

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ON THE 33RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND  
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2:00 P.M.

ON MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER, 1990

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDING, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

Speaker (1)

- \* Cde. ~~Sam~~ 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 (Absent)

Other Deputy Prime Minister (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, Public Utilities (Absent)

Senior Minister (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 (Absent)  
+ 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  
\* Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent on leave)  
\* Cde. J. R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works

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 (Absent)  
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  
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 (Absent)  
Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs (Absent)  
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. Ferreira, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (25)

- Cde. K. B. Bancroft, M.P. (Absent on leave)  
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. (Absent)  
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. (Absent)  
Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.  
Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.  
Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.  
Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.  
Cde. Edith Deygoo, 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.  
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)  
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 Demerara)  
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)  
(Absent on leave)  
Cde. M. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)  
Cde. DF Fernandes, 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.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. (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 SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Bernard, Bancroft, Corbin and Stephens for that days sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

ELECTRIC LIGHTING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 31/1990

The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Electric Lighting Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second Reading

ITEM 1 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION BILL 1990 - Bill No. 29/1990  
published 1990-10-09

The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision  
or the establishment, functions and  
procedure of the Public Utilities  
Commission and for matters connected  
therewith.

The Deputy Speaker and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion:

Thereafter the D.P.M., Planning and Development replied.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill Clause  
by clause.

IN COMMITTEE

Clauses 1 to 3 were passed as printed.

Clause 4 The Amendments by Cde. Kwayana were negatived

- (i) Renumbering of paragraph (c) as (f)
- (ii) Insertion of the following as paragraphs (c), (d) and (e)  
respectively:

- " (c) water supply services except retail deliveries  
(d) garbage or waste disposal  
(e) sewage disposal ".

Clause 4 was then passed as printed.

Clause 5 to 25 were passed as printed.

Clause 26 the following amendment by Mr, Kwayana was: ~~was~~ put and negatived:

Insertion of the following as sub-section 3:

" (3) A public utility shall conduct its operations in accordance with environmental policy laid down by the Guyana Agency for Health Sciences, Environment and Food Police and reflected in the rules made under section 31".

Clause 26 was then passed as printed;

Clause 27 to 30 were passed as printed.

Clause 31 The following Amendment by Mr. Kwayana was withdrawn:

INSERTION of the following:

" NOTWITHSTANDING any other law to the contrary such rules shall include provision for the liability, under conditions, of a public utility for damage to equipment owned by consumers of the service".

Clause 31 was then passed as printed.

Clause 32 to 53 were passed as printed.

Clause 54 The following amendment by the Deputy Speaker was put and negatived.

Deletion of the Clause.

Clause 54 was passed as printed.

Clause 55 The following amendment by the Deputy Speaker was negatived.

Deletion of the clause.

Clause 55 was then passed as printed.

Clause 56 to 89 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, the Bill was read the ~~third~~ time and passed as printed.

ITEM 2 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 1990 - Bill No. 28/1990 published 1990-10-09.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for the regulation of the providing of certain telecommunications services and for matters connected therewith.

The Deputy Speaker and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion. Thereafter the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, replied.

The motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 3 PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 30/1990 published 1990-10-11

The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Public Corporations Act 1988.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4:00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4:30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Deputy Speaker and ~~Mr.~~ Kwayana spoke to the motion. The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development replied. The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill Clause by Clause.

IN COMMITTEE

Clauses 1 to 3 were passed as printed.

Clause 4 The Deputy Speaker moved the following amendment was put and carried:

Substitution of the following for Clause 4:

" 4 Section 9 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution, for the word "affirmative", of the word "negatived".

Clause 4 was the passed as amended.

Clause 5 was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development the Bill was read a third time and passed as amended in Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:15 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

S. NARAIN  
Speaker

Parliament Office  
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