

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AT 14:00 hrs

ON MONDAY 1982-03-29

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (77)

Speaker (1)

- \* Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly  
Members of the Government - People's National Congress (64)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. Dr. P.A. Reid, O.E., M.P., Prime Minister

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Vice-President, Works and Transport  
Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance  
Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Public Welfare  
Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations

Senior Ministers (10)

- Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Higher Education
- Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of Regional Development
- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of National Development
- \* Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection
- \* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines
- \* Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Justice
- \* Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent - on leave)
- \* Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture
- \* Cde. S.A. Moore, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
- \* Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Education

Ministers (8)

- Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives
- Cde. J.N. Maitland-Singh, M.P., Minister, Consumer Protection, in the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection
- Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister, in the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance
- Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P., Minister, Fisheries, in the Ministry of Agriculture
- \* Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister, in the Office of the Prime Minister
- \* Cde. H. Rashid, M.P. Minister, Office of the President (Absent)
- \* Cde. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister, Health, in the Ministry of Public Welfare

\* Non elected Member

Ministers of State (3)

- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State for Culture, in the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture  
 Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of State for Youth and Sport, in the Ministry of National Development  
 \* Cde. C.E. Wright, M.P., Minister of State for Construction, in the Ministry of Works and Transport

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Women's Affairs and Housing  
 Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Education, Social Development and Culture  
 Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Foreign Affairs

Other Members (23)

- Cde. M. Ally, M.P.  
 Cde. M. Armogan, M.P.  
 Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P.  
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.  
 Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.  
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. E.B. Davidson, M.P.  
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.  
 Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.  
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.  
 Cde. P. Fredericks, M.P.  
 Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.  
 Cde. J. Gill-Mingo, M.P.  
 Cde. A. McRae, M.P.  
 Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.  
 Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.  
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.P.  
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.  
 Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.  
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.  
 Cde. H.B. Walcott-Nascimento, J.P., M.P., Government Chief Whip

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

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P.  
 Cde. B. Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

- Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)  
 Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)(Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. C.A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)  
 Cde. W. Bipat, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)  
 Cde. H.I. London, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)  
 Cde. I. Chowritmootoo, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)  
 Cde. N.R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)(Absent)  
 Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)  
 Cde. A. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)(Absent)  
 Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

\* Non elected Member

Members of the Minority (12)(i) People's Progressive Party (10)Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.

Cde Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Minority Chief Whip

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.

Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P.

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.

Cde. I. Basir, M.P.

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

Cde. Dalchand, J.P. M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.

Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A.

Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. M.B. Henry

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Jackson and Jairam for that day's sitting.

(ii) Congratulations to Mr. M.F. Singh

The Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the Assembly and himself, extended congratulations and best wishes to Mr. M.F. Singh who, on the occasion of the 12th Anniversary of the Republic, received the Cacique Crown of Honour for public service of an exceptionally high quality and beyond the normal call of duty in Government and Parliament.

Mr. Singh thanked the speaker.

(iii) Broadcasting of Proceedings

The Speaker informed Members, that in accordance with the usual practice, permission had been given to the Guyana Broadcasting Corporation to broadcast live at that sitting the Budget Speech by the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance. The Corporation had also been given permission as usual to record for subsequent broadcast, speeches made by other Members of the National Assembly at the other sittings on the Budget Debate. Such subsequent broadcasts would have to be made in accordance with the approved practice, i.e. the time used for the broadcast of speeches would have to be allotted to Members of the Assembly in the proportion to the Party representation in the Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance:

- (a) Estimates of the Revenues and Expenditure for the financial year 1982.

(Circulated)

- (b) State Pension (IVAN HODGE) Order 1982 (No. 14), made under section 4 of the State Pensions Act, Chapter 27:04, on 9th February, 1982 and published in the Gazette on 20th February, 1982.

(2) By the Minister of Agriculture:

Annual Report of the East Demerara Water Conservancy Board for the year 1980.

(A: 5/13/2)(Circulated)

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY  
AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS NOS. 9(2) AND 32 (9)

On a motion by the Vice-President Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, Standing Orders Nos. 9 (2) and 32 (9) were suspended to enable the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, to read and to complete the Budget Speech without interruption, and also to enable the sitting to continue beyond 16:00 hrs, if necessary, without being suspended.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

1.

The Minister of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act for the purposes of re-enacting the provisions of Part II thereof with certain modifications.

2.

The Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time :

A Bill intituled An Act to amend certain enactments.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1982

In accordance with article 171 (2) of the Constitution, the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1982. (See Appendix).

After the motion was proposed, the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, named Thursday 1982-04-01 as the day for the resumption of the debate on the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 16:25 hrs on a motion by the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Thursday, 1982-04-01.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
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