

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 18TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD SESSION
(1991 - 1992) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 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

Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

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

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 - 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 (Absent - on leave)

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

Cde. G.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 (Absent - on leave)

*Non-Elected Member

Ministers (6)

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

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P., Government Chief Whip (Absent - on leave)

Other Members (32)

- Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P.
 Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. R.E. Jackson, O.R., M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. S. Prashad, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. Urmia B.H. Johnson, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 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. Anna Ally, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
 Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.
 Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P. (Absent)
 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 Griffith, M.P.
 Cde. P.E. Rockcliffe, M.P.

(There are three vacancies)

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

- Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. P. Singh, J.P., M.P.

*Non-Elected Member

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10).

- Cde. Nellie R. Charles, M.P. (Region No 7 - Cuyuni/
Mazaruni) (Absent - on leave)
- 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. 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 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)

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

(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. (Absent)

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 SPEAKER(i) Permission to Record Statement

The Speaker announced that the Minister of Finance would make a Statement on the economy, and that he had given permission for a video crew from the Visuals Production Centre to be present in the Chamber to record the Statement.

(ii) Sympathy to Cdes. Sawh and Harewood-Benn on the Deaths of Sister and Father, respectively

The Speaker, on behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, extended deep sympathy to Cde. Sawh on the death of his sister, and to Cde. Yvonne Harewood-Benn on the death of her father.

(iii) Leave

The Speaker also announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Corbin, McKenzie, Kranenburg, Ali-Khan, Sawh, Ferreira, Thomas, Harewood-Benn, Johnson, Nokta, Luncheon and the Hon. Mr. Parvatan for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) The National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 (No. 14).
- (ii) The National Insurance and Social Security (Persons Abroad and Voluntary Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 (No. 15).
- (iii) The National Insurance and Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 (No. 16).
- (iv) The National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 (No. 17).
- (v) The National Insurance and Social Security (Determination of Claims and Questions) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 (No. 18).
- (vi) The National Insurance and Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 (No. 19).
- (vii) The National Insurance and Social Security (Clarification) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 (No. 20).
- (viii) The National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 (No. 21).

(Circulated)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Half-yearly Review of Economy

The Minister of Finance made a statement on the half-yearly review of the economy for the period ended 30th June, 1992.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

Presentation and First Reading

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 - Bill No. 29/1992
published 1992-08-10

The Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read a first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend
the Industrial Training Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second Reading

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES)
BILL 1992 - Bill No. 28/1992 published 1992-07-29

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for
the implementation of the Agreement
between the Government of the
Co-operative Republic of Guyana and
the Commission of the European
Communities and for purposes connected
therewith.

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 3.12 p.m., on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Health, the assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 21st August, 1992.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown

1992-08-18

S. Narain
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Speaker
21-08-92