NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ON THE 26TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND

SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 20TH JULY, 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 (61)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Prime Minister (Absent)

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 Mimister 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)
- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Utilities (Absent)

Senior Ministers (9)

- Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent)
- Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent) + *
- 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 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 (Absent)
 - Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture
 - Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent)
 - Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works (Absent)

Ministers (8)

- Cds. 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 (Absent)
 - Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Utilities
 - Cde. V.V. Pasvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
 - Cds. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister
 - Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of Public Service (Absent)
 - Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
 - Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Culture & Social Development
 - Cabinet Member
 - 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. Ferreira, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (25)

Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P.

Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P.

Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.

Cde. M. Ally, M.P.

Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P. (Absent)

Cds. H. Doobay, M.P.

Cde. Joyce M. Munzoe, J.P., M.P.

Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.

Cde. Amna Ally, M.P.

Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.

Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.

Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.

Cds. Edith Deygoo, M.P.

Cde. Clarice A. Edwards. M.P.

Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.

Cde. B. Persaud, J.P., M.P.

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) (Absent on leame)

Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P., (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P., (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice) (Absent)

Cde. Y. Khan, M.P., (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Cde. Enid E. Abrams, 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) (Absent)

Cde. M. Stephens, M.P., (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent on leave

Cds. M. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

Cde. D. Ferhandes, M.P., (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini) (Absent)

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. (Absent)

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

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

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

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)

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

Leave had been granted to Cdes. Charles, Stephens and Fowler for that day's sitting.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTER

Amerindian Land Title

The Minister of Regional Development made a statement on the grant of titles to Land in the Mazaruni Area to Amerindians.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - MARRIED PERSONS (PROPERTY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 7/1990 published 1990-03-17

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Married Persons (Property) Act.

The Deputy Speaker, the Minister in the Ministry of Culture and Social Development and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion.

The motion was put and <u>carried</u>.

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

ITEM 2 - REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 Bill No. 8/1990 published 1990-03-24

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

> A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Acts.

The Deputy Speaker and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion. Thereafter the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

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

ASSEMBLY RESUMED

On a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs the Bill was read the third time and <u>passed</u> as <u>amended</u> in committee

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.00 p.m., a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to Wednesday, 25th July, 1990.

S. NARAIN SPEAKER

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Georgetown.

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