

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 11TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD SESSION
(1991) - (1992) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON TUESDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1992

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

Speaker

*Cde. Sase Narain, D.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, D.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister
of Legal Affairs (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Prime Minister (2)

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

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

Senior Ministers (6)

*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent - on leave)

*Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Ministry of Agriculture

*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 (Absent)

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

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

*Non-elected Member

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. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health
- Cde. Dr. Faith Harding, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President/
Public Service Management (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. Stella Odi-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

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P.

Other Members (32)

- Cde. Viola V. Burnham, M.R., M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. R.E. Jackson, D.R., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P.
- Cde. S. Prashad, C.C.H., 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, A.A., M.P.
- Cde. M. Corrica, M.S., M.P.
- Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
- Cde. H. Doobay, M.S., M.P.
- Cde. Joyce Munroe, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
- Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.
- Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
- Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent)
- 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. (Absent)
- Cde. G. Marshall, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. B. Persaud, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. K. Sankar, A.A., M.P. (Absent)
- 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) (Absent)
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
 Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supanaam)
 Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, M.S., J.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)
 Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takatu/Upper
 Essequibo) (Absent)
 Cde. M. 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 (Absent)

Other Members (6)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Dr. Roger Luncheon, M.P. (Absent)

(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)

Dr. R. Roopnarine, M.P.

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS

The Acting Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Massiah for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister in the Ministry of Health on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

Consumption Tax (Amendment) Regulations
1992 (No. 5), made under section 22 of
the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02.

(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1992

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1992.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 37	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT was passed, as printed at	459,139,000
HEAD 39	NURSERY SCHOOLS was passed as printed at	23,540,000
HEAD 40	PRIMARY SCHOOLS was passed as printed at	61,205,000
HEAD 41	SECONDARY/MULTILATERAL & COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS was passed as printed at	73,802,000
HEAD 42	TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS was passed as printed at	36,311,000
HEAD 43	PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was passed as printed at	5,994,000
HEAD 44	TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS was passed as printed at	26,331,000
HEAD 45	RESOURCE CENTRE was passed as printed at	13,837,000
DIVISION 543	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at	430,230,000

HEAD 48	MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HUMAN SERVICES & SOCIAL SECURITY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	125,519,000
DIVISION 504	MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HUMAN SERVICES & SOCIAL SECURITY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	225,050,000
HEAD 13	ELECTIONS COMMISSION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	55,542,000
HEAD 22	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	13,507,000
HEAD 23	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (POLICE) was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	544,532,000
HEAD 24	PRISONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	63,290,000
HEAD 25	POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	781,000
HEAD 26	FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	27,620,000
HEAD 27	NATIONAL REGISTRATION CENTRE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	32,718,000
HEAD 28	GENERAL REGISTRAR OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	4,809,000
DIVISION 507	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	104,724,000
HEAD 6	PARLIAMENT OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	10,101,000

Assembly Resumed

The Minister in the Ministry of Health, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, reported to the Assembly that the Committee of Supply had approved of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1992.

Thereafter motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1992 was put and carried.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 12

On a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Health and with the leave of the Speaker, Standing Order No. 12 was suspended to enable him, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, to introduce the Appropriation Bill 1992 at that stage.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

ITEM 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL 1992 - Bill No. 12/1992 published 1992-04-07.

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister in the Ministry of Health signified Cabinet's recommendation and presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the consolidated fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1992 estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the Appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second Reading

ITEM 2 - APPROPRIATION BILL 1992 - Bill No. 12/1992

The Minister in the Ministry of Health moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1992 estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and the third time and passed as printed.

ITEM 3 - TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 7/1992 published 1992-03-30

The Minister in the Ministry of Health moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Tax Act.

The motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 4 - FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 8/1992
published 1992-03-30

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Income Tax Act, the Capital Gains
Tax Act and the Property Tax Act.

The motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 5 - IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 9/1992 published
1992-03-30

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

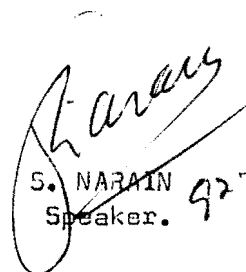
A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend
the Immigration Act.

The motion was put and carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.55 p.m., on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 10th April, 1992.


S. NARAIN
Speaker. 92-04-10

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
GEORGETOWN.

7th April, 1992.