* Cde. Dr. N.E. Blackman, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

Ministers (8)

Cde. ~~Urmia~~ E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Regional Development

+ Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister of Labour and Co-operatives

Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Utilities

Cde. ~~V.V.~~ Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture

Cde. J.T. Kisson, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister

Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs (Absent) - on leave

Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Culture & Social Development

+ Cabinet

\* Non-elected Member

Parliamentary Secretary (1)

- \* Cde. L.E. Scotland, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister  
(Absent)

Government Chief Whip (1)

Cde. Jennifer A. Fereira, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (25)

Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P.  
Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.  
Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P.,  
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.  
Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.  
Cde. M. Ally, M.P.  
Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.  
Cde. H. Doobay, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.  
Cde. Anna Ally, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.  
Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.  
Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus,  
Cde. Edith Daygoo, M.P.  
Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.  
Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P.  
Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.  
Cde. B. Persaud, J.P., M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. E.L. Fraser, M.P.  
Cde. Mignon D. Griffith, M.P.  
Cde. P.E. Rockliffe, M.P.

(There is one Vacancy)

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

Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P.  
Cde. P. Singh, J.P., 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. C. Vandenburg, M.P., (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/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 Dem.)  
Cde. I. Ally, M.P., (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)  
Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P., (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)  
Cde. M. Stephens, M.P., (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)  
Cde. M. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)  
Cde. D. Fernandes, M.P., (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Members of the Minority (11)(i) People's Progressive Party (8)Minority Leader (1)

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

\* Non-elected Member

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. (Absent)

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

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. (Absent)

Mr. M.A. Abraham, A.A., 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. G.E.F. Moses, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Parris for two weeks from that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1. - APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1990

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1990.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 41	Ministry of Communications & Works was passed as printed at	52,607.000
DIVISION 518	Ministry of Communications & Works was passed as printed at	660,949.000
HEAD 42	Plant Maintenance and Hire Division was passed as printed at	7,500.000
DIVISION 519	Plant Maintenance and Hire Division was passed as printed at	850,000
HEAD 43	Civil Aviation Department was passed as printed at	11,427.000
HEAD 37	Ministry of Health was passed as printed at	70,646.000
HEAD 38	National Hospitals was passed as printed at	103,073.000
HEAD 39	Ministry of Health - Other Health Programmes was passed as printed at	43,844.000
DIVISION 516	Ministry of Health was passed as printed at	72,700.000

DIVISION 517	Guyana Water Authority was passed as printed at	- 79,700,000
HEAD 55	Ministry of Labour was passed as printed at	- 49,573,000
DIVISION	Ministry of Labour was passed as printed at	- 165,000
HEAD 64	Ministry of Co-operatives was passed as printed at	- 4,566,000

Assembly resumedSUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.32 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

HEAD 6	Public Service Ministry was passed as printed at	135,395
DIVISION 503	Public Service Ministry was passed as printed at	- 1,050
HEAD 29	Ministry of Agriculture was passed as printed at	- 4,613
HEAD 30	Crops and livestock Division was passed as printed at	- 40,319
HEAD 31	Lands & Surveys Division was passed as printed at	- 5,929
HEAD 32	Hydraulics Division was passed as printed at	- 1,732
HEAD 33	Fisheries Division was passed as printed at	- 1,262
DIVISION 508	Ministry of Agriculture was passed as printed at	- 428,865
DIVISION 510	Ministry of Agriculture - MMA III was passed as printed at	- 58,000
DIVISION 512	Ministry of Agriculture Artisanal Fishery was passed as printed at	- 38,560

Assembly resumed

The Minister of Finance reported to the Assembly that the Committee of Supply had approved of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1990.

The motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial year 1990 was put and carried.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS NO. 12 and 46 (3)

With the leave of the Speaker and on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, Standing Orders Nos. 12 and 46(3) were suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at that sitting with the first, second and third readings of the Appropriation Bill 1990 (Bill No. 12 of 1990).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingAPPROPRIATION BILL 1990 - Bill No. 12/1990

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was a first time:

A BILL intituled An Act to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1990, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 2. - APPROPRIATION BILL 1990 - Bill No. 12/1990

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the following Bill was read a second and the third time and passed as printed:

A BILL intituled An Act to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1990, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

ITEM 4. - CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 9/1990 published 1990-03-22

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Customs Act.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-28)

The Deputy Speaker and Mr. Kuyana 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 on the following divisions:

FOR

Cde. Fernandes  
 Cde. Ajoodhia  
 Cde. Stephens  
 Cde. McGarrell  
 Cde. I. Ally  
 Cde. Khan  
 Cde. Vandenburg  
 Cde. Charlesung  
 Cde. P. Singh  
 Cde. Rockliffe  
 Cde. Semple  
 Cde. Marshall  
 Cde. Geddes  
 Cde. Edwards  
 Cde. Daygo  
 Cde. DeJesus  
 Cde. Calistro  
 Cde. Melville  
 Cde. Munroe  
 Cde. Doobay  
 Cde. Davidson  
 Cde. M. Ally  
 Cde. Gill-Mingo  
 Cde. Fowler  
 Cde. Habibulla  
 Cde. Bancroft  
 Cde. Persico  
 Cde. Harding  
 Cde. Sawh  
 Cde. Johnson  
 Cde. Thomas  
 Cde. Prashad

AGAINST

Mr. Kwayana  
 Mr. Abraham  
 Cde. Belgrave  
 Cde. Basir  
 Cde. Nokta  
 Cde. S.F. Mohamed  
 Cde. Reepy Daman Persaud

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ITEM 4 - INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 10/1990 published 1990-03-28)

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
 Income Tax Act.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-28)

The Deputy Speaker and Mr. Kwayama 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.

ITEMS 5 - WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 11/1990 published 1990-03-28

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Weights and Measures Act.

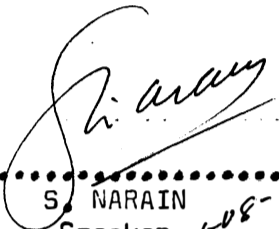
(Read a first time on 1991-03-28)

The motion was put and carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.05 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development,  
the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker 91-03-28

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.