

NATIONAL
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 55TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990-1991) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1991
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

Speaker

* Cde. Sase Narain, U.R., S.C., J.P., M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent - on leave)

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

Prime Minister

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

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

* Cde. K.S. Massiah, U.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General
and Minister of Legal Affairs (Absent)

Deputy Prime Minister (2)

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

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 (Absent - on leave)

* Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent - on leave)

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

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

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

* Cde. Rabbian Ali-Khan, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security (Absent - on leave)

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. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

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

Cde. Stella Ude-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 (Absent)

Government Chief Whip (1)

Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira

*Non-elected Member

Other Members (32)

Cde. Viola V. Burnham, U.R., M.P.
Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P.
Cde. R.E. Jackson, U.R., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. S. Prashad, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. Yvonne V. Harwood-Benn, M.P. (Absent) - on leave
Cde. Urma 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. H. Doobay, M.P.
Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
Cde. Anna Alky, M.P.
Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.
Cde. Cyrida A. DeJesus, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. Edith Deygo, 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) (Absent)
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 Island/
West Demerara)
Cde. I. Alky, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
Cde. S.I. McGarrick, M.P., (Region No. 8 - Pptaro/Siparuni)
Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)
Cde. Afoodhia, 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)

(Vacant)

(ii) United Force (2)

Cde. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Absent)

(There is one vacancy)

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

(Vacant)

OFFICERS

Cde. E.W. Kendall Acting Clerk of the National Assembly
Cde. M. Jordan Acting Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Acting Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference New Delhi

The Presiding Member announced that the Speaker, Cde. Sase Narain, and the Acting Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. Maurice Henry left Guyana to attend the 37th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in New Delhi, India from September 23 to September 27, 1991.

(ii) Leave

Leave had been granted to Cdes. Harewood-Benn, Ali-Khan, DeJesus, Cumberbatch and McKenzie for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry on behalf of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs:

(i) Tax Laws (Modification) Order 1991 (No. 47)

(Circulated)

(ii) Financial Paper No. 5/1991 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$885,000,000 for 1991.

(Circulated)

(iii) Annual Report of the Inland Revenue Department for the year 1990.

(Circulated)

After presenting Financial Paper No. 5 of 1991, the Deputy Prime Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry stated that at a later stage and with the Speaker's permission a motion would be moved for the suspension of Standing Order No. 68(1) to enable the Assembly to proceed.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND
MOVED BY A MINISTER -Suspension of Standing Order No. 68(1)

With the leave of the Speaker, the Minister in the Ministry of Health moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 68(1) be suspended to enable Financial Paper No. 5 of 1991 to be considered at the sitting of the Assembly on Wednesday, 18th September, 1991.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -Presentation and First Reading

The Minister of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Government presented the following bills which was read a first time.

1. NATIONAL SECURITY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (REPEAL) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 22/1991 published 1991-09-16

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act.

2. FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 23/1991 published 1991-09-16

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Firearms Act.

3. PAROLE BILL 1991 - Bill No. 24/1991 published 1991-09-16

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for releasing convicted prisoners on parole and for matters connected therewith.

4. BUUREAU OF STATISTICS BILL 1991 - Bill No. 25/1991 published 1991-09-16

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry on behalf of the Government presented the following Bill which was read a first time.

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment and functions of the Bureau of Statistics and for purposes connected therewith.

5. RICE (REGULATION OF MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 26/1991 published 1991-09-16

The Minister of Agriculture on behalf of the Government presented the following Bill which was read a first time.

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Rice (Regulation of Manufacturing and Marketing) Act 1985.

6. OLD METAL DEALERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 27/1991 - published 1991-09-18

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bills which was read a first.

(i) A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Old Metal Dealers Act.

7. FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 28/1991 published 1991-09-18

(ii) A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Income Tax Act and the Corporation Tax Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 1 MEDICAL PRACTITIONER BILL 1991 - Bill No. 13/1991
published 1991-06-29

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make new provision for the registration of medical practitioners and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1991-07-26)

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through the remaining stages and passed after the following Amendments had been made.

ITEM 2 CANE FARMERS SPECIAL FUNDS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 16/1991
published 1991-08-17

The Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture moved the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Sugar Industry Special Funds Act, the National Cane Farming Committee Act and the Cane Farmers Rehabilitation Fund Act.

(Read a first time on 1991-09-11)

The motion was put and carried.

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

MOTIONS:ITEM 3 AFFIRMATION OF THE TAX LAWS (MODIFICATION) ORDER 1991 (No. 47)

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Section 51 of the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act 1986, Act No. 3 of 1986, affirms the Tax Laws (Modification) Order 1991 which was made on the 16th day of September, 1991 and published in an Extraordinary issue of the Gazette dated 17th September, 1991.

(Notice Paper No. 116 (M62 Govt 40) published 1991-09-17)

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5/1991

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 5/1991.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 17(2) of the Constitution the Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry signified Cabinet's Recommendation and moved the following motion: -

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 5/1991 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision - Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$1,050,500,000 for 1991

After consideration of the Schedule the motion was put and carried:

Assembly resumed

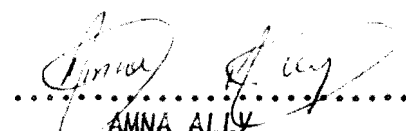
On a motion by the Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry the Assembly adopted the following Resolutions:-

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

¹/₂ RESOLVED, That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 5/1991 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$1,050,500,000 for 1991

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.15 p.m. on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Health, the Assembly was adjourned to the 20th September, at 2.00 p.m.


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AMNA ALLY
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

1991-09-19