

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 49TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1986-1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 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 (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 (Absent)

Other Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

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

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., M.P., Minister of Trade and Tourism

Other Ministers (13)

Senior Ministers (6)

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

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)  
 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  
 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)

Ministers of State (2)

- Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Development  
 Cde. Stella Odic-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. (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P.  
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.  
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. M. Ally, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.  
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.  
 Cde. Anna Ally, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 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.  
 Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.  
 Cde. Edith Deygo, M.P.  
 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. (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P.

\*Non-elected Member

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

Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P.  
Cde. P. Singh, J.P., 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. 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)  
Cde. M. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/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. (Absent - on leave)  
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. G.E.F. Moses, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Shahabuddeen, Sawh, Gill-Mingo, and Amna Ally for that day's sitting, and Cde. Deen up to the end of the year.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1987

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 3/1987 and, thereafter, moved the following motion:-

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1987 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision of the Current Estimates totalling \$47,000.00 for the period ended 31st December, 1986 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1986).

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed

\* On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED**, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"**RESOLVED**, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1987 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision of the Current Estimates totalling \$47,000.00 for the period ended 31st December, 1986 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1986)."

ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 4/1987

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 4/1987 and, thereafter, moved the following motion:

## BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 4/1987 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$38,740,149 for the period ended 11th December, 1987 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1987).

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution.

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 4/1987 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$38,740,149 for the period ended 11th December, 1987 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1987)."

ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5/1987

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 5/1987 and, thereafter, moved the following motion:

## BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 5/1987 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$205,001,892 for the period ended 11th December, 1987.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 5/1987 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$205,001,892 for the period ended 11th December, 1987."

Christmas Greetings

As that was the last sitting before Christmas, the Speaker extended to all Members of the National Assembly and their families, the Staff of Parliament Office and the Press best wishes for a very merry Christmas.

The Prime Minister, the Minority Leader, Mr. Abraham and Mr. Kwayana thanked the Speaker and reciprocated the good wishes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 16:17 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Monday, 28th December, 1987.

*S. Narain*  
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Speaker  
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