

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 25TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1986-1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1987

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

Speaker (1)

*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)

Minister in the Cabinet (10)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-President and First Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President,
First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Vice-President, National Mobilisation,
and Deputy Prime Minister

Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P., Vice-President, Education and
Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister

Other Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister,
Planning and Development

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Utilities

Senior Ministers (4)

Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Labour

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

Other Ministers (15)

Senior Ministers (7)

Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Regional Development

Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Medical Education,
Environment and Food Policy (Absent - on leave)

Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information
and the Public Service

*Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Senior Minister in the Ministry
of Agriculture

*Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Education

*Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works

*Cde. Dr. N.E. Blackman, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

*Non-elected Member

Ministers (5)

- Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of National Mobilisation (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister in the Office of the President (Absent)
 Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister of Forestry
 *Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
 Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy

Ministers of State (3)

- *Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister
 Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Development
 Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs

Parliamentary Secretary (1)

- *Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary Education.

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (23)

- Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton, M.P.
 Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P.
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
 Cde. M. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
 Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Amna Ally, M.P.
 Cde. L.R. Arthur, M.P.
 Cde. J.R.L. Bovell-Drakes, M.P.
 Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
 Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. M.I. Daen, M.P.
 Cde. Cyrylda 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. B. Persaud, M.P.
 Cde. E.W. Trotman, M.P.
 Cde. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P.

*Non-elected Member

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

Cde. E. Mohamed, M.P.
Cde. Rose I. Semple, 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. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/
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. B.L. Domingo, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper
Essequibo) (Absent)
Cde. Joycelyn Thom-Lindie, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper
Demerara/Berbice) (Absent)

Members of the Minority (11)(i) People's Progressive Party (8)Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader

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.
Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P.
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip
Cde. H. Nokta, 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. (Absent)

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Mr. E. Kwayana, M.P.

OFFICERS

Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly
Cde. I. Hartman, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

OATHS

The following persons made and subscribed the oath:--

- (i) Cde. Carl Barrington Greenidge, M.P.,
Minister of Finance
- (ii) Cde. Winston Shripal Murray, C.C.H., M.P.,
Minister of Trade and Tourism
- (iii) Cde. Dr. Patrick Lawrence McKenzie, A.A., M.P.,
Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
- (iv) Cde. Deryck Milton Alexander Bernard, M.P.,
Minister in the Ministry of Education
- (v) Cde. Jules Richard Kranenburg, M.P.,
Minister of Communications and Works
- (vi) Cde. Dr. Noel Edwin Blackman, M.P.,
Minister in the Ministry of Health
- (vii) Cde. Vibert Virnen Parvatan, M.P.,
Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
- (viii) Cde. Donald Alfred Nicholas Ainsworth, M.P.,
Minister of State in the Office of the
Prime Minister
- (ix) Cde. Jean Marjorie Gloria Persico, A.A., M.P.
Parliamentary Secretary, Education

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

- (i) New Year Greetings

Since it was the first sitting for the New Year, the Speaker took the opportunity of welcoming and extending best wishes to the Members of the Assembly.

- (ii) Ministerial Changes

The Speaker informed Members that on 30th December, 1986, all the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries resigned from their respective offices.

Those who were elected Members of the Assembly continued to be such Members, but those who were not elected Members, ceased to be Members of the Assembly.

Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries were appointed with effect from 31st December, 1986.

For the records the Speaker read the changes which are as follows:-

Cde. Hamilton Green, an elected Member of the National Assembly, who was Prime Minister, resigned as such on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed Prime Minister, with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Dr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen, an elected Member of the National Assembly, who was Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed to the same office on 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Ranji Chandisingh, an elected Member of the National Assembly, who was Vice-President, National Mobilisation, and Deputy Prime Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed to the same office on 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Viola Burhham, an elected Member of the National Assembly, who was Vice-President, Education and Social Development and Deputy Prime Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed to the same office on 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Haslyn Parris, an elected Member of the National Assembly, who was Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed to the same office with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Robert Corbin, an elected Member of the National Assembly was appointed Deputy Prime Minister, Public Utilities, with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Rashleigh Jackson, an elected Member of the National Assembly, who was Minister of Foreign Affairs and a Senior Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed to the same office with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Carl Greenidge, who was Minister of Finance, and a Senior Minister, and who had become a Member of the National Assembly by virtue of his being a Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and ceased to be a Minister and a Member of the National Assembly. He was re-appointed to the same office with effect from 31st December, 1986, and again became a Member of the Assembly.

Cde. Seeram Prashad, an elected Member of the National Assembly, who was Minister of Manpower and Housing and a Senior Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed a Senior Minister and designated Minister of Labour, with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Winston Murray, who was Minister of Trade and a Senior Minister, and who had become a Member of the Assembly, by virtue of his being a Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and ceased to be a Minister and a Member of the National Assembly. He was re-appointed a Senior Minister and designated Minister of Trade and Tourism with effect from 31st December, 1986, and again became a Member of the Assembly.

Cde. Jeffrey Thomas, an elected Member of the National Assembly, who was Minister of Regional Development, and a Senior Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed to the same office with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, an elected Member of the National Assembly, who was Minister of Health, and a Senior Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed a Senior Minister, and designated Minister of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy, with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Yvonne Harewood-Benn, an elected Member of the National Assembly, who was Minister of Information and the Public Service, and a Senior Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed to the same office, with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Dr. Patrick McKenzie, who was Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, and a Senior Minister, and who had become a Member of the National Assembly, by virtue of his being a Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and ceased to be a Minister and a Member of the Assembly. He was re-appointed a Minister and designated Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, with effect from 31st December, 1986, and again became a Member of the Assembly.

Cde. Deryck Bernard, who was Minister within the Ministry of Education and who had become a Member of the Assembly, by virtue of his being a Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and ceased to be a Minister and a Member of the Assembly. He was appointed a Senior Minister, and designated Minister in the Ministry of Education, with effect from 31st December, 1986, and again became a Member of the Assembly.

Cde. Jules Kranenburg, who was Minister of Transport, and who had become a Member of the Assembly by virtue of his being a Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and ceased to be a Minister and a Member of the Assembly. He was appointed a Senior Minister, and designated Minister of Communications and Works, with effect from 31st December, 1986, and again became a Member of the Assembly.

Cde. Dr. Noel Blackman has been appointed a Senior Minister and designated Minister in the Ministry of Health, with effect from 31st December, 1986, and became a Member of the Assembly, by virtue of his being a Minister.

Cde. Urmia Johnson, an elected Member of the Assembly who was Minister within the Ministry of National Mobilisation, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed a Minister and designated Minister in the Ministry of National Mobilisation, with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Roy Fredericks, who was Minister of Youth and Sport within the Ministry of Education, and who had become a Member of the Assembly, by virtue of his being a Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and ceased to be a Minister and a Member of the Assembly.

Cde. Gowkarran Sharma, an elected Member of the Assembly, who was Minister within the Office of the President, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed a Minister and designated Minister in the Office of the President, with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Dharamdeo Sawh, an elected Member of the Assembly, who was Minister of Forestry, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed to the same office, with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Vibert Parvatan, who was Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture, and who had become a Member of the Assembly, by virtue of his being a Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and ceased to be a Minister and a Member of the Assembly. He was re-appointed a Minister and designated Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, with effect from 31st December, 1986, and again became a Member of the Assembly.

Cde. Jailal Kisson, an elected Member of the Assembly, who was Minister of State within the Ministry of Health, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was appointed a Minister and designated Minister in the Ministry of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy, with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Donald Ainsworth, who was Minister of State within the Ministry of Manpower and Housing, and who has become a Member of the Assembly, by virtue of his being a Minister, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and ceased to be a Minister and a Member of the Assembly. He was re-appointed a Minister of State and designated Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister, with effect from 31st December, 1986, and again became a Member of the Assembly.

Cde. Dr. Faith Harding, an elected Member of the Assembly, who was Minister of State within the Ministry of Planning and Development, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was re-appointed a Minister of State, and designated Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Development, with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, an elected Member of the Assembly, who was Parliamentary Secretary, Home Affairs, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and was appointed Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, with effect from 31st December, 1986.

Cde. Azamudeen Habibulla, an elected Member of the Assembly, who was Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the President, resigned on 30th December, 1986. He has ceased to be a Parliamentary Secretary but continues to be a Member of the Assembly.

Cde. Jean Persico, who was Parliamentary Secretary, Education, and who had become a Member of the Assembly, by virtue of her being a Parliamentary Secretary, resigned on 30th December, 1986, and ceased to be a Parliamentary Secretary, and a Member of the Assembly. She was re-appointed to the same office with effect from 31st December, 1986, and again became a Member of the Assembly.

(iii) Necessity for taking oath

The Speaker announced that it was necessary for all the non-elected Members to make and subscribe the oath.

(iv) Congratulations

The Speaker, on behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself congratulated the Ministers and the Parliamentary Secretary on their appointments and extended best wishes to them in their respective assignments of responsibilities.

The Speaker also congratulated Cde. Dr. Noel Blackman on his appointment as Minister in the Ministry of Health and, on behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself welcomed Dr. Blackman to the Assembly and extended best wishes to him.

(v) Resignation of Cde. G.W. Chin

The Speaker informed Members that he received a letter from Cde. Gine Wing Chin, resigning as a Member of the National Assembly on 31st December, 1986, and that 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. Chin's name was extracted, to further extract from the said list, the name of a person to fill the vacancy.

(vi) Election of Cde. W.S. Murray

The Speaker advised that the name of Cde. Winston Shripal Murray had been extracted and that on 6th January, 1987, Cde. Murray was declared to be an elected Member of the Assembly.

Cde. Murray had just made and subscribed the oath.

The Speaker congratulated Cde. Murray on his becoming an elected Member of the Assembly, and extended best wishes to him.

(vii) New List of Members and New Seating Plan

The Speaker announced that as a result of the Ministerial changes, etc., there had been some slight adjustments in the seating arrangements.

A new list of Members and a new seating plan had been prepared and copies had been circulated to Members.

(viii) Promotion of Cde. Maurice D. Henry

The Speaker informed Members that Cde. Maurice Henry, who was the Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, was appointed to be Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Regional Development, with effect from 1st January, 1987.

Cde. Henry had already assumed the functions of his new office. He joined the Staff of Parliament in 1966 and served in the Office of Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly since that time. He had therefore taken with him over 20 years of experience gained here. The Speaker said that he was sure that Members were sorry to have lost him and would miss him. However, he congratulated Cde. Henry on his promotion and wished him well. He also placed on record thanks to Cde. Henry for the service he had given.

(ix) Appointment of Cde. Ivor Hartman as Deputy Clerk

The Speaker announced that Cde. Ivor Hartman, who was Principal Personnel Officer at the Public Service Commission, was appointed to the Office of Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly with effect from 1st January, 1987, to succeed Cde. Henry.

Cde. Hartman had already assumed duties at the Parliament Office. He brought with him years of experience in the Public Service and was at the Table that day for the first time.

On behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, the Speaker congratulated Cde. Hartman on his appointment, welcomed him to the service of Parliament and extended best wishes to him.

(x) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to

(i) Cde. Dr. Van West-Charles until 24th January and

(ii) Cde. Urmia Johnson for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Annual Reports (4) of the Guyana National Co-operative Bank Trust Corporation for the years 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985.

(ST:25/2/2/23) (Circulated)

- (2) Annual Reports (6) of the Guyana Co-operative Mortgage Finance Bank for the years 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984.

(ST:25/2/1/11) (Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - OLD AGE PENSIONS

Cde. Janet Jagan moved the following motion, and requested that "\$67.00" be substituted for "\$50.00" therein:

WHEREAS sections 4 and 5 of the Old Age Pensions Act, Chapter 36:03, provide for certain statutory conditions to be fulfilled by every person (Claimant) before he can receive pension and that in the calculation of the means of any person for the purposes of the Act, account must be taken of the income of that person from specified sources;

AND WHEREAS the person must also satisfy the appropriate authorities (the Poor Law Commissioners) that the monthly income as calculated under the Act does not exceed such amount as the Minister, by Order, may prescribe;

AND WHEREAS the sum of \$50.00 so prescribed at present is so low as to depress and keep depressed below that figure any moneys the person may be entitled otherwise to receive, in short, he cannot have an income of \$50.00 or more and receive as well Old Age Pension of \$50.00 a month;

AND WHEREAS, further, the Act provides for claims to be heard by appropriate authority "without delay" but many claimants for Old Age Pension are known to suffer unconscionable delays in receiving pensions or in having their appeals heard and often do not know and are not notified, as provided with the reasons if the applications are rejected;

AND WHEREAS, also section 6 empowers the Poor Law Commissioners to take into account all information concerning the means of any person, and shall thereupon decide whether or not the person shall be paid: and this proviso is worded as to appear to be accountable in some degree for the many accusations of discrimination that have been made from time to time;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government -

- (i) to remove the "Means Test" and raise without delay the present figure of \$50.00 a month to a sum more in keeping with the present cost of living, in order to give some relief to the desperate condition of so many elderly people; and
- (ii) to have the out-dated Old Age Pensions Act amended to reflect the current needs of pensioners.

Cde. Nokta seconded the motion.

The Speaker proposed the motion and Mr. E. Kwayana and the the Minister of Labour and Cde. Belgrave spoke to the motion

Thereafter, the motion was put and negatived.

ITEM 2 - REPRESENTATION ON BOARDS OF GRMMA, NPRGC & GREB

Mr. Kwayana moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Government open negotiations with the Rice Producers Association with a view to that organisation's adequate representation as producers on the National Boards and Regional Boards of the GRMMA, the National Padi and Rice Grading Centre and the Guyana Rice Export Board.

Cde. Delgrave seconded the motion.

Cde. Basir was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Basir concluded his speech.

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, the Minority Leader, Cde. Sankar and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and negatived on the following Division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Kwayana	Cde. Domingo
Cde. Delgrave	Cde. I. Ally
Cde. Basir	Cde. Abrahams
Cde. Nokta	Cde. Khan
Cde. Mohamed	Cde. Latchminarayan
Cde. Collymore	Cde. Charles
Cde. C. Jagan	Cde. Semple
	Cde. E. Mohamed
	Cde. Sankar
	Cde. Trotman
	Cde. B. Persaud
	Cde. Marshall
	Cde. Geddes
	Cde. Edwards
	Cde. Deygoo
	Cde. DeJesus
	Cde. Deen
	Cde. Calistro
	Cde. Bovell-Drakes
	Cde. A. Ally
	Cde. Munroe
	Cde. Doobay
	Cde. Davidson
	Cde. M. Ally
	Cde. Gill-Mingo
	Cde. Fowler
	Cde. Habibulla
	Cde. Bend-Kirton
	Cde. Ferreira
	Cde. Odie-Ali
	Cde. Harding
	Cde. Kisson
	Cde. Sawh
	Cde. Harewood-Benn
	Cde. Thomas
	Cde. Murray
	Cde. Prashad

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward	7	37
		Cde. Jackson Cde. Corbin Cde. Parris Cde. Burnham Cde. Chandisingh Cde. Shahabuddeen Cde. Green
Total	7	44

ITEM 3 - TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

Mr. Kwayana moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Trade Order No. 51 of 1964 prohibiting trade in goods with the Union of South Africa to be amended to include invisible trade;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the public sector should cease and the Government should prohibit business relations with firms which participate in the apartheid economy in South Africa and Namibia;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That no such business or commercial relations be entered into unless the Government satisfies this Assembly beforehand that an exception ought to be made in the particular case;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this Government support these positions at Commonwealth conferences.

Cde. H. Nokta seconded the motion.

The Minister of Trade and Tourism, the Minority Leader spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved the following amendments:

Insertion of the words "the regime established by the" after the first word of the first Clause and also insertion of the words "strengthened by appropriate legislation" after the word "be" in the very clause.

Deletion of the words "Should cease" after the word "sector" in the second clause.

Substitution of the words "continue to ensure that" for the "prohibit" in the second clause.

Insertion of the words "are prohibited" after the last word of the second clause.

Deletion of the third Clause.

Insertion of the words "continues to" after the word "Government" in the fourth clause.

Insertion of the words "and all other international" after the words "Commonwealth" in the fourth clause.

These amendments by the Minister of Foreign Affairs were put and carried.

The motion as amended was then put and carried.

ITEM 4 - AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr. Kwayana moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Standing Orders be amended to provide the following:-

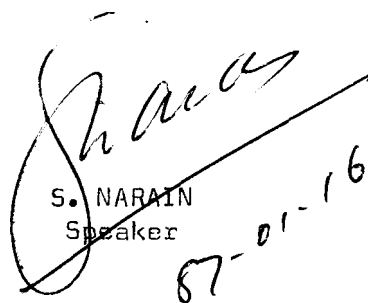
"That any member, having given previous notice to the Speaker and obtained his leave, may rise and discuss a matter affecting the welfare of the people or of a body of persons, provided that the member should occupy no more than three minutes in airing the issue. No more than 4 members of the Assembly may be granted this facility at any one sitting".

Cde. H. Nokta seconded the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 82(3), the motion stood referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.45 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on 16th January, 1987.


S. NARAIN
Speaker
87-01-16

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Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
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