

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 17TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
SECOND SESSION (1982) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON THURSDAY 1982-12-23

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

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 (Absent)

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

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

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 (Absent)

*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 (Absent)

Cde. R.C. Fredricks, 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. Beniprashad, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P. (Absent)
 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. (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. (Absent)
 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. (Absent)
 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.
 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) (Absent)
 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) (Absent)
 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 (Absent)

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Minority Chief Whip
Cde. N. Persaud, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. C.C. 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 -

- (a) Cde. Beniprashad and Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting, and
- (b) Cde. J. Jagan from 1982-12-10 to 1983-01-10.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

By the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance:

- (a) Financial Paper No. 4/1982 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$35,099,150, for the period ended 1982-12-15.

(Circulated)

4.

In terms of Standing Order No. 68 (1), the Vice-President named Thursday 1982-12-30, as the day for consideration of the Financial Paper in the Committee of Supply.

(b) Annual Reports (3) of the National Insurance Board for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.

(ST: 25/2/1/6)(Circulated)

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -

Electricity and Domestic Water Supply Situation

The Minority Leader sought leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing the electricity and domestic water supply situation in the country.

Although the Speaker agreed that the matter was one which was definite and of urgent public importance he stated that he could not allow it to be discussed at that sitting as a parliamentary opportunity for such discussion would arise on the occasion of the next sitting of the Assembly during consideration of Financial Paper No. 4/1982.

ADJOURNMENT

At 14:07 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Thursday 1982-12-30.

S. Narain
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Speaker
87-12-29

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1982-12-29