

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 39TH 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, 10TH JUNE, 1987

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

*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 - on leave)

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 (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

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

*Jde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of
Education (Absent - on leave)

*Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and
Works (Absent - on leave)

*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 (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 Secretaries (2)

- *Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Education
 *Cde. L.E. Scotland, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister

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. 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. (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. (Absent - on leave)
 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. Rosa I. Semple, M.P.
(One 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) (Absent)
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 - 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)

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. (Absent - on leave)
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.
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.

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER

The Speaker announced that he had been informed that Cde. Leroy Evans Scotland had been appointed a Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, with effect from 1st June, 1987.

Cde. Scotland was not an elected Member of the National Assembly but, by virtue of holding the office of Parliamentary Secretary, he had become a Member of the Assembly, but could not vote in the Assembly.

Before Cde. Scotland could take part in the proceedings of the Assembly, he had to make and subscribe the oath.

As Cde. Scotland was present, the Oath was administered to him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Congratulations to Cde. Scotland

The Speaker, on behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, congratulated Cde. Scotland on his appointment, welcomed him to the Assembly and extended best wishes to him.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Shahabuddeen, Corbin, Bernard, Kranenburg, Sawh and Sankar for that sitting, and to Cde. Geddes up to 24th June, 1987.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-(1) By the Prime Minister

- (a) Annual Report of the Office of the President for the year 1986.

(OP: 4/1/2) (Circulated)

- (b) Annual Report of the Ministry of Housing for the year 1986.

(H:17/1) (Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Regional Development, on behalf of the Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General

- (i) Court of Appeal (Amendment) Rules 1986 (No. 2) made under section 40 of the Court of Appeal Act, Chapter 3:01, on 30th May, 1986, and published in the Gazette on 31st May, 1986.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Rules of the High Court (Amendment) Rules 1986 (No. 3) made under section 67 of the High Court Act Chapter 3:02, on 30th May, 1986, and published in the Gazette on 31st May, 1986.

(Circulated)

- (iii) Rules of the High Court (Amendment) Rules 1987 (No. 1) made under section 67 of the High Court Act, Chapter 3:02, on 11th May, 1987, and published in the Gazette on 16th May, 1987.

(Circulated)

- (3) By the Vice-President, Education and Social Development and Deputy Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Education and Social Development for the year 1986.

(ED: 30/2/2)(Circulated)

- (4) By the Minister of Finance

External Loans Order 1987 (No. 28), made under section 3(7) of the External Loans Act Chapter 74:08, on 7th May, 1987, and published in the Gazette on 9th May, 1987.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

No. 62 - Action of Guyana's Representative(s) in U.N. Organs

Mr. Kwayana asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Has the Government of Guyana's representative in the United Nations Council for Namibia at any time failed to act, in relation to the future of Namibia, in accordance with the views and tactics of SWAPO?

(ii) Will the Minister give the assurance that he will instruct Guyana's representative or representatives in UN organs to advance the self-determination of Namibia by acting in accordance with the wishes of that country's recognised representative, namely the SWAPO?

(Notice Paper No. 142 published 1987-03-04)

The Minister of Foreign Affairs gave the following reply:

ANSWER: (i) In keeping with the policies of the Government, Guyana's representatives on the United Nations Council for Namibia have always worked closely with SWAPO in the work of the Council, taking full account of the views and tactics of SWAPO.

- (ii) Guyana's representatives in the United Nations and other multilateral organs are under standing instructions to advance the self-determination and indeed the independence of Namibia, as SWAPO, the sole and authentic representative of the people of Namibia, wishes. Guyana sees her efforts as supportive of those of SWAPO.

No. 63 - Sale of Articles to Mr. Neil Chan

Mr. Kwayana asked the Minister of Finance the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) How many sales of articles seized by Customs have been made to Mr. Neil Chan between 1983 and 1985 inclusive?
- (ii) What is the total value of the articles sold to Mr. Neil Chan during 1983 to 1985?
- (iii) What is the total amount paid by Mr. Neil Chan for all the articles bought?
- (iv) In the numerous sales to Mr. Neil Chan has the Comptroller of Customs acted under Ministerial direction?
- (v) Will the Minister consult the Government's legal advisers about the legality of sales to Mr. Neil Chan?

(Notice Paper No. 143 published 1987-03-04)

The Minister of Finance gave the following reply:

- ANSWER: (i) Between 1983 and 1985 110 sales of seized goods were made to Bel Park Agencies.
- (ii) The total assessed value of the articles sold amounted to \$1,127,753.44.
- (iii) The amount paid for these goods was \$1,409,691.79.
- (iv) The Comptroller acted in accordance with the provisions of the Customs Act Chapter 82:01 Section 226.
- (v) If there is any reasonable ground for believing that the procedures infringe the law I will be prepared as usual to seek the Attorney General's advice.

A supplementary question was asked by the Minority Leader.

No. 64 - Dealings with Robert Chappell and Nassau Life Insurance Company

Mr. Kwayana asked the Minister of Finance the following question:

- QUESTION:
- (i) Has the Government of Guyana in the spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nassau Life Insurance Company signed on July 4, 1985, kept in full its undertaking to create a "Tax Haven Status" in Guyana for offshore banking, offshore corporation activities and offshore company activities?
 - (ii) Has Clause (iv) of the Memorandum of Understanding in which the Nassau Life Insurance Company undertook to identify within three months to six months of July 4, 1985 any hinterland project been honoured?
 - (iii) If so, has it prepared a project proposal according to its undertaking?
 - (iv) If the Nassau Life Insurance Company has identified a hinterland project will the Minister tell the Assembly what is the project?
 - (v) What financial arrangements, if any, involving foreign exchange has the Guyana Government entered into with Nassau Life Insurance Company?
 - (vi) What is the present standing of Mr. Robert Chappell and the Nassau Life Insurance Company with the Guyana Government?

(Notice Paper No. 144 published 1987-03-04)

The Minister of Finance gave the following reply:

ANSWER: This subject has already detained this House on at least 2 previous occasions. It is with a great deal of self restraint that I rise to address it again. Before addressing the specific question put by the Hon. member of the Minority I should like to direct members' attention to my answer to question 72 published on the 5th June, 1986 and answered on the 6th May, 1987. The questions to all intents and purposes are the same and as far as I am concerned the answers ought to be exactly the same. In this regard therefore, I should like to draw the questioners' attention to rule 17G (i) which says that 'a question shall not be askedwhich raises an issue which has been answered fully during the current session

My response to the new issues contained in this question are as follows:

- (i) The Offshore Banking Bill published on the 15th March was enacted on 1986-06-16 as Mr. Kwayana is well aware.
- (~~vii~~) These persons and institutions have no standing.

Supplementary questions were asked by Mr. Kwayana.

No. 65 - Number of Persons who have Emigrated

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud asked the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister state the number of persons who have emigrated each year of the last five years?

(Notice Paper No. 151 published 1987-03-04)

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs gave the following reply:

ANSWER: It is not possible for the Minister to say how many persons have emigrated each year of the last five years with any degree of accuracy because of the way our immigration records are kept.

The records indicate movement of people. We can state how many Guyanese left Guyana and how many returned.

Supplementary questions were asked by Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and the Minority Leader.

No. 66 - Sea Defences of Leguan

Cde. Nokta asked the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware that the Sea Defences of Retrieve, Cornelia, Blenheim and Enterprise, Leguan, are in a deplorable condition, with sea water encroaching on and destroying cultivated areas; and that very little has been done despite complaints to the Regional Council and visits made by the authorities?

(ii) If so, will he say how soon could the farmers expect repairs to be made?

(Notice Paper No. 155 published 1987-03-04)

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture gave the following reply:

ANSWER: (i) The Minister is aware that there are breaches in the sea defence at Retrieve, Cornelia, Blenheim and Enterprise village in Leguan and that during some high tides the sea water does encroach on cultivated lands.

Whenever such situations occur the Regional Democratic Council's maintenance force works diligently during the day and night to seal breaches before the next high tide.

(ii) Repairs are being made and the level of maintenance will be accelerated when the boulder supply is improved.

A supplementary question was asked by Cde. Nokta.

For Written ReplyNo. 67 - Teachers in the Education System

Cde. S.F. Mohamed asked the Vice-President, Education and Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister state how many teachers have left the Education system from 1980 to the present time and the number employed during the same period?
- (ii) Will the Minister also state what is the present teacher-pupil/student ratio for primary and secondary schools, for the Technical Institutes and for kindergartens?
- (iii) Is the Minister aware that the education system is presently suffering from a grave shortage of trained and qualified teachers?
- (iv) If so, will the Minister say what steps are being taken to ensure a full complement of teachers for the effective and efficient servicing of the education system?

(Notice Paper No. 160 published 1987-03-04)

The Vice-President, Education and Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister gave the following reply:

- ANSWER: (i) From available statistics for the period, 1980 to 1984, 3,374 teachers left the Education System while 2,592 teachers were recruited.

The statistics for the period, 1984 to 1985 are currently being processed and figures are therefore not available for all Regions.

However, statistics collected directly from the Regional Education Officers of Regions 2, 3, 4 (including Georgetown), 6 and 10, indicate that for the period, 1985 to 1986, while 475 teachers left the System 591 teachers were recruited.

- (ii) The present on school ratios are as follows:
- (a) Nursery Schools: 1 teacher to 18 pupils
- (b) Primary Schools: 1 teacher to 31 pupils
- (c) Secondary Schools: 1 teacher to 22 students
- (d) Technical Institutes: 1 teacher to 24 students

- (iii) The Minister is aware of a shortage of trained and qualified teachers in some schools in certain areas.
- (iv) The Ministry recognises that the best performance will be realised from teachers who are attracted to the service, who are comfortable and who are motivated to produce. To achieve this end, the Ministry has taken steps to attract and retain teachers and to provide training and up-grading on an on-going basis.

The strategies employed for recruiting and retaining an adequate number of qualified teachers include:

1. Embarking on improved recruitment techniques

The Ministry in its attempt to attract qualified School Leavers and University Graduates has organised for:

- (a) Talks on Teaching as a Career, with students of the Fifth and Sixth Forms of Secondary Schools, as part of a Career Guidance Programme;
- (b) Radio talks on 'Teaching As A Career' by the Chief Education Officer and other senior professionals;
- (c) Discussions on radio, involving past and present teachers;
- (d) Appearance of Ministry Officials and parents discussing aspects of 'Teaching As A Career' on the 'Night Ride' Radio Programme

2. Providing attractive promotional opportunities

Greater opportunities now exist for more teachers to be appointed to Senior positions in the system within a shorter period than in the past.

- (a) An additional 258 positions have been created for Heads of Departments for the areas, Mathematics and Science, Language Arts, Social Studies and Business Education. The Departments are in addition to the traditional Home Economics, Agriculture Science and Industrial Arts Departments.
- (b) New criteria for promotion have been worked out. These criteria emphasize quality of performance rather than seniority. In addition, the number of years of experience needed by teachers to allow them to become eligible for promotion to senior positions has been reduced.
- (c) A Cadet Scheme is soon to be established to allow for the earlier promotion of enterprising, effective and outstanding teachers.

- (d) There has been the rationalisation of promotional opportunities for teachers of technical/vocational subject areas.

3. Improving the Work Conditions

- (a) A Buildings Unit has been established within this Ministry and a carefully structured programme of improving the physical conditions of schools is being carried out.
- (b) Arrangements have been made for acting teachers to be recruited and paid in their respective regions. This has significantly reduced the waiting time for salaries.
- (c) A new system of supervision which includes an Inspectorate Team, has been introduced. This new system will provide necessary guidance and support for teachers by facilitating their use of appropriate strategies and methods for maximal efficiency and effectiveness.

Up-grading of Teachers

In addition to retaining those who are qualified, efforts are made to increase the number of teachers who are qualified to teach as well as upgrade the skills of those teachers who would have been trained some time in the past.

- (a) In collaboration with the Guyana Teachers' Union, this Ministry has embarked upon a Hinterland Teacher-Training Programme.

It is designed to up-grade teachers of the hinterland areas who would not have had the opportunity for improving their qualifications and later allow them to undergo training with other students of our Teacher-Training Institutions.

By August of this year, 55 of these students should qualify to join the ranks of trained teachers serving in the hinterland.

- (b) This Ministry and the Guyana Teachers' Union are working together in conducting up-gradng programmes for acting teachers in other parts of the country.
- (c) Of great significance to the Ministry's efforts of up-gradng all teachers is the establishment of the National Centre for Education Resource Development. Here teachers meet, exchange ideas and acquire resource material through the many workshops/seminars conducted at this Centre.
- (d) Seminars/Workshops are also organised, on a regular basis, in the Regions to develop skills related to the effective teaching of the various subjects in the Curriculum.

No. 68 - Pound Fees

Cde. Basir asked the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Is it true that after his 3 cows had been seized a farmer in Plantation Hope, East Coast Demerara was required to pay \$160, a sum considerable in excess of the statutory fee per animal, to the pound to secure their release?

(ii) If true, will the Minister say whether he will take steps to ensure that such mal-practices cease?

(Notice Paper No. 161 published 1987-03-04)

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The management at Hope Coconut Industries Limited has no knowledge of the alleged incident.

For Written Reply

No. 69 - Persons sent Overseas by N.I.S.

Cde. Belgrave asked the Minister in the Ministry of Health the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister furnish information as to the number of persons sent overseas by National Insurance Scheme during 1986 for treatment, the names of the countries to which they were sent, the period of their sojourn in each, and the total cost to the Scheme?

(Notice Paper No. 164 published 1987-03-04)

The Minister of Finance on behalf of the Minister in the Ministry of Health gave the following reply:

ANSWER: (i) Number of Persons sent abroad for medical treatment:

During 1986, twenty-seven (27) insured persons were granted permission to proceed abroad for medical treatment at the expense of the National Insurance Board.

(ii) Countries visited and duration:

Of this number fifteen of those persons have so far returned and submitted claims for reimbursement. The countries in which they received medical treatment and the duration of their stay are given below:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>NO. OF PERSONS</u>	<u>NO. OF DAYS</u>
United States of America	7	125*
United Kingdom	5	85
Canada	1	18
Jamaica	1	10
Barbados	1	not yet available

(iii) \$146,916.60 has been reimbursed for 1986.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bills which were read the first time:

- (1) RICE FACTORIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 3/1987 - published 1987-06-06

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Rice Factories Act.

(Circulated)

- (2) CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE BILL 1987 - Bill No. 4/1987

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the implementation by Guyana of the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF RT. HON. ERROL W. BARROW

The Prime Minister moved and spoke to the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of the Rt. Hon. Errol Walton Barrow, Q.C., Prime Minister of Barbados, and directs that an expression of its condolences be conveyed to his sorrowing relatives and to the Government and People of Barbados.

(Notice Paper No. 207 published 1987-06-09)

The Minority Leader seconded and spoke to the motion.

Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried with Members standing.

ITEM 2 - ABOLITION OF ROAD TOLLS

Cde. Nokta moved and spoke to the following motion:

WHEREAS road tolls are burden on already heavily-taxed Guyanese;

AND WHEREAS the administration involved in the collection of tolls is costly and unnecessary:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends the abolition of road tolls.

(Notice Paper No. 96 published 1986-07-03)

Mr. M.F. Singh seconded and spoke to the motion.

Mr. Kwayana and the Minister of Finance spoke to the motion.

Cde. Nokta replied.

Thereafter the motion was put and negatived on the following division.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Kwayana	Cde. Thom-Lindie
Mr. Singh	Cde. Domingo
Cde. Belgrave	Cde. I. Ally
Cde. Basir	Cde. Abrahams
Cde. Nokta	Cde. Khan
Cde. S.F. Mohamed	Cde. Charles
Cde. Collymore	Cde. Semple
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud	Cde. Trotman
Cde. C. Jagan	Cde. B. Persaud
	Cde. Marshall
	Cde. Edwards
	Cde. Deygo
	Cde. DeJesus
	Cde. Cumberbatch
	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. Kissoon

FOR

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AGAINST

B/F: 29

Cde. Johnson
 Cde. Harewood-Benn
 Cde. Van West-Charles
 Cde. Thomas
 Cde. Murray
 Cde. Prashad
 Cde. Jackson
 Cde. Parris
 Cde. Burnham
 Cde. Chandisingh
 Cde. Green

Total 9

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SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4:21 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.44 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

ITEM 3 -- NO-CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT'S MINING POLICY

Mr. Kwayana moved and spoke to the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly has no confidence in the Government's mining policy, including its policy on precious metals.

(Notice Paper No. 102 published 1986-07-30)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud seconded and spoke to the motion.

Cde. Nokta, Mr. M.F. Singh, Cde. Basir and the Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, spoke to the motion.

Mr. Kwayana replied.

Thereafter the motion was put and negatived.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.27 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to Wednesday, 17th June, 1987, at 2.00 p.m.

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 SPEAKER
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PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
 PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
 GEORGETOWN.

1987-06-17