

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 17TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FIRST SESSION (1981) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY 8TH JUNE, 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., Speaker of the National Assembly

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

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. Dr. P.A. Reid, O.E., M.P., Prime Minister (Absent)

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Vice-President, Works and Transport (Absent)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Public Welfare (Absent)

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

Senior Ministers (10)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Higher Education

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of Regional Development

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of National Development

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

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

\*Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and  
Minister of Justice (Absent)

\*Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent)

\*Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)

\*Cde. S.A. Moore, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs (Absent - on leave)

\*Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent)

Ministers (13)

Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister, Environment and Water  
Supply, in the Ministry of Public Welfare

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives

Cde. J.N. Maitland-Singh, M.P., Minister, Consumer Protection, in the  
Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent)

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister, Crops and Livestock, in the Ministry  
of Agriculture (Absent)

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic  
Planning and Finance

Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P., Minister, Fisheries, in the Ministry of  
Agriculture (Absent)

\*Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister, Mechanical Equipment, in the  
Ministry of Works and Transport (Absent)

\*Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P., Minister of Information (Absent)

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

\*Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Public Service

\* Non elected Member

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- \* Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister, Office of the President
- \* Cde. R.C. Van Slutyman, M.P., Minister, Drainage and Irrigation, in the Ministry of Agriculture
- \* Cde. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister, Health, in the Ministry of Public Welfare (Absent)

#### Ministers of State (3)

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

#### Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Women's Affairs and Housing
- Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister
- \* Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, 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.D. 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. (Absent)
- Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.
- Cde. J. Gill-Mingo, 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-Nascimento, 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-on leave)
- 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)

\* Non Elected Member

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Cde. N.R. 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) (Absent)  
Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (8)

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cde. Moore for that day's sitting, and
- (b) Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud for two weeks from  
8th June, 1981.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

MISCELLANEOUS ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1981-  
Bill No. 7/1981 published 8.6.81

The Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend certain enactments.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - CONFIRMATION OF CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1981  
(NO. 31)

The Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, confirm the Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1981 (No. 31), which was made and published in the Gazette on 2nd June, 1981.

Cde. J. Jagan, Cde. Dalchand and Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 2- TAX (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1981 - Bill No. 5/1981  
published 26.5.81

The Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Tax Act.

Cde. J. Jagan and the Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

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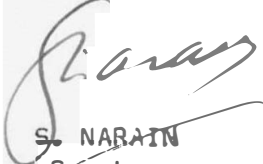
Thereafter, the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.00 p.m., on a motion by the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
S. NARAIN  
-Speaker  
11.6.81

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
11th June, 1981.