

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 32ND 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, 30TH 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 (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent)

Senior Ministers (4)

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

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

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Labour (Absent)

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

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 (Absent - on leave)

\*Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Education (Absent)

\*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 (Absent - on leave)
- \*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. (Absent)
- Cde. J.R.L. Bovell-Drakes, 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. (Absent - on leave)
- 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. E.W. Trotman, M.P.
- Cde. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P., (Absent - on leave)

\*Non-elected Member

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

Cde. E. Mohamed, M.P.  
Cde. Rose I. Sample, 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) (Absent - on leave)  
Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)  
Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper  
Essequibo)  
Cde. Joycelyn Thom-Lindie, M.P. (Region No 10 - Upper Demerara/  
Berbice)

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.

(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 SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (i) Cde. McKenzie and Cde. Sawh for that day's sitting and
- (ii) Cde. Sankar up to 14th February, 1987.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONBUDGET FOR 1987 - APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1987.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 40	-	Ministry of Communications and Works was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 19,533,000
DIVISION 518	-	Ministry of Communications and Works was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 47,780,000
HEAD 42	-	Plant Maintenance and Hire Division was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 4,000,000
DIVISION 519	-	Plant Maintenance and Hire Division was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 320,000
HEAD 44	-	Civil Aviation was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 6,992,000
HEAD 36	-	Ministry of Health was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 17,859,000
HEAD 37	-	National Hospitals was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 40,157,000
HEAD 38	-	Other Health Programmes was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 15,779,000
HEAD 39	-	Civil Defence Commission was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 124,000
DIVISION 516	-	Ministry of Health was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 4,206,000
HEAD 21	-	Ministry of Home Affairs was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 1,100,000

HEAD 22	-	Ministry of Home Affairs- Police was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ... ..	...	\$ 72,110,000
HEAD 23	-	Prisons Department was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 17,400,000
HEAD 24	-	Fire Protection Services <del>was</del> <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 5,301,000
HEAD 25	-	National Registration Centre was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 3,000,000
HEAD 26	-	General Registrar Office was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 637,000
DIVISION 507	-	Ministry of Home Affairs was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 17,900,000

Assembly resumed

The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, reported to the Assembly that the Committee of Supply had approved of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1987.

The motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial Year 1987 was put and carried.

Suspension of Standing Order No. 12

With the leave of the Speaker under Standing Order No. 03 and on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, Standing Order No. 12 was suspended to enable the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, to introduce the Appropriation Bill 1987 (Bill No. 2/1987 published 1987-01-30).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

APPROPRIATION BILL 1987 - Bill No. 2/1987 published 1987-01-30

The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, 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, 1987, 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

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 2 - APPROPRIATION BILL 1987 - Bill No. 2/1987 published 1987-01-30

In accordance with Article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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The motion was put and carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.55 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be announced.

*S. Narain*  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker 87-02-07

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

2nd February, 1987