

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 50TH 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, 28TH 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

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 (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
- 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 (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. (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.
- 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. (Absent)
- 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.
- Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
- Cde. Edith Deygoo, M.P.
- Cde. Clarice Edwards, M.P.
- Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P.
- Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.
- Cde. B. Porsaud, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P.

(One Vacancy)

*Non-elected Member

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

Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
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)
(Absent - on leave)
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) (Absent)
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. M. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
(One Vacancy)

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. (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. G.E.F. Moses, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Resignation of Cde. Joycelyn Thom-Lindie

The Speaker announced that he had been informed that Cde. Joycelyn Thom-Lindie, who had been a member of the Regional Democratic Council for Region 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice and who had been elected by that Council to be a member of the National Assembly had resigned as a member of the Regional Democratic Council on 11th November, 1987. The Speaker said that with Cde. Thom-Lindie's resignation from the Regional Democratic Council, she had ceased to be a member of the National Assembly and that the necessary steps are being taken to fill the vacancy in the Assembly.

(ii) Resignation of Cde. Enerva Trotman

The Speaker informed the Assembly that in a letter dated 22nd December, 1987, Cde. Trotman resigned as a member of the National Assembly. With Cde. Trotman's resignation, a seat in the National Assembly had become vacant. In accordance with Section 99A of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03, he had called upon the representative of the list of candidates from which Cde. Trotman's name had been extracted to further extract from the said list the name of a person to fill the vacancy.

(iii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, Cde. Nellie Charles and Cde. Rose Semple for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-By the Minister of Regional Development:

- (i) Town of Linden (Constitution) (Amendment) Order, 1987 (No. 56), made under section 33 of the Municipal and District Councils Act, Chapter 28:01 on 13th November, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 21st November, 1987.

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- (ii) Rose Hall Town (Constitution) (Amendment) Order 1987 (No. 57), made under section 33 of the Municipal and District Councils Act, Chapter 28:01 on 13th November, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 21st November, 1987.

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- (iii) Corriverton Town (Constitution) (Amendment) Order 1987 (No. 58), made under section 33 of the Municipal and District Councils Act, Chapter 28:01 on 13th November, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 21st November, 1987.

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REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON
DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Importation of Waste

At the request of the Minority Leader, permission was granted to him to move the Adjournment of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing the importation of Waste into Guyana.

It was agreed that the discussion would take place on the conclusion of the debate on the motion on the Report of the Commission of Inquiry (Integrity Commission)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION - REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (INTEGRITY COMMISSION)

The Vice-President, National Mobilisation, and Deputy Prime Minister, on behalf of the Prime Minister, moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Government has always been of the considered opinion that integrity should be maintained by persons in public life;

AND WHEREAS the President by commission dated 15th August, 1986, issued under section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, Cap. 19:03, appointed the following commissioners, namely, -

- (1) Cde. Ronald Hewloy Luckhoo, C.C.H., chairman;
- (2) Cde. Joseph Honry Pollydore, C.C.H.;
- (3) Cde. Harold Jules de Cambra, A.A.,

to inquire into and make a report containing recommendations as to -

- (1) the need for a code of conduct for persons holding positions in public life, including public officers and members and employees of public corporations, and, if it is necessary to have a code of conduct, the provisions thereof and the categories of persons to whom the code should apply;
- (2) whether the aforesaid code of conduct should be legally enforceable, and if so the nature of the authority to enforce it;
- (3) the consequences of the contravention of the code of conduct, including penalties;
- (4) whether any amendments to the Constitution or other existing written laws are necessary to give effect to the recommendations of the commissioners and if so their nature,

and all other incidental and consequential matters connected therewith;

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid commissioners submitted their report to the President on 4th June, 1987;

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid report has been presented to this National Assembly by the Prime Minister;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly accepts in principle the recommendations of the aforesaid commissioners on the matters referred to them for inquiry and report, and recommends early implementation thereof.

The Deputy Speaker, Cde. Bovell-Drakes, the Parliamentary Secretary, Education, Cde. Collymore and the Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 16:25 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 14.00 hrs, on Tuesday, 29th December, 1987.

S. NARAIN
SPEAKER

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
GEORGETOWN.

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