

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 3RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
FIRST SESSION (1981) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1981

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (82)

Speaker (1)

Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P.

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (69)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. P.A. Reid, O.E., M.P.

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., (Works and Transport)
Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P. (Economic Planning and Finance)
Cde. H. Green, M.P. (Public Welfare) (Absent)
Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P. (Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State
Relations)

Senior Ministers (10)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P. (Higher Education)
Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P. (Regional Development)
Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P. (National Development)
* Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P. (Trade and Consumer Protection)
* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P. (Energy and Mines)
* Cde. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General (Justice) (Absent)
* Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P. (Foreign Affairs) (Absent - on leave)
* Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P. (Agriculture) (Absent - on leave)
* Cde. S. Moore, M.P. (Home Affairs)
* Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P. (Education)

Ministers (13)

Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P. (Environment and Water Supply, in
the Ministry of Public Welfare)
Cde. U. Johnson, M.P. (Co-operatives)
Cde. J. Maitland-Singh, M.P. (Consumer Protection, in the Ministry of
Trade and Consumer Protection)
Cde. S. Prashad, M.P. (Crops and Livestock, in the Ministry of
Agriculture)
Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P. (Finance, in the Ministry of Economic
Planning and Finance)
Cde. R. Williams, M.P. (Fisheries, in the Ministry of Agriculture)
* Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P. (Mechanical Equipment, in the Ministry of
Works and Transport) (Absent)
* Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P. (Information) (Absent)

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* Non elected Member

- * Cdo. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P. (Forestry, in the Ministry of Agriculture)
- * Cdo. Y. Harewood-Bonn, M.P. (Public Service) (Absent - on leave)
- * Cdo. H. Rashid, M.P. (Office of the President)
- * Cdo. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P. (Drainage and Irrigation, in the Ministry of Agriculture)
- * Cdo. R. Van West-Charles, M.P. (Health, in the Ministry of Public Welfare)

Ministers of State (3)

- Cdo. M. Corrica, M.P. (Culture, in the Ministry of Education)
- Cdo. R. Frodoricks, A.A., M.P. (Sport and Youth, in the Ministry of National Development)
- * Cdo. C.E. Wright, M.P. (Construction, in the Ministry of Works and Transport)

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cdo. A. Bend-Kirton, M.P. (Women's Affairs and Housing)
- Cdo. P.A. Rayman, M.P. (Office of the Prime Minister)
- * Cdo. E.M. Bynoe, M.P. (Office of the Prime Minister)

Other Members (23)

- Cdo. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P.
- Cdo. M. Ally, M.P.
- Cdo. M. Armogan, M.P.
- Cdo. B. Beniprashad, M.P.
- Cdo. B. Bhaggan, M.P.
- Cdo. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.
- Cdo. A.A. Chin, M.P.
- Cdo. E.B. Davidson, M.P.
- Cdo. H. Doobay, M.P.
- Cdo. A.B. Felix, M.P.
- Cdo. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cdo. P. Fredericks, M.P.
- Cdo. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.
- Cdo. J. Gill, M.P.
- Cdo. A. McRae, M.P.
- Cdo. J.M. Munroe, M.P.
- Cdo. R.N. Primo, M.P.
- Cdo. C.G. Sharma, M.P.
- Cdo. H.L.B. Singh, M.P.
- Cdo. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
- Cdo. B. Tiwari, M.P.
- Cdo. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
- Cdo. H.B. Walcott, J.P., M.P.

Members from the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs (2)

- Cdo. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P.
- Cdo. B. Latchmanarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

- Cdo. K. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
- Cdo. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
- Cdo. C.A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
- Cdo. W. Bipat, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
- Cdo. H. London, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
- Cdo. I. Chowritmootoo, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corontyne)
- Cdo. N. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
- Cdo. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
- Cdo. A. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)
- Cdo. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

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* Non elected Member

Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. C. Jagan, M.P.

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karan, M.P.

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.
Cde. Reepu Daman Porsaud, J.P., M.P., Minority Chief Whip
Cde. N. Porsaud, M.P.
Cde. C. Collymore, M.P.
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.
Cde. C.C. Delgrave, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

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

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A.
Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. M.B. Henry

PRAVERS

OATHS

The oath of office was made and subscribed by
Cde. Sheik Feroze Mohamed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cde. Tyndall up to 20th February, 1981, and
- (b) Cde. Harewood-Bonn up to 21st February, 1981.

(ii) Broadcast of Speeches

The Speaker referred to Standing Order No. 81 and informed the Assembly that following a request for the broadcasting of speeches during the debate on the President's Address, he had invited and had had discussions on the matter with representatives of the Government and of the Minority.

He stated that he had decided to give permission for the proceedings to be broadcast.

Whether broadcasts were live or subsequent, the condition on which he had given permission for such broadcasts to be made was that the period of broadcasting time given must be in proportion to the representation in the National Assembly, i.o.

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for every hour of broadcasting time, the People's National Congress must be given 48 minutes and the Minority must be given 12 minutes.

This permission with the condition attached, was also given for and must apply to future broadcasts such as the broadcast dealing with the Budget, etc.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Vice-President (Economic Planning and Finance):

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Guyana National Co-operative Bank for the year year 1979.

(ST: 28/1/5/3)(Circulated)

(b) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 1981 (No. 6), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Chapter 1:07, on the 28th of January, 1981, and published in the Gazette on the 3rd of February, 1981.

(ST: 8/5)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister Drainage and Irrigation on behalf of the Senior Minister (Agriculture);

Report of the East Demerara Water Conservancy Board for the year ended 31st December, 1979.

(A: 5/13/2)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

ENERGY BILL 1981 - Bill No. 1/1981

The Vice-President Parliamentary Affairs and Part State Relations, on behalf of the Senior Minister (Energy and Mines), presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision with respect to the nation's resources of and use of energy.

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PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONAPPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Cde. Hinds moved and Cde. Armogan seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the Government's policy adumbrated in the President's Address which was made to the Assembly on Monday, 9th February, 1981.

Cde. Sallahuddin, Minister (Finance), Cde. Jagan, Minority Leader, Cde. Jones and Cde. Moore, Senior Minister (Home Affairs) spoke to the motion.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, Minority Chief Whip, was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.25 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, Minority Chief Whip, continued and concluded his speech.

Cde. Van West-Charles, Minister (Health), Mr. Abraham, Cde. Maitland-Singh, Minister (Consumer Protection), Cde. Bond-Kirton, Parliamentary Secretary (Women's Affairs and Housing), Cde. Williams, Minister (Fisheries) and Cde. Johnson, Minister (Co-operatives) spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

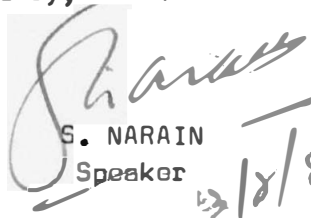
RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Prashad, Minister (Crops and Livestock), Cde. Collymore and Cde. Jack, Senior Minister (Energy and Mines) spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.55 p.m., on a motion by the Vice-President (Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 13th February, .


S. NARAIN
Speaker
3/2/81

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
13th February, 1981