

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 8TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THE
SECOND SESSION 1982 OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUY HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON TUESDAY 1982-04-06

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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)

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

* 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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)

* 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 (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. (Absent)
 Cde. E.B. Davidson, M.P.
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P. (Absent)
 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)
 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. Dorricks, 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. (Absent)

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.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -By the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance:

Financial Paper No. 1/1982 - Schedule of Supplementary
Provision - Advances made from the Contingencies
Fund for the period ended 1981-12-31.

(ST: 10/4^{II})(Circulated)

The Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, informed the
Assembly that it was agreed that the Financial Paper would be considered
immediately after the consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1982.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTION1. ESTIMATES 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

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| HEAD 14 | - | MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT | |
| | | was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... \$ 4,353,900 |
| DIVISION 507 | - | MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT | |
| | | was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... \$ 90,000 |

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| HEAD 31 | FORESTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | \$ 150,000 |
| DIVISION 519 - | MINISTRY OF FORESTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | 150,000 |
| HEAD 58 | MINISTRY OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | \$ 3,627,000 |
| DIVISION 533 - | MINISTRY OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | 100,000 |
| HEAD 59 | MINISTRY OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | 289,300 |
| DIVISION 534 - | MINISTRY OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | \$ 1,875,000 |
| HEAD 33 | MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | \$ 730,000 |
| DIVISION 521 - | MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | \$ 17,756,000 |
| HEAD 4 | SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | \$ 1,546,200 |
| HEAD 5 | MAGISTRATES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | \$ 1,828,800 |
| HEAD 9 | OMBUDSMAN was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | 59,500 |
| HEAD 12 | PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | 413,800 |
| HEAD 18 | ATTORNEY GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | \$ 1,885,600 |
| HEAD 19 | OFFICIAL RECEIVER was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | \$ 254,400 |
| HEAD 20 | DEEDS REGISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | 510,400 |
| DIVISION 511 - | ATTORNEY GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | 100,000 |
| HEAD 17 | MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | \$ 16,500,000 |
| DIVISION 510 - | MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... | 900,000 |

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 16:08 hrs the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 16:38 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

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| HEAD 27 - | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | \$ | 2,306,000 |
| HEAD 28 - | AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | \$ | 6,776,400 |
| HEAD 29 - | LANDS AND SURVEYS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | \$ | 3,534,000 |
| HEAD 30 - | HYDRAULICS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | \$ | 1,706,500 |
| DIVISION 513 - | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | \$ | 51,830,000 |
| DIVISION 514 - | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - IDB PROJECTS - ABARY RIVER WATER CONTROL PROJECT (MMA) was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | \$ | 47,272,000 |
| DIVISION 516 - | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - SECOND SEA DEFENCE PROJECT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | | 100,000 |
| DIVISION 517 - | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - IBRD PROJECTS - TAPAKUMA IRRIGATION PROJECT - CONTRACT 1 was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | | 1,430,000 |
| DIVISION 518 - | MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - TAPAKUMA IRRIGATION PROJECT - CONTRACT 2 was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | \$ | 14,930,000 |
| HEAD 32 - | MINISTRY OF FISHERIES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | | 652,000 |
| DIVISION 520 - | MINISTRY OF FISHERIES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | \$ | 850,000 |
| HEAD 21 - | MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | | \$ | 766,000 |
| HEAD 22 - | POLICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | | 30,620,350 |
| HEAD 23 - | PRISONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | \$ | 4,519,500 |
| HEAD 24 - | FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | \$ | 3,282,800 |
| HEAD 25 - | REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | | | 1,475,300 |
| HEAD 26 - | BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at | ... | | 341,000 |
| DIVISION 512 - | MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was under consideration when the proceedings were interrupted to enable the Vice-President , Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations to move the suspension Standing Order 9(2). | | | |

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(2)

At 18:29 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, Standing Order No. 9(2) was suspended to enable the Assembly to continue sitting without being suspended at 18:30 hrs.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTIMATES

DIVISION 512 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was
passed as printed at ... \$ 2,306,000

Assembly resumed

The Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance reported to the Assembly that the Committee of Supply had considered and had approved of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1982.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 12

With the leave of the Speaker under Standing Order No. 83, and on a motion by the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations Standing Order No. 12 was suspended to enable the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance to introduce the Appropriation Bill 1982 (No. 2/1982 published 1982-04-06).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingAPPROPRIATION BILL 1982 - Bill No. 3/1982 published 1982-04-06

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 provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1982, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution

PUBLIC BUSINESS- Second and Third ReadingsITEM 2 APPROPRIATION BILL 1982 - Bill No. 3/1982 published 1982-04-06

In accordance with Article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following:

A BILL intituled An Act to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1982, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

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The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time and was, thereafter, read the third time and passed as printed.

MOTION

ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1982

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with Article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1982 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ended 1981-12-31.

After consideration of the Schedule the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1982 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ended 1981-12-31!"

ADJOURNMENT

At 18:50 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Works and Transport, the Assembly was adjourned to 14.00 hrs on Wednesday 1982-04-07.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
1982-04-07