

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 58TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990-1991) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 26TH 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

Deputy Prime Minister (2)

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Public Works,
Communications and Regional Development (Absent - on leave)
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)
- * 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
- * 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. Kissoon, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health
- Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. Stella Udie-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

Government Chief Whip (1)

Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira

*Non-elected Member

Other Members (32)

Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P.
 Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. R.E. Jackson, O.R., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P.
 Cde. S. Prashad, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P. (Absent)
 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. Kayman, M.P.
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.
 Cde. H. Doobas, 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. (Absent)
 Cde. M.I. Veen, M.P.
 Cde. Cynilda A. DeJesus, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. Edith Deygoo, M.P.
 Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.
 Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P. (Absent)
 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. 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 K. 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. Enia 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)
 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. V. 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

PRAVERS

The Acting Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Press and Video

Approval has been given for the media both Press and Video to do coverage of that day's sitting.

(ii) Leave

Leave had been granted to -

Cde. Parris from 20th September to 30th September, 1991,
Cde. Corbin, Jackson, Harding and McKenzie from that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

By the Prime Ministers

Annual Report and Accounts of the Guyana
sugar Corporation for the year 1990.

(Circulated)

By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs:

National Registration (Residents) (Revision
of Registers) Regulation 1991.

(Circulated)

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND
MOVED BY A MINISTER -Suspension of Standing Order No. 46, (2) (3)

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

That Standing Order No. 46(2) (3) be
suspended to enable the Bank of Guyana (Amendment)
Bill - No. 30 of 1991 to be considered at the sitting
of the Assembly on Thursday, 26th September, 1991.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -Presentation and First Reading1. EXPORT AND IMPORT (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) (NO. 2) BILL 1991 -
Bill No. 33/1991

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government presented
the following Bill:

A BILL entitled AN ACT to amend the
Export and Import (Special Provisions)
ACT 1986.

2. ELECTIONS LAW (REFORM) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 33/1991

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government presented the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Election Law (Reform) Act and to validate the Preliminary List.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1. BUREAU OF STATISTICS BILL 1991 - Bill No. 27/1991

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

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

(Read a first time on 1991-09-18)

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.

ITEM 2. RICE (REGULATION OF MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 26/1991 published 1991-09-16

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

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

(Read a first time on 1991-09-18)

ITEM 3. OLD METAL DEALERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 27/1991 published 1991-09-17

The Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry of Trade and Tourism and Industry moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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

(Read a first time on 1991-09-18)

ITEM 4. FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 28/1991

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

The motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 5. TRADE UNION RECOGNITION BILL 1991 - Bill No. 29/1991
published 1991-09-17

The Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, ^{d.}
~~moved~~ the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for
the improvement and promotion of
Industrial relations by the establish-
ment of procedures for the certifying of
Trade Unions as recognised majority unions
and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1991-09-20)

The second reading of this Bill was deferred to a date to be fixed.

ITEM 6. BANK OF GUYANA (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - Bill No. 30/1991

The Deputy Prime Minister, Trade, Tourism and Industry moved
the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Bank of Guyana Act.

(Read a first time on 1991-09-24)

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.

ADJOURNMENT

At p.m. on a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of
Health, the Assembly was adjourned to the 27th September, 1991, at 2.00 p.m.

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AMNA ALLY
Presiding Member

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

1991-09-30.