

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 37TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1986-1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 7TH MAY, 1987

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

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 (61)

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,  
First 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 (Absent)

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

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

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

Other Ministers (14)

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 (Absent - on leave)

\*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 (Absent - on leave)

\*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 (Absent - on leave)  
 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 (Absent - on leave)

Ministers of State (2)

- 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. (Absent)  
 Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 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, 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. Rose I. Semple, M.P.  
(1 Vacancy)

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. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/  
Berbice)  
Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroun/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 - on leave)  
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 (Absent)

Other Members (6)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P.  
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip (Absent)  
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. (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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave.

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Van West-Charles, Cde. Sawh, Cde. Kissoon, and Mr. M.F. Singh for that sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS --

BILLS - Second Reading

ITEM 1 - GUYANA GOLD BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 16/1986 published 1987-01-10

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Guyana Gold Board Act 1981.

The Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 2 - GUYANA GEOLOGY AND MINES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 Bill No. 17/1986 published 1987-01-10

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission Act 1979.

The Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 3 - EXPORT AND IMPORT (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 Bill No. 18/1986 published 1987-01-10

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Export and Import (Special Provisions) Act 1986.

The Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 4 - FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 1/1987  
published 1987-01-30

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Evidence Act, the Tax Act, the Income Tax Act, the Capital Gains Tax Act and the Property Tax Act, and to repeal the National Development Surtax Act.

The Minority Leader and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion.

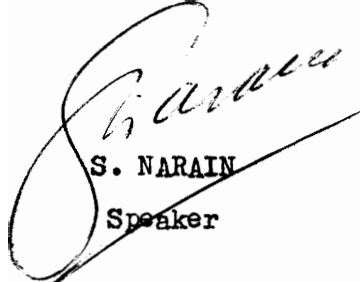
Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

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 3.27 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th May, 1987.



S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

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