

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 13TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
SECOND SESSION (1982) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON THURSDAY 1982-08-25

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 (Absent)

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

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

*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

*Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs (Absent)

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 (Abse

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.
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. 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
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. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)
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

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.U. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)
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. (Absent)

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. Johnson 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) Rate of Interest (No. 2) Order 1982 (No. 44), made under section 6 of the Rate of Interest Act, No. 13 of 1979, on 6th August, 1982, and published in the Gazette on 9th August, 1982.

(ST: 1/8/10)(Circulated)

- (b) Annual Report of the Guyana National Co-operative Bank for the year 1981.

(ST: 28/1/5/3)(Circulated)

- (c) Annual Report and Accounts of the Guyana Co-operative Agricultural and Industrial Development Bank for the year 1980.

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

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

On a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, the Assembly agreed that the order of Public Business on the Order Paper be varied to permit Item 5 thereon to be considered first.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 CONSTITUTION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF GUYANA

On a motion by the Prime Minister, seconded by the Minority Leader the following Members were appointed Members of the Parliamentary Committee on the Territorial Integrity of Guyana pursuant to Resolution No. 5 which was passed by the Assembly on 1982-07-08:-

From the People's National Congress

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., ~~Vice~~-President, Party and State Matters - Chairman
Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Ministry of Energy and Mines
Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Cde. P. Fredericks, M.P.
Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P.

From the People's Progressive Party

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Opposition Chief Whip
Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P.

From the United Force

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

ITEM 2 - SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 23 (3)

The Vice-President, Party and State Matters, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 23(3) be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at its sitting on Wednesday 1982-08-25, upon the motion by the Minority Leader in connection with the invasion of Lebanon by Israel.

The Minority Leader spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

ITEM 3 INVASION OF LEBANON BY ISRAEL

The Minority Leader moved the following motion:

WHEREAS in June, 1982 Israel invaded Lebanon, and, ignoring the UN peace-keeping force stationed in that area, over-ran the country until today the capital of Lebanon, Beirut, is completely isolated;

AND WHEREAS this action is in complete violation of international law and of the Security Council Resolutions calling for a cease-fire and the withdrawal of the invading forces;

AND WHEREAS in the course of the Israeli aggression against Lebanon there has been tremendous loss of life, over 10,000 killed, commission of atrocities against the civilian population on a large scale, and destruction of property until today it is estimated that there are now an additional 100,000 homeless Lebanese and Palestinian people in that country;

AND WHEREAS this new act of aggression by Israel has increased tension in the sensitive Middle-East to a dangerous level, which could ignite the region:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly condemns the invasion of Lebanon by Israeli forces as a war of genocide mainly aimed at the extermination of the Palestine people and their recognised representative the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), demands an immediate withdrawal of all Israeli forces, and calls upon the Security Council of the UN to adopt appropriate measures, including the imposition of sanctions if Israel does not comply within a reasonable time.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs seconded and spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

BILL COMMITTEE AND THIRD READING

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

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the following Bill:

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

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 - On a motion by the Minister of Labour, Manufacturing and Industrial Development, the following amendment was put and carried:

Deletion of the definition of "urban area," and substitution of the following therefor in paragraph (a):

Cap. 28:01 ' "urban area" means the area that comprised
 the city of Georgetown immediately before
 the commencement of the Municipal and
 District Councils Act and an area within
 one mile of the eastern boundary thereof
 and the area that comprised the town of
 New Amsterdam immediately before the
 commencement of the Municipal and District
Cap. 28:01 Councils Act.';

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Labour, Manufacturing and Industrial Development, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

MOTION

ITEM 4 - CONFIRMATION OF THE CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1982 (No. 42)

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 which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, confirm the Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1982 (No. 42), which was made on 14th July, 1982, and published in the Gazette on 17th July, 1982.

ADJOURNMENT

At 15:35 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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Speaker 08-31

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Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1982-08-31