

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 51ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1986-1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON TUESDAY, 29TH 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,  
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

\*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. Harwood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information and  
the Public Service

\*Non-elected Member:

- \*Cds. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture.
- \*Cds. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Education.
- \*Cds. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works (Absent)
- \*Cds. Dr. N.E. Blackman, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

#### Ministers (5)

- Cds. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of National Mobilisation.
- Cds. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister in the Office of the President
- Cds. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister of Forestry
- \*Cds. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
- Cds. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy

#### Ministers of State (2)

- Cds. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Development.
- Cds. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs

#### Parliamentary Secretaries (2)

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

#### Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cds. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P., Government Chief Whip

#### Other Members (23)

- Cds. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton, M.P. (Absent - on - leave)
  - Cds. A.K. Habibulla, M.P.
  - Cds. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
  - Cds. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
  - Cds. M. Ally, M.P.
  - Cds. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.
  - Cds. H. Doobay, M.P. (Absent)
  - Cds. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
  - Cds. Edwina Melville, M.P. (Absent)
  - Cds. Anne Ally, M.P.
  - Cds. L.R. Arthur, M.P. (Absent)
  - Cds. J.R.L. Bovell-Drakes, M.P.
  - Cds. N. Calistro, M.P.
  - Cds. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.
  - Cds. M.I. Deen, M.P. (Absent - on - leave)
  - Cds. Cyralda A. DeJesus, M.P.
  - Cds. Edith Deygo, M.P.
  - Cds. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.
  - Cds. C.L. Geddes, M.P.
  - Cds. G. Marshall, M.P.
  - Cds. B. Persaud, J.P., M.P.
  - Cds. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P. (Absent)
- (One Vacancy)

\*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)  
(Absent)  
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. Nookta, M.P. (Absent - on - leave)  
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.  
Cde. C.C. Belgrava, 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. (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

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (INTEGRITY COMMISSION)

Assembly resumed the debate on 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 Hawley Luckhoo, C.C.H., chairman;
- (2) Cde. Joseph Henry 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.

(Notice Paper No. 222 (M 111) published 1987-10-12)

The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, the Minister in the Ministry of Medical Education, Environment and Food Policy, Cde. Mohamed, Cde. Amna Ally and Cde. Cumberbatch spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 16:00 hrs, the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 16:30 hrs, the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Kwayana spoke to the motion and moved the following amendment:

Deletion of the words "on the matters referred to them for inquiry and report" in the Resolved Clause.

The Deputy Speaker seconded the amendment.

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General and the Minority Leader spoke.

Mr. Kwayana replied to his amendment.

The Prime Minister replied to the motion.

The amendment was put and negatived.

The motion was then put and carried.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 19:45 hrs, the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 20:00 hrs, the sitting was resumed.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCEIMPORTATION OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE

In accordance with the leave given by the Assembly at its sitting on 28th December, 1987, the Minority Leader moved the Adjournment of the Assembly and spoke on the matter concerning the importation into Guyana of industrial waste.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Planning and Development, also spoke on the matter.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 12

On a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, and with the leave of the Speaker, Standing Order No. 12 was suspended to enable Reports, etc., to be presented at this stage.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

By the Minister of Finance:

Sugar Levy (Reduction) Order 1987  
made under 4(2) of the Sugar  
Levy Act, Chapter 83:01, on 29<sup>th</sup>  
December, 1987.

By the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs:

(i) Annual Report of the Guyana Police  
Force for the year 1986.

(HAP: 21<sup>II</sup>) (Circulated)

(ii) Annual Report of the Guyana Prison  
Service for the year 1986.

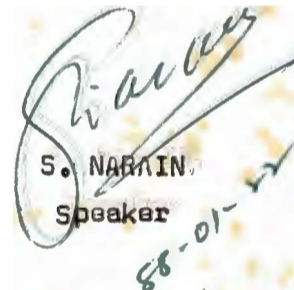
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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Speaker extended New Year Greetings to all Members of the Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT

At 21:35 hours, on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



S. NARMIN  
Speaker  
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