

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 7TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
FIRST SESSION (1981) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 27TH 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)(Absent - on leave)
Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P. Economic Planning and Finance)
Cde. H. Green, M.P. (Public Welfare)
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)(Absent)-
* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P. (Energy and Mines)
* Cde. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General (Justice)
* Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P. (Foreign Affairs)
* Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P. (Agriculture)
* 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)(Absent)
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)
* Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P. (Information)
* Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P. (Forestry, in the Ministry of Agriculture)
* Cde. Y. Harewood-Benn, M.P. (Public Service)(Absent)
* Cde. H. Rashid, M.P. (Office of the President)
* Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P. (Drainage and Irrigation, in the Ministry
of Agriculture)
* Cde. R. Van West-Charles, M.P. (Health, in the Ministry of Public
Welfare)

* Non elected Member

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Ministers of State (3)

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

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

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

Other Members (23)

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

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

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. B. Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P.

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Minority Chief Whip

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.

Cde. C. Collymore, M.P.

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.

Cde. I. Basir, M.P.

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P. (Absent)

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly, Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A.

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

Prayers

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

(i) Cde. Naraine from 22nd February to 15th March, 1981,
and

(ii) Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY
AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

Suspension of Standing Order No. 12

With the leave of the Speaker and on a motion by the Vice-President (Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations), Standing Order No. 12 was suspended to enable a Ministerial Statement to be made during the course of the sitting that day.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION - APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1981

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1981.

Cde. N. Persaud, Cde. Green, Vice-President (Public Welfare) and Cde. Rayman, Parliamentary Secretary (Office of the Prime Minister) spoke to the motion.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Termination of Visitor's Permit to Mr. Robin Jackman

Cde. Corbin, Senior Minister (National Development), made a statement on the termination of a visitor's permit which had been granted to Mr. Robin Jackman, a member of the English touring cricket team, who had played recently in South Africa.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

The Speaker, on behalf of Members and himself, expressed deepest sympathy to Cde. Shahabuddeen, Attorney General (Justice), on the death of his father.

RESUMPTION OF THE BUDGET DEBATE ON THE MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1981

Cde. Bhaggan spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.41 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Rashid, Minister (Office of the President), Cde. Mohamed and Cde. Clarke, Senior Minister (Regional Development) spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.25 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

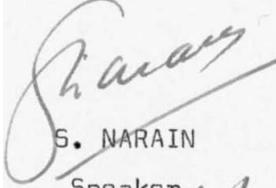
RESUMPTION OF BUDGET DEBATE

Cde. Van Sluytman, Minister (Drainage and Irrigation, in the Ministry of Agriculture), Cde. McRae, Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, Minister (Environment and Water Supply, in the Ministry of Public Welfare) and Cde. Belgrave spoke to the motion.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 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 Monday, 2nd March, 1981.



S. NARAIN
Speaker
2/3/81

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
2nd March, 1981