

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 15TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD  
SESSION (1983) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON MONDAY 1983-09-12

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (70)

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

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

- Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Vice-President, Social  
Infrastructure (Absent - on leave)  
Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Administration (Absent - on leave)  
Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Production (Absent)  
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 (Absent)  
\* Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent - on leave)  
\* Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs (Absent)  
\* 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  
Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister within the Ministry  
of Agriculture  
Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of Youth and  
Sport within the Ministry of Education, Social  
Development and Culture  
\* Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information  
and Public Service  
\* Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health  
and Public Welfare  
\* 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 (Absent)  
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, Social Development and Culture  
 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. (Absent - on leave)  
 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. E. Melville, M.P. (Absent)  
 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. (Absent)  
 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 - on leave)  
 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. Abrahams, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)  
 Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Members of the Minority (11)

(i) People's Progressive Party (9)

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 (Absent)

Other Members (7)

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. (Absent)

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.

Cde. I. Basir, M.P.

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, 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.

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

(i) Resignation of Cde. Dalchand

The Speaker informed the Assembly that he had received a letter dated 31st August, 1983, from Cde. Dalchand tendering his resignation as a Member of the National Assembly with effect from 1st September, 1983, and that with Cde. Dalchand's resignation, a seat in the Assembly had become vacant.

In accordance with section 99A of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03, he had called upon the representative of the list of candidates from which Cde. Dalchand's name had been extracted following the last general elections, to further extract from the said list, the name of a person to fill the vacancy.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave from that sitting had been granted to Cdes. Naraine, Hoyte, Ramsaroop, and Clarke and Mr. M.F. Singh.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Minister of State within the Ministry of Finance,  
on behalf of the Vice-President, Administration:

Annual Report of the Commissioner of  
Inland Revenue for the year 1981.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

Mr. M. Abraham stated that he had in error voted against the motion which was moved by Cde. Narbada Persaud at the last **sitting** of the Assembly calling for the importation of wheaten flour, etc. and for the record, he gave an explanation on the matter.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second Reading

ITEM 1 - CINEMATOGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 - Bill No. 18/1983  
published 1983-08-27

The Minister of Information and Public Service moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Cinematograph Act.

The motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 2 - MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 - Bill No. 19/1983  
published 1983-09-03

The Minister of Energy and Mines moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the  
Mining Act.

Mr. M.A. Abraham and Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Energy and Mines replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 and 2 were passed as printed.

Clause 3 The following amendment by Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud was put and negatived:

Insertion of the words ", on the second or any subsequent occasion," between the words "commission" and "of" in the third line of the proposed new section 57D (1).

Clause 3 was then passed as printed.

Clause 4 The following amendment by the Minister of Energy and Mines was put and carried:

'(b) by the Substitution in Subsection (2), for the words "three hundred dollars may be presented", of the words "twenty-five thousand dollars may be prescribed by the Minister";'.

Clause 4 was then passed as amended.

Clause 5 The following amendment by Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud was put and negatived:

Substitution of the word "Commissioner" for the word "Minister" in the second line of the proposed new section 82A.

Clause 5 was then passed as printed.

Clause 6 was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Bill was read the third time and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 15:07 hrs on a motion by the Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
S. MARAIN  
Speaker  
83-09-15

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
1983-09-15.