

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ON THE 30TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2:00 P.M.

ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 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

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)

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

Senior Ministers (9)

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

Ministers (8)

- Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Regional Development (Absent)
 + 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 (Absent)
 * Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture (Absent on leave)
 Cde. J.T. Kissoon, 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
 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

Government Chief Whip (1)

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

Other Members (25)

- Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.
 Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Minge, M.P.
 Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
 Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
 Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.
 Cde. N. Calistro, 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, 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. Rocliffe, 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) (Absent)
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P., (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
 Cde. Y. Khan, M.P., (Region No. 2 - Pemeroon/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/Cerentyne)
 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)
 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 (11)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.C. Collymore, M.P.
 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. (Absent)

(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.

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

(a) Cdes. Green, McKenzie, Bancroft and Cumberbatch
 for today's sitting and

(b) Cde. Parvatan until 28th October 1990

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-(1) By the Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Office of the
Prime Minister for the Year 1989.

(OPM:20/1/1/2) (Circulated)

(1) By the Prime Minister:(ii) Annual Report of the Ministry of Health
for the year 1989.

(H-16/1990) (Circulated)

(2) By the Vice-President, Culture and Social
Development and Deputy Prime Minister:

Social Impact Amelioration Programme Board
Order 1990 (No. 53 of 1990).

(2) (a) By the Minister of Finance:(i) Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders)
(No. 1) Order 1990 (No. 60 of 1990), made
under section 5 of the Constitutional Offices
(Remuneration of Holders) Act (Cap.27:11), on
13th September, 1990, and published in the
Gazette on 15th September, 1990.

(ST:8/0^{IV}) (Circulated)

(ii) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and
Special Offices (Emoluments) (No. 2) Order
1990 (No. 61 of 1990), made under section 8
of the Ministers, Members of the National
Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments)
Act (Cap. 1:07), on 13th September, 1990,
and published in the Gazette of 15th September,
1990.

(ST:8/0^{IV}) (Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Regional Development:

Anna Regina Town (Constitution) (Amendment)
Order 1990 (No. 45 of 1990).

(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Agriculture:

- (i) Annual Reports (3) of the National
Agricultural Research Institute
for the years 1985, 1986 and 1987.

(A:17/6) (Circulated)

- (ii) Annual Reports (2) of the Guyana Marketing
Corporation for the years 1986 and 1987.

(Circulated)

(5) By the Minister of Labour and Co-operatives:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour
for the year 1989.

(Circulated)

Presentation and First Reading

ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 27/1990

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read a first time:-

A Bill intituled An Act to make certain amendments in the laws relating to elections to choose the President, the members of the National Assembly and the members of the regional democratic councils and for matters connected therewith.

Adjournment

At 2:10 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development the Assembly was adjourned to 2:00 p.m. on 28th September.

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S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE
Public Buildings
Georgetown.