NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 16TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE S COND SESSION (1982) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYAN HELD

<u>AT 14:00 hrs</u>

ON THURSDAY 1982-11-18

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 <u>Members of the Government - People's National Congress (62)</u>

Pr<u>im</u>e <u>Minister</u> (1)

Cde. Dr. P.A. Reid, O.E., M.P., Prime Minister

Other Vice-Presidents (A)

- 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

(Absent - on leave)

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

<u>Ministers (7)</u>

- 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 comomic 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 (Assent)
- * 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 (Absent - on leave)
- 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 (Absent - on leave) 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. Caldeirs, 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. (Absent) 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. (Absent - on leave) Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P. (Absent) Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P. (Absent) Cde. H.L.B Singh, M.P. Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P. Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P. (Absent - on leave) Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P. Cde. H.B. Walcott-Nacimento, 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. 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) <u>People's Progressive Party (10)</u>

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Minority Leader (1)
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Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader (Absent - on leave)

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. 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

<u>Leave</u>

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Corrica and Primo for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Transport Service Georgetown/North West Region

Cde. Ram Karran presented a Petition from residents of the North West Region praying for the provision of better transport service between Georgetown and the North West Region, and moved that the Petition be read

The motion that the Petition be read was put and carried.

Thereafter the Petition was read.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- By the <u>Minister Finance in the Minister of Economic Planning and</u> <u>Finance</u>, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance:
 - (a) Privileges and Immunities (the Caribbean Community and the Caribbean Common Market) Order 1982 (No. 59), made under section 13 of the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organisations) Act, Chapter 18:01, on 9th November, 1982, and published in the Gazette on 10th November, 1982.

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(b) Privileges and Immunities (Caribbean Free Trade Association) (Revocation) Order 1982 (No. 60), made under section 13 of the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organisations) Act, Chapter 18:01, on 9th November, 1982, and published in the Gazette on 10th November, 1982.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

PREMIUM BONDS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 - Bill NO. 15/1982

The Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, presented the following Bill which was the first time:

> A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Premium Bonds Act 1982.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1982

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. 3/1982 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund totalling \$22,652,322, for the period ended 1982-10-26. After consideration of the Schedule the motion was put and $\underline{\text{carried}}_{\bullet}$

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. 3/1982 -Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund totalling \$22,652,322, for the period ended 1982-10-26."

ADJOURNMENT

At 15:50 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Agriculture, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

S. NARAIN Speaker 82-11-22

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Georgetown. 1982-11-22