

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 16TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD SESSION  
(1991 - 1992) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 27TH JULY, 1992

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

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 (62)

Prime Minister (1)

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 (Absent)

Deputy Prime Ministers (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 (Absent - on leave)

Senior Ministers (7)

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

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

\*Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education and Cultural  
Development (Absent - on leave)

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

\*Hon. Dr. K.F.S. King, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of  
the President (Absent)

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

\*Non-Elected Member

Ministers (6)

- Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry  
 \*Hon. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture  
 Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health (Absent)  
 Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President/Public Service Management (Absent)  
 Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs (Absent - on leave)  
 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., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (32)

- Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P.  
 Cde. R.E. Jackson, O.R., M.P.  
 Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. S. Prashad, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. Yvonne V. Ilarewood-Benn, M.P., (Absent)  
 Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P.  
 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.S., M.P.  
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.S., M.P.  
 Cde. Joyce Munroe, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 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 Deygo, M.P.  
 Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.  
 Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.  
 Cde. B. Persaud, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. K. Sankar, A.A., M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. E.L. Frazer, M.P.  
 Cde. Mignon Griffith, M.P.  
 Cde. P.E. Rockcliffe, M.P., (Absent - on leave)

(There are three 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 - on leave)  
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)  
 Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)  
 Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, 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 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, Minority Leader (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent - on leave)

Other Members (6)

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

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Dr. R. Roopnaraine, M.P.

OFFICERS

Mr. F.A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly  
 Mr. S.E. Isaacs, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Murray, Bernard, Burnham, Prashad, Bishop, Rockcliffe, J. Jagan, Reepu Daman Persaud, S.F. Mohamed and Nokta for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -(1) By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Annual Report of the Inland Revenue Department for the year 1991.  
(Circulated)
- (ii) Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) (No. 3) Order 1992  
(No. 25).  
(Circulated)
- (iii) Distillery (Amendment) Regulations 1992 (No. 10).  
(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security for 1991.  
(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingNATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 -  
Bill No. 27/1992

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESSSignification of Cabinet's recommendation

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon items 1 to 10 on the Order Paper.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - STILLS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 18/1992  
published 1992-07-16

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to  
amend the Stills Act.

(Read a first time on 1992-07-17)

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 2 - BITTERS AND CORDIALS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 19/1992  
published 1992-07-16

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend  
the Bitters and Cordials Act.

(Read a first time on 1992-07-17)

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 3 - MEMBERS' CLUBS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 20/1992  
published 1992-07-16

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend  
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ITEM 4 - INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 -  
Bill No. 21/1992 published 1992-07-16

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the  
 Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act.

(Read a first time on 1992-07-17)

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 - CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 22/1992  
published 1992-07-16

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend  
 the Customs Act.

(Read a first time on 1992-07-17)

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 6 - BITTERS AND CORDIALS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992 -  
Bill No. 23/1992 published 1992-07-16

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend  
 the Bitters and Cordials Act..

(Read a first time on 1992-07-17)

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 7 - INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992 -  
Bill No. 24/1992 published 1992-07-16

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the  
 Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act.

(Read a first time on 1992-07-17)

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.

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ITEM 8 - SPIRITS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 25/1992  
published 1992-07-16

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to  
amend the Spirits Act,

(Read a first time on 1992-07-17)

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 9 - TAX (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 26/1992  
published 1992-07-16

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to  
amend the Tax Act.

(Read a first time on 1992-07-17)

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 1A - The following amendment by the Minister of Finance was put and carried:

Insertion of the following section as section 1A -

"Amendment  
of section  
2 of the  
Principal  
Act.

1A. (1) Section 2 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the definition of "value" of the following definition -

"value" in sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 means that cost of production of the locally manufactured goods, excluding the cost of packaging material, labels and caps.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into operation on 15th July, 1992."

Clauses 2 to 15 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

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



MOTIONITEM 10 - CONFIRMATION OF CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT)  
(NO. 2) ORDER 1992 (NO. 21)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 5(1) of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, confirm the Consumption Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1992 (No. 21) which was made on 1st July, 1992, under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, and published in an extraordinary issue of the Official Gazette dated 16th July, 1992.

(Notice Paper No. 11 (M11 Govt 11) published 1992-07-17)

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

*S. Narain*  
S. Narain  
Speaker

92-08-07

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS

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