

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 12TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
SECOND SESSION (1982) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON THURSDAY 1982-08-19

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

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

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Party and State Matters

Senior Ministers (7)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Education

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

- \* 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

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 (Absent)

- \* 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

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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. Beniprashad, 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.  
 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. (Absent - on leave)  
 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.

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 - 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)  
 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)

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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 (Absent)

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

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. (Absent)

(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 Cdes. Hoyte, and Jairam and to Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

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

- (a) Annual Report of the Comptroller of Customs and Excise for the year 1980.

(ST: 31/1/1/7)(Circulated)

- (b) Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1982 (No. 42), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, on 14th July, 1982, and published in the Gazette on 17th July, 1982.

(ST: 34/2/1/9)(Circulated)

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1982

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, 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. 2/1982 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates totalling \$475,000,000, for the period ended 1982-08-10.

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. 2/1982 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates totalling \$475,000,000, for the period ended 1982-08-10."

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 2 - 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 Prime Minister, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

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

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ITEM 3 - GEORGETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 -  
Bill No. 6/1982 published 1982-07-17

The Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection moved the second reading of the following Bill which was put and carried.

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

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

ITEM 4 - PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 - Bill No. 8/1982  
published 1982-07-31

The Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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

The Minority Leader and Mr. M.A. Abraham spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection 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.

ITEM 5 - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (DISQUALIFICATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 -  
Bill No. 9/1982 published 1982-08-10

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the National Assembly (Disqualification) Act.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Home Affairs 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.

ITEM 6 - SHOPS (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 - Bill No. 7/1982  
published 1982-07-17

The Minister of Labour, Manufacturing and Industrial Development moved the **second** reading of the following Bill:

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

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Labour, Manufacturing and Industrial Development replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 16:38 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Wednesday 1982-08-25.

*S. Narain*  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker

82-08-23