

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 11TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
SECOND SESSION (1982) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON THURSDAY 1982-08-12

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (75)

Speaker (1)

* Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (62)

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, Transport and Housing

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance (Absent - on leave)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Agriculture (Absent)

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Party and State Matters (Absent - on leave)

Senior Ministers (7)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent - on leave)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of National and Regional Development (Absent)

* Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection

* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines (Absent - on leave)

* 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.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

Ministers (7)

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives (Absent - on leave)

Cde. J.N. Maitland-Singh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance

* Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister

* Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President

* Cde. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health

* Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P., Minister of Labour, Manufacturing and Industrial Development

Ministers of State (2)

Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection

Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of State for Youth and Sports, in the Ministry of Education

* Non-elected Member

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works, Transport and Housing
 Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education
 Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Other Members (26)

- Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. M. Armogan, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. B. Boniprashed, M.P.
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.
 Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 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. (Absent)
 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. S. Prashad, 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)
 Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P. (Absent)

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

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 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)
 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)

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. (Absent)

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

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P. (Absent)

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 - on leave)

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

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cdes. Hoyte, Ramsaroop, Chandisingh, Jack and Clarke and to Mr. M.F. Singh for that days sitting,
- (b) Cde. Fowler up to 1982-08-21, and
- (c) Cde. Bishop until 1982-09-15

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

(1) By the Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance:

- (a) Statements of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, Chapter 77:01, for the quarters ended 31st March, 1981, 30th June, 1981, 30th September, 1981, 31st December, 1981 and 31st March, 1982, and Statement of Guarantees which remained expired for the period ended 31st December, 1981.

(ST: 49/0/1)(Circulated)

- (b) Annual Report and Accounts of the Guyana Co-operative Agricultural and Industrial Development Bank for 1979.

(ST: 25/2/2/2)(Circulated)

- (c) External Loans (Limitation Increase) Order 1982 (No. 33), which was made under section 3(7) of the External Act, Chapter 74:08, on 29th April, 1982, and published in the Gazette on 29th May, 1982.

(ST: 3/2)(Circulated)

- (d) Loan Agreement dated November 6, 1981 between the Caribbean Development Bank, Guyana and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, and Caricom Corn and Soyabean Company Limited.

(ST: 3/2/6/15/2)(Circulated)

- (e) Financial Paper No. 2/1982 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates totalling \$475,000,000, for the period ended 1982-08-10.

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

In terms of Standing Order 68(1), the Minister named Thursday, 1982-08-19, as the day for consideration of the Financial Paper in Committee of Supply.

- (2) By the Vice-President, Works, Transport and Housing, on behalf of the Vice-President, Agriculture:

Report and Accounts of the Guyana Sugar Corporation Limited for the year 1981.

(A: 5/11^{III})(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

- (1) GEORGETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 - Bill No. 6/1982 published 1982-07-17

The Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Act.

- (2) PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 -
Bill No. 8/1982 published 1982-07-31

The Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

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

- (3) NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (DISQUALIFICATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 -
Bill No. 9/1982

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 Assembly (Disqualification) Act.

- (4) SHOPS (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 -
Bill No. 7/1982 published 1982-07-17

The Minister of Labour, Manufacturing and Industrial Development on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Shops (Consolidation) Act.

- (5) NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF GUYANA BILL 1982 - Bill No. 10/1982
published 1982-08-10

The Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for the establishment of the National Archives of Guyana and for other matters relating thereto.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Bill - Second and Third Readings

- ITEM 1 - MISCELLANEOUS ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1982 -
Bill No. 5/1982 published 1982-05-22

The Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, on behalf of the the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend certain enactments.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and the Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

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

MOTIONS

ITEM 2 AFFIRMATION OF THE EXTERNAL LOANS (LIMITATION INCREASE) ORDER 1982 (No. 33)

The Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly affirm the External Loans (Limitation Increase) Order 1982 (No. 33), which was made under section 3 (7) of the External Loans Act, Chapter 74:08, on 29th April, 1982, and published in the Gazette on 29th May, 1982.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ITEM 3 AFFIRMATION OF THE ROADS (DEMERARA HARBOUR BRIDGE) (AMENDMENT) BY-LAWS 1982

The Vice-President, Works, Transport and Housing, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 24 of the Roads Act, Chapter 51:01, affirm the Roads (Demerara Harbour Bridge) (Amendment) By-laws 1982, which were made by the Chief Works Officer on 20th May, 1982, and published in the Gazette on 22nd May, 1982.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and the Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Vice-President, Works, Transport and Housing, replied.

The motion was then put carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 15:23 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Works, Transport and Housing, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Thursday 1982-08-19.

S. Narain
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Speaker

82-08-17

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1982-08-17