

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 45TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990/1991) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON MONDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1991
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (72)

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 (60)

Prime Minister (1)

- + Cde. H. Green, M.P., Prime Minister

Other Vice-President and Deputy Prime Minister (1)

- + Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P., Vice-President, Culture and Social Development and Deputy Prime Minister

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

Other Deputy Prime Minister (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

Senior Ministers (8)

- ++ Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance
+ Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Senior Minister in the Ministry of Planning
and Development
+ Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade and Tourism
+ Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Regional Development
Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Senior Minister in the
Office of the President
* Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture
* Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent - on leave)
* Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Communications and Works

Ministers (8)

- Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Regional
Development
+ Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister of Labour and Co-operatives
Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Utilities
* Cde. v.v. Parvatan, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture
Cde. J.T. Kisson, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister
Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of the Public Service
Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Culture
and Social Development (Absent - on leave)

+ Cabinet Member

* Non-elected Member

Government Chief Whip (1)

Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira

Other Members (26)

Cde. R.E. Jackson, O.R., M.P., (Absent)
Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P.
Cde. K.W.E. Denny, 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. H. Doobay, M.P.
Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., 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. (Absent)
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. Rockliffe, 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/Supernaam)
Cde. E. Abrahams, M.S., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Island/West Demerara)
Cde. I. Ally, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
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. 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

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P., (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P.
 Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.
 Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

(There are two vacancies)

(ii) United Force (2)

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

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

(Vacant)

OFFICER

Cde. M.B. Henry, Acting Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Acting Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Persico, Janet Jagan and Basir for that day's sitting.

(ii) Vacation of Seats

The Speaker informed Members that Cdes. H. Nokta and C.C. Belgrave were absent from seven consecutive sittings of the National Assembly on -

- (i) Monday, 14th January, 1991
- (ii) Monday, 4th February, 1991
- (iii) Wednesday, 20th February, 1991
- (iv) Monday, 25th February, 1991
- (v) Tuesday, 26th February, 1991
- (vi) Wednesday, 27th February, 1991
- (vii) Thursday, 28th February, 1991

Therefore in accordance with articles 54 and 156(1)(b) of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 77(2) they had vacated their seats in the National Assembly.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingAPPROPRIATION BILL 1991 - Bill No. 8/1991 - published 1991-02-28

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read a first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1991 estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL 1991 - Bill No. 8/1991 - published 1991-02-28

The Minister ^{in the Minister of Health} ~~of Finance~~ on a motion by the following was read a second and the third time and passed as printed:-

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 1991, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of that sum for specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

ITEM 2 - BANKING LAWS BILL 1991 - Bill No. 3/1991 published 1991-01-22

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to authorise the issue of variable interest rate fixed date debentures and to include such debentures as liquid assets under the Banking Act.

The Bill was put and carried.

The motion was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 3 - ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 6/1991 published 1991-02-15

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Representation of the People Act and the Election Law (Reform) Act.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs replied.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed

ITEM 4 - INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF GUYANA BILL 1991 - Bill No. 2/1991 published 1991-01-12

The Minister of Regional Development informed Members that the second reading of the above Bill would be taken on Tuesday, 5th March, 1991.

MOTION

ITEM 5 - EXPULSION OF CDE. ISAHAK BASIR, M.P.

The Minister of Regional Development moved the following motion and amendment thereto:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Cde. Isahak Basir, M.P., be expelled from the service of the Assembly.

Amendment

Insertion of the following immediately before the word "BE":-

"WHEREAS on the 14th January, 1991, Cde. Isahak Basir, M.P., without lawful permission removed the mace from its accustomed place on the Table in the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS on the date aforesaid, Cde. Isahak Basir assaulted the Speaker by violently throwing a drinking glass at him;

AND WHEREAS such misconduct on the part of Cde. Isahak Basir is an insult to the Speaker and the dignity of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the assault on the Speaker constitutes a crime punishable at law;

AND WHEREAS Cde. Isahak Basir's behaviour on the date aforesaid constitutes grossly disorderly conduct;

NOW THEREFORE".

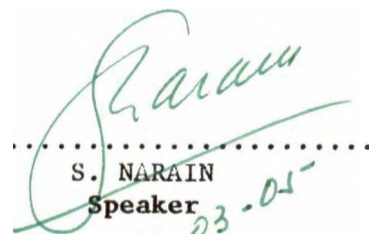
Cde. Anna Ally and the Prime Minister spoke to the motion.

The amendment was put and carried.

Thereafter the motion as amended was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.00 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th March, 1991.


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S. NARAIN
Speaker
91-03-05

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
GEORGETOWN.

1991-03-04.