

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 26TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1986-1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY 16TH 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).

Ministers 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
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister in the Office of the President
 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.
 Cde. Anna 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.
 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. 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. 8 - 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. R.D. Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the
National Assembly

Other Members (6)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P. (Absent)
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. (Absent)

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

(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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Broadcast of Budget

The Speaker informed Members that, in accordance with the usual practice, he had given permission to the Guyana Broadcasting Corporation to broadcast live the Budget presentation by the Minister of Finance that day.

The Corporation had also been given permission to record for subsequent broadcasts speeches which would be made by other Members of the National Assembly at the other sittings during the Budget debate. Such subsequent broadcasts would, however, have to be made in accordance with the approved practice, i.e., the time used for the broadcast of speeches would have to be allotted to the Members of the Assembly in the proportion to the Party representation in the Assembly.

(ii) Public Address System

The Speaker also said that permission had been given for the installation as usual of a public address system for the budget.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Minister of Finance:

Estimates of the Revenues and Expenditure
of Guyana for the year ended 31st December,
1987.

(Circulated)

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONSInaccurate Press Report

The Minority Leader complained about an inaccurate report which had appeared in the Daily Chronicle Newspaper of Thursday, 15th January, 1987, in an article dealing with the debate in the National Assembly on Wednesday, 14th January, 1987, on the motion by Mr. Kwayana in connection with representation on the boards of GRMMA, NPRGC, & GREB.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTERSuspension of Standing Orders Nos. 9(2) and 32(9)

On a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 9 and paragraph (9) of Standing Order No. 32 was suspended to enable the Minister of Finance to complete the reading of the Budget Speech uninterrupted and to enable the sitting to continue beyond 16:00 hrs, if necessary, without being suspended.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTION1987 BUDGET - APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1987

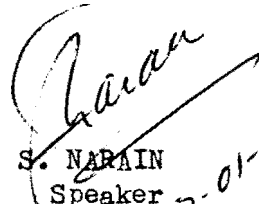
In accordance with Article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1987. (See Appendix).

The Minister read the Budget Speech.

After the motion was proposed, the Minister of Finance named Tuesday, 20th January, 1987, as the day for the resumption of the debate on the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.17 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th January, 1987.


S. NARAIN
Speaker
87-01-20

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

1987-01-20

MOTION BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE


WHEREAS the Constitution of Guyana requires that estimates of the revenues and expenditure of Guyana for any financial year should be laid before the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution also provides that when the estimates of expenditure have been approved by the Assembly an Appropriation Bill shall be introduced in the Assembly providing for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet that expenditure;

AND WHEREAS estimates of revenues and expenditure of Guyana for the financial year 1987 have been prepared and laid before the Assembly on 1987-01-16;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1987, of a total sum of eighteen hundred and ninety five million, six hundred and three thousand dollars (\$1,895,603,000) net of appropriation-in-aid and excluding fifteen hundred and forty-seven million and eightyeight thousand dollars (\$1,547,088,000) which is chargeable by law, as detailed therein and summarized in the undermentioned schedule, and agree that it is expedient to amend the law and to make further provision in respect of finance.


Carl B. Greenidge
Minister of Finance

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
1987-01-16

SCHEDULE

G\$'000

Division Number in Capital Estimates	Head Number in Current Estimates		Net Sum Granted		Appropriation in Aid
			Capital	Current	
	1	Office of the President		17,509	
	2	Guyana Defence Force		98,000	
	3	Guyana National Service		35,000	
501		Office of the President	24,170		
	4	Office of the Prime Minister		2,400	
502		Office of the Prime Minister	997		
	5	Ministry of National Mobilisation		7,500	
	6	Public Service Ministry		6,452	
503		Public Service Ministry	22,684		
	7	Ministry of Inform- ation		5,000	
504		Ministry of Inform- ation			
	8	Parliament Office		486	
	9	Office of the Auditor General		4,237	
505		Office of the Auditor General	93		
	10	Office of the Ombudsman		92	
	11	Public and Police Service Commissions		1,166	
	12	Teaching Service Commission		678	
	13	Public Prosecutions		666	
	14	Ministry of Legal Affairs		66	
	15	Supreme Court of Judicature		3,030	
	16	Magistrates		3,282	
	17	Attorney General		3,268	
	18	Official Receiver		492	

G '000

Division Number	Head Number	in Capital Estimates	Net Capital	Sum Granted Current	Appropriation in Aid
	19	Deeds Registry		819	
	20	Ministry of Foreign Affairs		23,950	
506		Ministry of Foreign Affairs	712		
	21	Ministry of Home Affairs		1,100	
	22	Police		72,110	
	23	Prisons		7,400	
	24	Fire Protection Service		5,301	
	25	National Registration Centre		3,000	
	26	General Registrar Office		637	
507		Ministry of Home Affairs	17,900		
	27	Ministry of Agriculture		3,470	
	28	Crops and Livestock Division		12,467	
	29	Lands & Surveys Division		3,267	
	30	Hydraulics Division		954	
	31	Fisheries Division		822	
508		Ministry of Agriculture	67,618		
509		Ministry of Agriculture MMA I & II	8,541		
510		Ministry of Agriculture MMA III	237,892		
512		Ministry of Agriculture - Artisanal Fishery	61,460		
	32	Ministry of Forestry		279	
511		Ministry of Forestry	106		
	33	Ministry of Energy and Mines			
	34	Ministry of Public Utilities		450	
	35	Ministry of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy		9,656	

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Division Number in Capital Estimates	Head Number in Current Estimates		<u>Net Sum Granted</u>		Appropriation in Aid
			Capital	Current	
	36	Ministry of Health		17,859	
	37	National Hospitals		40,157	
	38	Other Health Programmes		15,779	
	39	Civil Defence Commission		124	
516		Ministry of Health	4,206		
517		Guyana Water Authority	11,450		
	40	Ministry of Commu- cation & Works		19,533	
518		Ministry of Commu- cation & Works	47,780		
	41	Ministry of Works			
	42	Plant Maintenance and Hire Division		4,000	2,999
519		Plant Maintenance and Hire Division	728		
	43	Ministry of Transport			
	44	Civil Aviation		6,992	
	45	Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture		46,000	
	46	Culture		2,636	
	47	Nursery Schools		3,529	
	48	Primary Schools		11,171	
	49	Secondary/Multilateral and Community High Schools		14,500	
	50	Technical and Vocational Schools		3,225	
	51	Practical Instruction Centres		818	
	52	Teacher Training Institutions		3,098	
	53	Probation and Welfare Services		484	

G\$'000

Division Number in Capital Estimates	Head Number in Current Estimates		Net Sum Granted		Appropriation in Aid
			Capital \$	Current \$	
	54	Resource Centre		1,100	
522		Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture	25,722		
	55	Ministry of Manpower		18,303	
524		Ministry of Labour	136		
	56	Ministry of Housing		6,243	
	57	Ministry of Finance		117,760	
	58	Accountant General		25,616	
	59	Customs & Excise		11,400	
	60	Inland Revenue		24,156	
526		Ministry of Finance	267,032		
527		Ministry of Finance - Human Resource Development Programme	45,455		
	61	Statistical Bureau		730	
	62	Ministry of Planning and Development		14,001	
525		Ministry of Planning and Development	17,768		
	63	Ministry of Trade and Tourism		6,542	
528		Ministry of Trade and Tourism	43		
	64	Ministry of Co-operatives		2,035	
529		Ministry of Co-op- eratives	158		
	65	Ministry of Regional Development		8,672	
530		Ministry of Regional Development	2,421		
	66	Region 1 - Barima/ Waini - Administration		2,792	
	67	Region 1 - Barima/ Waini - Agriculture		1,032	
	68	Region 1 - Barima/ Waini - Education		2,200	
	69	Region 1 - Barima/ Waini - Health		1,378	
531		Region 1 - Barima/Waini	854		

Division Number in Capital Estimates	Head Number in Current Estimates		Net Sum Granted		Appropriation in Aid
			Capital	Current	
	70	Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam - Administration		7,806	
	71	Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam - Agriculture		4,236	
	72	Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam - Education		8,651	
	73	Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam - Health		3,776	
532		Region 2 - Pomeroon/ Supenaam	12,816		
	74	Region 3 - Essequibo Is/West Dem - Admin- istration		2,946	
	75	Region 3 - Essequibo Is/ West Dem. - Agriculture		4,635	
	76	Region 3 - Essequibo Is/ West Dem. - Education		10,188	
	77	Region 3 - Essequibo Is/ West Dem. - Health		5,457	
533		Region 3 - Essequibo Is/ West Dem.	24,820		
	78	Region 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Administration		6,251	
	79	Region 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Agriculture		4,279	
	80	Region 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Education		16,697	
	81	Region 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica - Health		6,215	
534		Region 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica	10,682		
	82	Region 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice - Administration		3,484	
	83	Region 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice - Agriculture		1,398	
	84	Region 5 - Mahaica/ Berbice - Education		7,772	
	85	Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice - Health		3,646	
535		Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice	12,105		
	86	Region 6 - East B/ce/ Corentyne - Administration		5,821	
	87	Region 6 - East B/ce/ Corentyne - Agriculture		5,263	

DIVISION NUMBER IN CAPITAL ESTIMATES	HEAD NUMBER IN CURRENT ESTIMATES	NET SUM	GRANTED	APPRO- PRIATION IN AID
		Capital \$	Current \$	
	88 Reg.6 - East Berbice/Corentyne - Education		17,523	
	89 Reg.6 do - Health		11,393	
536	Reg.6 - East Berbice/Corentyne	10,354		
	90 Reg.7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni Administration		2,630	
	91 Reg.7 do Agriculture		708	
	92 Reg.7 do Education		2,668	
	93 Reg.7 do Health		1,994	
537	Reg.7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni	4,984		
	94 Reg.8 - Potaro/Siparuni - Administration		2,430	
	95 Reg.8 do Agriculture		398	
	96 Reg.8 do Education		1,729	
	97 Reg.8 do Health		443	
538	Reg.8 - Potaro/Siparuni	1,344		
	98 Reg.9 - Upper Takatu/Upper Essequibo - Administration		2,937	
	99 Reg.9 do Agriculture		1,257	
	100 Reg.9 do Education		3,291	
	101 Reg.9 do Health		1,515	
539	Reg.9 - Upper Takatu/Upper Essequibo	1,851		
	102 Reg.10 - Upper Dem./Berbice - Administration		3,742	
	103 Reg.10 do Agriculture		1,448	
	104 Reg.10 do Education		8,958	
	105 Reg.10 do Health		1,504	
540	Reg.10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice	7,121		
	106 Public Debt		140	
TOTAL		951,603	944,000	2,999

Net Sum Granted - \$1,895,603,000.00