

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 3RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD
SESSION (1991) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1991

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

Speaker

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (60)

Prime Minister

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Prime Minister

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

* Cde. K.S. Massiah, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister
of Legal Affairs

Deputy Prime Minister (2)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Works,
Communications and Regional Development

Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of
Trade, Tourism and Industry

Senior Ministers (6)

*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance

*Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent -on- leave)

*Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education and Cultural Development

Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Works,
Communications and Regional Development

Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Senior Minister in the Office
of the President

*Cde. Rabbian Ali-Khan, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security

Ministers (6)

Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry

*Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture

Cde. J.T. Kisson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President

Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour,
Human Services and Social Security

*Non-elected Member

Government Chief Whip (1)

Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira

Other Members (32)

Cde. Viola V. Burnham, D.R., M.P.
Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)
Cde. R.E. Jackson, C.R., M.P.
Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P.
Cde. S. Prashad, M.P.
Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P.
Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P.
Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P.
Cde. M. Corrica, M.P.
Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
Cde. Joyce Munroe, M.P.
Cde. H. Doobay, M.P. (Absent-on-leave)
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
Cde. Amna Ally, M.P.
Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.
Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.
Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
Cde. Edith Deygoo, M.P.
Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.
Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P.
Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.
Cde. J. Persaud, J.P., M.P.
Cde. K. Sankar, A.A., M.P.
Cde. E.L. Fraser, M.P.
Cde. Mignon D. Griffith, M.P.
Cde. P.E. Rockcliffe, M.P.

(There are two vacancies)

Members from the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs (2)

Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P.
Cde. P. Singh, J.P., M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

Cde. Nellie R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
Cde. Enid E. Abrams, M.S., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/
West Demerara)
Cde. I. Ally, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)
Cde. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
Cde. D. Fernandes, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Members of the Minority (11)

(i) People's Progressive Party (8)

Minority Leader (1)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (6)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P. (Absent -on- leave)

Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent - on - leave)

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip (Absent)

Cde. N. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

(There is one vacancy)

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Absent)

Mr. M.A. Abrahams, A.A., M.P. (Absent - on - leave)

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Mr. E. Kwayana, M.P. (Absent)

OFFICERS

Cde. M.B. Henry, Clerk of the National Assembly (Ag.)

Cde. E. Kendall, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (Ag.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:-

(a) Cde. Dr. McKenzie

(b) Cde. Dr. C. Jagan up to 8th January, 1992

(c) Cde. Cumberbatch up to 15 January, 1992

(d) Cde. J. Jagan up to 27th January, 1992

(e) Cdes. Doobay, Collymore and M. Abraham

for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

By The Minister of Finance:

- (i) Annual Report of the Guyana Co-operative Insurance Service for the year 1990.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 1991 (No. 71), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Chapter 1:07, on 12th December, 1991, and published in an Extraordinary issue of the Gazette on 14th December, 1991.

(Circulated)

- (iii) Agreements (5) between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana for the sales of Agricultural Commodities - PL480 Agreements:

- (a) FY 1988 Agreement dated 1987/11/25;
(b) FY 1988 Amendatory Agreement dated 1988/07/28;
(c) FY 1989 Agreement dated 1989/02/22;
(d) FY 1990 Agreement dated 1990/01/09;
(e) FY 1991 Agreement dated 1990/11/09.

(Circulated)

- (iv) Agreement between the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and KREDITANSTALT FUR WIEDERAUFBAU ("KFW") of Germany for Structural Adjustment Assistance - Loan Agreement dated 1990/08/23.

(Circulated)

- (v) Agreements (3) between the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Federal Republic of Germany on the consolidation and reconsolidation of Guyanese commercial debts:

- (a) Rescheduling 1989 Agreement dated 1989/09/08;
(b) Rescheduling 1990 Agreement (II) dated 1991/04/26;
(c) Supplement to 1990 Agreement (II) dated 1991/04/26.

(Circulated)

- (vi) Financing Agreement between the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the European Economic Community for the Rehabilitation of the Bauxite Industry (SYSMIN) - Agreement No. 3663/GUA/P dated 1988/12/16.

(Circulated)

(vii) Agreements (2) between the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Government of the Republic of France on the consolidation of Guyanese debts:

- (a) Rescheduling 1989 Agreement dated 1989/11/10;
- (b) Rescheduling 1990 Agreement dated 1991/07/10.

(Circulated)

(viii) Agreement between the Bank of Guyana and the Venezuela Investment Fund for - Economic Co-operation - Agreement dated 1991/05/13.

(Circulated)

(ix) Agreements between the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway on the consolidation of the debt of Guyana with Norway:

- (a) Rescheduling 1989 Agreement dated 1990/08/03;
- (b) Rescheduling 1990 Agreement dated 1991/10/14.

(Circulated)

(x) Agreements (4) between the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and Banco Do Brasil S.A. ("BB-CACEX") and Banco Central Do Brasil ("BACEN") of Brazil for the consolidation and rescheduling of Guyana's debt to Brazil:-

RESCHEDULING 1989.

(a) Agreement between Banco Do Brasil S.A. ("BB-CACEX") and Banco Central Do Brasil ("BACEN") of Brazil and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana for the consolidation and rescheduling of:-

- (i) Medium and Long Term debt; and
- (ii) Short Term debt.

Agreement dated 1989/10/04.

(b) Agreement between Banco Central Do Brasil ("BACEN") and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana for the consolidation of the fixed time deposits effected by BACEN with the Bank of Guyana - Agreement dated 1989/10/04.

(Circulated)

RESCHEDULING 1990.

(c) Amendment to the Terms of the Contract of 1989/10/04 signed between Banco Do Brasil S.A. ("BB-CACEX") Banco Central Do Brasil ("BACEN") and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana (Republic) for the rescheduling of the Republic's debt to Brazil - Agreement dated 1991/11/08.

(d) Amendment to the Terms of the Contract of 1989/10/04 signed between Banco Central Do Brasil ("BACEN") and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana (Republic) for the rescheduling of the Republic's debt to Brazil - Agreement dated 1991/11/08.

(Circulated)

(xi) Agreements (2) between the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark:-

- (a) Rescheduling 1989 Agreement dated 1990/04/19;
- (b) Rescheduling 1990 Agreement dated 1991-02-22.

(Circulated)

(xii) Agreement between the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Government of Japan for the rescheduling of Guyana's commercial debts with Japan contracted before 1988/12/31 - Agreement signed 1991/1/25.

(Circulated)

(xiii) Agreement between the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden for the alleviation of certain Guyanese external debt service obligations to Sweden. - Rescheduling 1989 Agreement signed 1990/03/26.

(Circulated)

(xiv) Refunding Agreement between the Government of Guyana and the Export - Import Bank (EXIMBANK) of the United States of America for the consolidation and rescheduling of certain Guyanese credits granted by or insured or guaranteed by Exibank - Agreement 1989 signed 1991/06/18.

(Circulated)

(xv) Rescheduling Agreements (2) between the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Export Development Corporation (EDC) for the consolidation and rescheduling of certain Guyanese credits granted by or insured or guaranteed by the EDC:-

- (a) Rescheduling 1989 Agreement No. 890 GUY - 4649 signed 1990/07/30;
- (b) Rescheduling 1990 Agreement No. 890 GUY - 4971 signed 1991/02/28.

(Circulated)

(xvi) Bilateral Agreement between the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Netherlands (NCM) for the consolidation and rescheduling of Guyana's debt service obligations to the Netherlands - Agreement 1990 signed 1991/07/27.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 36/1991

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill, which was ~~read~~ the first time:-

A Bill intituled AN ACT to effect certain alterations to the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164 thereof.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Speaker extended Christmas Greetings to Members of the Assembly, the Staff of Parliament Office, the Press and other Officials and invited them to join him for refreshments in the ~~Com~~mittee Room.

The Prime Minister and Deputy Speaker reciprocated the wishes to the Speaker and also extended greetings to other Members of the Assembly, the Staff of Parliament Office, the Press, other Officials and their families.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Health, the Assembly was adjourned to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, 27th December, 1991.

S. NARAIN
Speaker

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Public Buildings
Georgetown.

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