

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 7TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
SECOND SESSION (1982) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON MONDAY 1982-04-05

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (11)

* 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 (Absent)
* 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)
* Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture
* Cde. S.A. Moore, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs (Absent)
* 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
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 (Absent)

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Women's Affairs and Housing (Absent)
 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 (Absent)

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. Jaipal, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
 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)
 Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
 Cde. A. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)
 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(Absent)

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. (Absent)

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.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1982 - COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1982.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 1	-	OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET	
		was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,843,700
HEAD 2	-	GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE was <u>passed</u> as	
		<u>printed</u> at	... \$52,000,000
DIVISION 501	-	PRESIDENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u>	
		at	... \$33,500,000
HEAD 3	-	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS was	
		<u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 29,800

HEAD 10	PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS	... \$ 533,170
DIVISION 505	OTHER SERVICES NOT UNDER MINISTERIAL CONTROL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 150,000
HEAD 13	- OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at with the following correction:	... \$ 1,416,300
	EXPLANATORY NOTES: <u>Deletion</u> of the legend and <u>substitution</u> of "Contributions to several charitable and other organisations" against subhead 702.	
HEAD 15	PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 6,169,500
DIVISION 508	PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$15,653,800
HEAD 16	MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 5,433,600
DIVISION 509	- MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was <u>passed</u>	... \$ 400,000
HEAD 42	- MINISTRY OF WORKS was <u>passed</u> as	... \$10,592,900
DIVISION 526	MINISTRY OF WORKS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$12,010,000
HEAD 43	- MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,986,000
HEAD 45	CIVIL AVIATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 3,113,000
DIVISION 528	MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$20,088,000
HEAD 47	PLANT MAINTENANCE AND HIRE DIVISION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 6,804,900
DIVISION 529	PLANT MAINTENANCE AND HIRE DIVISION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 9,900,000
HEAD 8	- AUDIT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,293,600
HEAD 60	ECONOMIC PLANNING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 3,079,000

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 16:00 hrs the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 16:28 hrs the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1982.

In Committee of Supply

DIVISION 535	-	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 9,258,000
HEAD 61	-	FINANCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 6,318,700
HEAD 62	-	ACCOUNTANT GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$13,635,000
HEAD 63	-	CUSTOMS AND EXCISE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 5,182,400
HEAD 64	-	INLAND REVENUE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 7,606,900
HEAD 65	-	PUBLIC DEBT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 144,000
DIVISION 536	-	MINISTRY OF FINANCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$71,160,000
HEAD 68	-	MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at with the following corrections:	... \$ 979,800
		<u>1982 Estimates</u> <u>Deletion</u> of the amounts of "104,000", "19,000", "8,436", "5,628", and "65,800".	
		<u>Substitution</u> of amounts of "114,645", "27,000", "16,200", "6,500" and "59,809" respectively, against subhead 121.	
		<u>Deletion</u> of both amounts of "66,000" and <u>substitution</u> of the amount of "55,355" in their places against subhead 124.	
DIVISION 537	-	MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 300,000
HEAD 37		MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SUPPLY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...
DIVISION 523		MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SUPPLY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 7,400,000
HEAD 38	-	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at with the following correction:	... \$ 3,162,000

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EXPLANATORY NOTES: Deletion of the organisations and amounts shown and substitution of "Contributions to several health related local organisations." against subhead 702.

HEAD 39 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL was passed as printed at ... \$13,686,000

HEAD 40 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - OTHER PROGRAMMES was passed as printed at ... \$26,473,900

DIVISION 524 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as printed at ... \$15,444,000

HEAD 6 - MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PARTY AND STATE RELATIONS was passed as printed at ... \$ 139,000

HEAD 7 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE was passed as printed at ... \$ 332,800

HEAD 48 - MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION was passed as printed at ... \$15,456,000 with the following correction:

EXPLANATORY NOTES: Insertion of "Subventions to:" after the word "Estimates." and deletion of the amounts shown against the institutions named, against subhead 704.

DIVISION 530 - MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION was passed as printed at ... \$ 3,850,000

HEAD 11 - TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION was passed as printed at ... \$ 292,380

HEAD 49 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE was passed as printed at ... \$ 8,729,400 with the following correction:

Head 49: Deletion of "Personal Pensionable Allowance in lieu of Consultation Practice" and substitution of "Part-time Staff" against subhead 141.

EXPLANATORY NOTES: Deletion of "Expenses, National Council of Education" and substitution of "National Advisory Council on Technical and Vocational Education" against subhead 702.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 18:50 hrs the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 20:00 hrs the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1982.

HEAD 50	CULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,545,100
HEAD 51	NURSERY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 8,952,000
HEAD 52	PRIMARY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$35,828,000
HEAD 53	SECONDARY SCHOOLS/MULTI- LATERIALS/COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$20,197,000
HEAD 54	TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	
HEAD 55	PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,624,000
HEAD 56	TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at with the following correction:	... \$ 1,977,000
	<u>Head 56:</u> Substitution of "Principals" for "Education Officers" and "Deputy Principals" for "Principals, Deputy Principals, Head Teachers" against subhead 122.	
HEAD 57	PROBATION AND WELFARE SERVICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 656,600
DIVISION 531	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 6,496,000
DIVISION 532 -	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - IDA PROJECTS - SECOND EDUCATION PROJECT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$14,349,000
HEAD 34	MINISTRY OF LABOUR was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,484,000

HEAD 35	CENTRAL RECRUITMENT AND MANPOWER AGENCY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 308,000
HEAD 36	SOCIAL ASSISTANCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$11,956,000
HEAD 41	CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at..	\$ 1,683,000
DIVISION 525	- MINISTRY OF HOUSING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 4,265,000
HEAD 69	- MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 4,033,600
DIVISION 538	- MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 800,000
HEAD 70	- REGION NO. 1 - BARIMA/WAINI was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,554,400
DIVISION 539	- REGION 1 - BARIMA/WAINI was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,042,000
HEAD 71	- REGION NO. 2 - POMEROON/SUPENAAM was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,429,000
DIVISION 540	- REGION 2 - POMEROON/SUPENAAM was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 675,000
HEAD 72	- REGION NO. 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,649,400
DIVISION 541	- REGION 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 4,230,000
HEAD 73	- REGION NO. 4 - DEMERARA/MAHAICA was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 6,169,400
DIVISION 542	- REGION 4 - DEMERARA/MAHAICA was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 3,785,000
HEAD 74	- REGION NO. 5 - MAHAICA/BARBICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,830,000
DIVISION 543	- REGION 5 - MAHAICA/BARBICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 550,000
HEAD 75	- REGION NO. 6 - EAST BARBICE/CORANTYNE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 3,901,400
DIVISION 544	- REGION 6 - EAST BARBICE/CORANTYNE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 3,080,000
HEAD 76	REGION NO. 7 - CUYUNI/MAZARUNI was	... \$ 1,207,000

DIVISION 545 - REGION 7 - CUYUNI/MAZARUNI was
passed as printed at ... \$ 665,000

HEAD 77 - REGION NO. 8 - POTARO/SIPARUNI was
passed as printed at ... \$ 1,286,400

DIVISION 546 - REGION 8 - POTARO/SIPARUNI was
passed as printed at ... \$ 755,000

HEAD 78 - REGION NO. 9 - UPPER TAKUTU/
 UPPER ESSEQUIBO was passed as
printed at ... \$ 1,416,000

DIVISION 547 - REGION 9 - UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER
 ESSEQUIBO was passed as
printed at ... \$ 630,000

HEAD 79 - REGION NO. 10 - UPPER DEMERARA/
 BERBICE was passed as printed at ... \$ 1,181,400

DIVISION 548 - REGION 10 - UPPER DEMERARA/
 BERBICE was passed as printed at ... \$ 1,400,000

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 22:09 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Tuesday 1982-04-06.

S. Narain
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 Speaker
 82-04-06

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 Public Buildings,
 Georgetown.
 1982-04-06