

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 7TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
THIRD SESSION (1983) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON TUESDAY 1983-02-22

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (61)

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

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

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

\*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 (Absent)

\*Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

\*Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

Ministers (6)

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives

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. (Absent - on leave)  
 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 - on leave)  
 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. J.M. McRae, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. S. Prashad, M.P.  
 Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.  
 Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 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. Willems, M.P.

## Members from

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. B. Latchminarayan, M.P.

## Members from the

## Councils 10

- Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)  
 Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P., (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supernaam) (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)  
 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.  
Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P.  
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.  
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.  
Cde. C. . Belgrave, M.P.  
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.F. (Absent - on leave)  
Mr. M.A. Abraham

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

By the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance:

(a) Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 1983 (No. 7), made under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, on 14th February, 1983, and published in the Gazette on 15th February, 1983.

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(b) Consumption Tax (Amendment)(No. ) Order 1983 (No. 8), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, on 14th February, 1983, and published in the Gazette on 15th February, 1983.

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(c) Travel Voucher Tax (Amendment) Order 1983 (No. 9), made under section 3 of the Travel Voucher Tax Act, Chapter 80:09, and published in the Gazette on 15th February, 1983.

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(d) Travel Voucher Tax Amendment)(No. 2) Order 1983 (No. 10), made under section 3 of the Travel Voucher Tax Act, Chapter 80:09, on 17th February, 1983, and published in the Gazette on 19th February, 1983.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1983 - COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1983.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 1	- OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 3,347,000
HEAD 2	- GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$72,000,000
* DIVISION 501	- OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$33,020,000
HEAD 3	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,477,000
HEAD 5	- PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 3,199,000
* DIVISION 504	- PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$11,993,000
HEAD 6	- MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 3,350,000
* DIVISION 505	- MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 105,000
HEAD 11	- PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 713,000
HEAD 35	- MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 4,599,000
* DIVISION 521	- MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 6,225,000
HEAD 36	- PLANT MAINTENANCE AND HIRE DIVISION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 3,101,000
* DIVISION 523	- PLANT MAINTENANCE AND HIRE DIVISION was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 5,876,000
HEAD 37	- MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 5,500,000
# HEAD 38	CIVIL AVIATION was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 3,044,000
* DIVISION 522	- MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$15,960,000
HEAD 9	- OFFICE OF AUDITOR GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,275,000

\* See Appendix II

# See Appendix I

HEAD 52	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND FINANCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 3,234,
* DIVISION 528	- MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND FINANCE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	...	\$ 9,063,
HEAD 53	FINANCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 6,346,
HEAD 54	- ACCOUNTANT GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 15,960, 0
HEAD 55	CUSTOMS AND EXCISE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 5,132, 0
HEAD 56	INLAND REVENUE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at...		8,594, 0
* DIVISION 529	- MINISTRY OF FINANCE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	...	\$168,605, 0
HEAD 71	PUBLIC DEBT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 0
HEAD 26	- MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 1,822, 0
HEAD 27	AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 3,687, 0
HEAD 28	LANDS AND SURVEYS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 1,923, 0
HEAD 29	HYDRUALICS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 892, 0
* DIVISION 510	- MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	...	\$ 48,606, 0
* DIVISION 511	- MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	...	\$ 42,000, 0
* DIVISION 512	- MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	....	\$ 39,000, 0
* DIVISION 514	- MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	...	\$ 9,000, 0
* DIVISION 517	- MINISTRY OF FISHERIES was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	...	\$ 0
# HEAD 7	MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS was passed with corrections at	...	\$ 254, 0
HEAD 8	- PARLIAMENT OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 0
HEAD 12	TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 348, 0
HEAD 40	MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION. was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 13,000, 0
* DIVISION 524	MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	...	260, 0

\*See Appendix II

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HEAD 41	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 4,480,000
HEAD 42	- CULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,520,000
HEAD 43	- NURSERY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 6,610,000
HEAD 44	- PRIMARY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$25,675,000
HEAD 45	- SECONDARY SCHOOLS/MULTILATERAL AND COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 16,700
# HEAD 46	TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 1,454,000
HEAD 47	- PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,235,000
HEAD 48	- TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,245,000
HEAD 49	- PROBATION AND WELFARE SERVICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 400,000
* DIVISION 525	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 4,579,000
* DIVISION 526	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - SECOND EDUCATION PROJECT was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$13,200,000
HEAD 4	- MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 5,299,000
HEAD 60	- MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 3,488,000
* DIVISION 532	- MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 250,000
* HEAD 61	- REGION 1 - BARIMA/WAINI was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 2,231,000
* HEAD 62	REGION 2 - POMEROON/SUPENAAM was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 4,760,000
* HEAD 63	- REGION 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 8,069,000
* HEAD 64	- REGION 4 - DEMERARA/MAHAICA was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$15,274,000

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\* See Appendix II

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* HEAD 65	- REGION 5 - MAHAICA/BERBICE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 7,904,00
* HEAD 66	- REGION 6 - EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$10,320,00
* HEAD 67	- REGION 7 - CUYUNI/MAZARUNI was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 2,211,00
* HEAD 68	- REGION 8 -- POTARO/SIPARUNI was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 1,941,000
* HEAD 69	REGION 9 - UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$
* HEAD 70	- REGION 10 - UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 2,848,0
* DIVISION 533	- REGION 1 - BARIMA/WAINI was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	\$
* DIVISION 534	- REGION 2 -- POMEROON/SUPENAAM was passed with corrections at	... \$
* DIVISION 535	- REGION 3 -- ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERRARA was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	
* DIVISION 536	- REGION 4-- DEMERARA/MAHAICA was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 2,130,000
* DIVISION 537	- REGION 5 - MAHAICA/BERBICE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 640,000
* DIVISION 538	- REGION 6 -- EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 560,000
* DIVISION 539	- REGION 7 -- CUYUNI/MAZARUNI was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	173,000
* DIVISION 540	- REGION 8 - POTARO/SIPARUNI was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 49,000
* DIVISION 541	- REGION 9 - UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER ESSQUIBO was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	32,000
* DIVISION 545	- REGION 10 - UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	\$ 590,000
HEAD 57	- MINISTRY OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 2,809,000
HEAD 58	GUYANA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS	... \$ 538,000
* DIVISION 530	-- MINISTRY OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION was passed with corrections at	... \$ 207,000

\* See Appendix II

HEAD 30	MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,076,000
* DIVISION 518	- MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$15,857,000
HEAD 10	- OMBUDSMAN was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.. \$ 69,000
HEAD 13	- PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 522,000
HEAD 14	- SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,602,000
HEAD 15	- MAGISTRATES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,832,000
HEAD 16	- ATTORNEY GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,886,000
HEAD 17	- OFFICIAL RECEIVER was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 260,000
# HEAD 18	- DEEDS REGISTRY was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 521,000
HEAD 19	- MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$17,364,000
* DIVISION 508	- MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 900,000
HEAD 20	- MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 700,000
HEAD 21	- POLICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$36,556,000
HEAD 22	DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 4,600,000
HEAD 23	- FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 3,400,000
HEAD 24	- REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 450,000
HEAD 25	- BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 300,000
* DIVISION 509	- MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 3,500,000
# HEAD 59	- MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 300,000
* DIVISION 531	- MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... \$ 50,000
HEAD 31	- MINISTRY OF HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,864,000

\* See Appendix II

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HEAD 32	NATIONAL AND REGIONAL HOSPITALS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	
# HEAD 33	- OTHER HEALTH PROGRAMMES was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	... ...	\$ 15,653,000
HEAD 34	GUYANA WATER AUTHORITY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 6,300,000
* DIVISION 519	MINISTRY OF HEALTH was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	...	\$ 14,224,000
* DIVISION 520	ENVIROMENT AND WATER SUPPLY was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	...	\$ 6,429,000
HEAD 50	MINISTRY OF LABOUR was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 12,300,000
HEAD 51	MANUFACUTRING was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	109,000
* DIVISION 527	MANUFACTURING was <u>passed</u> with corrections at	...	\$ 4,770,000

Assembly resumed.

The Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance reported to the Assembly that the Committee of Supply had considered and had approved of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1983 with corrections.

The Schedule to the motion which was moved in the National Assembly on 1983-02-15 was corrected as follows:-

- (a) Substitution of \$3,101 for \$6,100 against Head 36 -  
Plant Maintenance and Hire Division
- (b) Substitution of \$427,244 for \$430,243 against  
TOTAL.

The motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1983 was put and carried.

At 15.47 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Thursday 1983-02-24.

• NARAIN  
Speaker - 24  
83-02-24

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown,  
1983-02-24

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