

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AT 14:00 hrs

ON THURSDAY 1983-07-21

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (71)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (58)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. Dr. P.A. Reid, O.E., M.P., Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Vice-President, Social Infrastructure

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Administration

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Production

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Party and State Matters (Absent-on leave)

Senior Ministers (6)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of National Mobilisation

*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

*Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines

Ministers (6)

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture

Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister for Youth and Sports within the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture

*Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information and Public Service (Absent)

*Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health and Public Welfare (Absent)

*Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P., Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives

Ministers of State (2)

Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection

Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.S., M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Finance

* Non elected Member

Parliamentary Secretaries (4)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Housing,
within the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare
- Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry
of Education and Social Development
- Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs
- Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry
of Agriculture

Other Members (24)

- Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
- Cde. M. Armogan, M.S., J.P., M.P.
- Cde. B. Beniprashad, 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. F.F. Gilbert, M.P.
- Cde. J. Gill-Mingo, M.P.
- Cde. A. Mc Rae, M.P.
- Cde. E. Melville, 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. (Absent)
- Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
- Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.
- Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
- Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P. (Absent)

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 (9)

- 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, J.P., 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) (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.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Minority Chief Whip (Absent)

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P. (Absent)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

(a) Cdes. Dr. Reid and Ramsaroop for that day's sitting, and

(b) Cde. N. Persaud up to 1983-08-08

(ii) Congratulations to Cde. H.O. Jack on award of C.C.H.

The Speaker informed the Assembly that since the last sitting Cde. Hubert Jack who had been a Minister of the Government and a Member of the National Assembly up to 30th April, 1983, had been awarded the National Honour of the Cacique Crown of Honour for public service of an exceptionally high quality and beyond the normal call of duty. On behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself he placed on record their congratulations and best wishes to Cde. Jack.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Vice-President, Administration:

(a) Annual Report of the Directors of the New Widows and Orphans Fund for the year 1975.

(ST: 41/7)(Circulated)

(b) Annual Report and Accounts of the Guyana National Co-operative Bank for the year 1982.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour,
Manufacturing and Industrial Development
for the year 1982.

(Circulated)

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

The Minority Leader informed the Assembly that he had withdrawn a notice submitted by him to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the food situation. He had done so on the undertaking given to him that a notice of a motion on the same issue would be debated shortly.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

(1) POLICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 - Bill No. 15/1983 published
1983-07-02

The Minister of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
Police Act.

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The Vice-President, Administration, on behalf of the Government presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
National Science Research Council
Act.

(3) SAVINGS SCHEMES BILL 1983 - Bill No. 17/1983

The Vice-President, Administration, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:-

A Bill intituled An Act to make provisions
for the establishment of the Savings
Schemes Committee, for encouraging
savings by persons, and for matters
connected therewith.

PUBLIC BUSINESS.BILL - Second and Third Readings.ITEM 1 - TEMPORARY BORROWINGS BY GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT OF EXISTING LAWS AND VALIDATION) BILL 1983 - Bill No. 14/1983 published 1983-05-21.

The Vice-President, Administration, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the provisions contained in the Financial Administration and Audit Act and the Bank of Guyana Act regarding borrowings by the Government for meeting current requirements, direct advances by the Bank of Guyana to the Government and credit operations by that Bank with Government securities and to validate certain borrowings, advances and ownership of Government securities.

The Minority Leader and Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Vice-President, Administration, replied.

The motion was then put and carried on the following division:

FORAGAINST

Mr. M.A. Abraham
Mr. M.F. Singh
Cde. Hinds
Cde. Charles
Cde. I. Chowritmootoo
Cde. London
Cde. Bipat
Cde. C.A. Singh
Cde. Jones
Cde. Latchminarayan
Cde. Bishop
Cde. Vandenburg
Cde. Tiwari
Cde. Sukhu
Cde. H.L.B. Singh
Cde. Rayman
Cde. Primo
Cde. Prashad
Cde. Munroe
Cde. Melville
Cde. McRae
Cde. Gill-Mingo
Cde. Gilbert
Cde. P. Fredericks
Cde. Fowler
Cde. Felix
Cde. Doobay
Cde. Davidson
Cde. Clarke
Cde. J. Chowritmootoo
Cde. Chin
Cde. Caldeira
Cde. Beniprashad

Cde. Dalchand
Cde. Basir
Cde. J. Jagan
Cde. Ram Karran
Cde. C. Jagan

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Forward: _____

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FORAGAINST

B/F: 33

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Cde. Armogan
 Cde. Ally
 Cde. Bhaggan
 Cde. Ainsworth
 Cde. Bend-Kirton-
 Holder
 Cde. R. Fredericks
 Cde. Corrica
 Cde. Sallahuddin
 Cde. Corbin -
 Cde. Chandisingh
 Cde. Hoyte
 Cde. Naraine

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

MOTIONSITEM 2 - PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF GUYANA

The Vice-President, Social Infrastructure, on behalf of the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, moved the following motion which was put and carried:

WHEREAS the National Assembly by Resolution which was passed on 1982-07-08 constituted the Parliamentary Committee on the Territorial Integrity of Guyana for the purpose of keeping under constant review developments relating to Venezuela's untenable claim;

AND WHEREAS with the prorogation of Parliament on 1983-01-21 the Committee was determined;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Committee to remain in being to continue its review:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the Parliamentary Committee on the Territorial Integrity of Guyana which was appointed during the last session of Parliament remaining in being in the present session of Parliament and continuing with its review.

ITEM 3 - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE PARLIAMENTARY
COMMITTEE ON THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF GUYANA

On a proposal by the Vice-President, Social Infrastructure, the Assembly appointed Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture, to serve on the Parliamentary Committee on the Territorial Integrity of Guyana, in the place of Cde. H.O. Jack, C.C.H., who had ceased to be a Member of the National Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT

At 15:06 hrs on a motion by the Vice-President, Social Infrastructure, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1983-07-29