

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 9TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
FIRST SESSION (1981) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1981

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (82)

Speaker (1)

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

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

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. Dr. 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) (Absent)

* Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P. (Trade and Consumer Protection) (Absent)

* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P. (Energy and Mines) (Absent)

* Cde. Dr. 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.A. Moore, M.P. (Home Affairs) (Absent)

* 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.E. Johnson, M.P. (Co-operatives)

Cde. J.N. 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.E. 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)

* Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P. (Forestry, in the Ministry of Agriculture)

* Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P. (Public Service) (Absent - on leave)

* 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.A. Van West-Charles, M.P. (Health, in the Ministry of Public Welfare)

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* Non elected Member

Ministers of State (3)

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

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A. Bend-Kirton, M.P. (Women's Affairs and Housing)
 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. Beniprashad, 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. (Absent)
 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.
 Cde. B. Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

- Cde. K.N. 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.I. London, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
 Cde. I. Chowritmootoo, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
 Cde. N.R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
 Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
 Cde. A. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)
 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. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P.

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P. (Absent)

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

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.

Cde. C.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.

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.

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. Gilbert, Cde. H.L.B. Singh, Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, Minority Chief Whip and Cde. Tyndall, Senior Minister (Agriculture), spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3.55 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Ally, Cde. Doobay, Cde. Dalchand, Cde. Jackson, Senior Minister (Foreign Affairs), and Cde. R.C. Fredericks, Minister of State (Youth and Sport, in the Ministry of National Development), spoke to the motion.

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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. D. Abraham, Cde. Tiwari, Cde. London and Cde. Ram Karran, Deputy Speaker, spoke to the motion.

Cde. Dr. Reid, Prime Minister, was speaking to the motion when the debate was interrupted to enable the Vice-President (Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations), to move the suspension of Standing Order No. 9(1).

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(1)

At 9.59 p.m., on a motion by the Vice-President (Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations), Standing Order No. 9(1) was suspended to enable the Assembly to sit beyond 10.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE BUDGET DEBATE

Cde. Dr. Reid continued and concluded his speech.

REPORT OF BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to receive and consider the Report of the Business Sub-Committee concerning the allocation of time for the consideration of the 1981 Estimates of Expenditure by the Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

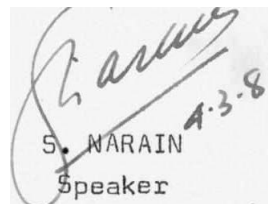
Following a report by the Chairman of the Business Sub-Committee and a motion by the Vice-President (Economic Planning and Finance), the Committee of Supply agreed with the Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee.

Before the Assembly resumed, the Chairman drew Members' attention to the list of corrections to the Estimates and the time table for consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure which had been circulated.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.35 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 Wednesday, 4th March, 1981.



S. NARAIN
Speaker
4-3-81

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
4th March, 1981

BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

MINUTES of the First Meeting of the Business Sub-Committee of the Committee of Supply held on Friday, 27th February, 1981, in the Speaker's Chamber, Public Buildings, Georgetown.

ATTENDANCE

The Speaker of the National Assembly,
Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P. - Chairman

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P.,
Vice-President (Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations)

Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P.,
Senior Minister (Education)

Cde. H. Rashid, M.P.,
Minister (Office of the President)

Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P.,
Minister (Drainage and Irrigation, in the Ministry of Agriculture)

Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary (Office of the Prime Minister)

Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P.

Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.

Cde. H.B. Walcott, J.P., M.P.,
Government Chief Whip

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P.,
Deputy Speaker

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

with

Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly - Secretary
and

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

TIME OF MEETING

The Meeting of the Business Sub-Committee was held -

- (i) from 4.07 p.m. to 4.25 p.m. i.e. during the suspension of the sitting of the National Assembly, and
- (ii) from 10.02 p.m. to 10.05 p.m., i.e. after the adjournment of the sitting of the National Assembly,

on Friday, 27th February, 1981.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the Meeting was to enable the Sub-Committee to consider the allocation of time for consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1981 in the Committee of Supply and the Report to be made to that Committee upon -

- (i) the number of sittings to be allocated to the consideration of the Estimates;
- (ii) the allocation of the proceedings to be taken at each sitting; and
- (iii) the time at which proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

RESOLUTION OF THE BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

27th February, 1981

RESOLVED, That the Business Sub-Committee of the Committee of Supply recommend to the Committee of Supply that -

(i) the number of sittings to be allocated to the consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1981, in the Committee of Supply, should be four;

(ii) the allocation of time for the consideration of the Heads and Divisions of the Estimates in Committee of Supply during the four days allocated should be as shown on the Schedule attached:

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Provided that the time saved any day on the consideration of any Head or Division on that allocated in the attached Schedule may be added that same day to any other Head or Division, as may be decided on by the Chairman of the Committee of Supply;

And provided further that if consideration of all the Heads and Divisions allocated for a day is completed before the scheduled time of completion that day the Committee may proceed that day during the remaining time with consideration of Heads and Divisions allocated for the following day;

(iii) the proceedings at each sitting of the Committee of Supply during consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1981, should, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be concluded at the time recommended in the Schedule attached.

SCHEDULE

CONSIDERATION OF 1981 ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE

Minister/Ministry	No. of Heads and Divisions	Time Allotted (Mins.)
(1) PRIME MINISTER	9	60)
(2) WORKS AND TRANSPORT	11	180) 1st Day
(3) ECONOMIC PLANNING AND FINANCE	14	120)
(4) PUBLIC WELFARE	15	120)
(5) PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PARTY/STATE RELATIONS	2	15) 2nd Day
(6) EDUCATION	31	165)
(7) REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	22	60)
(8) NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	1	60)
(9) TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION	3	60)
(10) ENERGY AND MINES	2	60) 3rd Day
(11) JUSTICE	7	120)
(12) FOREIGN AFFAIRS	2	60)
(13) AGRICULTURE	13	180)
(14) HOME AFFAIRS	7	120) 4th Day
(15) INFORMATION	2	60)
TOTAL:	<u>141</u>	<u>1,440 mins.</u>

4 days at 6 hours per day = 24 hours (1,440 minutes)