

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 2ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD

SESSION (1991) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1991

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

Speaker

- * Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., S.C., J.P., M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (60)

Prime Minister

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Prime Minister (Absent)

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

- * Cde. K.S. Massiah, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister
of Legal Affairs

Deputy Prime Minister (2)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Works,
Communications and Regional Development

Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Trade,
Tourism and Industry

Senior Ministers (6)

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

*Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture

*Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education and Cultural Development
(Absent - on leave)

*Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Works,
Communications and Regional Development

Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of the
President

*Cde. Rabbian Ali-Khan, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security

Ministers (6)

Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry

*Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture

Cde. J.T. Kisson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President

Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P. Minister in the Ministry of Labour,
Human Services and Social Security

*Non-elected Member

Government Chief Whip (1)

Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira

Other Members (32)

Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P.
 Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P.
 Cde. R.E. Jackson, O.R., M.P.
 Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P.
 Cde. S. Prashad, M.P.
 Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P.
 Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P.
 Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P.
 Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P.
 Cde. M. Corrica, M.P.
 Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
 Cde. Joyce Munroe, M.P.
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
 Cde. Anna Ally, M.P.
 Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
 Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.
 Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.
 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. K. Sankar, A.A., M.P., (Absent)
 Cde. E.L. Fraser, M.P.
 Cde. Mignon D. Griffith, M.P.
 Cde. P.E. Rockcliffe, M.P.

(There are two vacancies)

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. C. Vandenburg, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
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. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)
Cde. Ajoodhia, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
Cde. D. Fernandes, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Members of the Minority (11)

(i) People's Progressive Party (8)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (5)

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

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Absent)
Mr. M.A. Abraham, A.A., M.P.

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Mr. E. Kwayana, M.P.

OFFICERS

Cde. M. B. Henry, Acting Clerk of the National Assembly
Cde. E. W. Kendall Acting Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. D.M.A. Bernard and C.C. Collymore for that day's Sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER No. 6/1991

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. 6/1991, and thereafter moved the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 6/1991 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates totalling \$511,439,188 for 1991.

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. 6/1991 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates totalling \$511,439,188 for 1991."

ITEM 2 - EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the following motion:

WHEREAS by Proclamation made by the President on the 28th day of November, 1991, and published in the Gazette dated 29th November, 1991, it was declared that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of article 150 of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS in pursuance of article 150 of the Constitution the said Proclamation shall expire on 11th December, 1991, unless the National Assembly sooner resolves that it shall continue in force for a further period, not exceeding six months, beginning on the date on which it would otherwise expire;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary in the public interest that the said Proclamation shall continue in force for a further period not exceeding six months, unless sooner revoked:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT the Proclamation made by the President on the 28th day of November, 1991, and published in the Gazette dated 29th November, 1991, in so far as it relates to a state of public emergency, do continue in force until the expiry of the 10th day of June, 1992 unless sooner revoked.

At the request of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs "1992" was inserted after "June, in the resolved clause.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion and moved the following amendment:-

Substitution of "31st day of December 1991" for "10th day of June, 1992" in the resolved clause.

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

Substitution of "31st day of January, 1992" for "10th day of June, 1992" in the resolved clause.

Mr. M. A. Abraham spoke to the motion.

Mr. Mohamed seconded Mr. Kwayana's amendment.

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs replied.

The amendment by the Deputy Speaker was not proposed as it was not seconded.

The amendment by Mr. Kwayana was put and negatived.

The motion was then put and carried on the following division:-

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Cde. Fernandes	Mr. Kwayana
Cde. Ajoodhia	Cde. M.A. Abraham
Cde. Stephens	Cde. S.F. Mohamed
Cde. McGarrell	Cde. C.C. Belgrave
Cde. I. Ally	Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud
Cde. Abraham	
Cde. Khan	
Cde. Vandenburg	
Cde. Bishop	
Cde. Charles	
Cde. P. Singh	
Cde. Sample	
Cde. Rockcliffe	
Cde. Griffith	
Cde. Fraser	
Cde. B. Porsaud	
Cde. Marshall	
Cde. Geddes	
Cde. Edwards	
Cde. Deygoo	
Cde. DeJesus	
Cde. Deen	
Cde. Cumberbatch	
Cde. Calistro	
Cde. A. Ally	
Cde. Melville	
Cde. Munroe	
Cde. Doobay	
Cde. Gill-Mingo	
Cde. Fowler	
Cde. P. Rayman	
Cde. Corrica	
Cde. Bancroft	
Cde. Denny	
Cde. Johnson	
Cde. Harewood-Benn	
Cde. Prashad	
Cde. Thomas	
Cde. Jackson	
Cde. Parris	
Cde. Burnham	
Cde. Ferreira	
Cde. Persico	
Cde. Odie-Ali	
Cde. Harding	
Cde. Kissoon	
Cde. Sawh	
Cde. Sharma	
Cde. Murray	
Cde. Corbin	

TOTAL

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ADJOURNMENT

At 3.50 p.m., on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Health, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

S. Narain
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Speaker
91-12-18

Parliament Office,
Public Buildings
Georgetown.

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