

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 22ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
FIRST SESSION (1981) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 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 (Absent)

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

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

Senior Ministers (10)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Higher Education (Absent - on leave)

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P. Minister of Regional Development (Absent - on leave)

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 - on leave)

* 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 (Absent)

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 - on leave)

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

* 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

* Non elected Member

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- * Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Public Service
- * Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister, Office of the President
(Absent - on leave)
- * Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P., Minister, Drainage and Irrigation,
in the Ministry of Agriculture (Absent)
- * 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 (Absent - on leave)

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. (Absent - on leave)
- 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. (Absent - on leave)
- 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. (Absent - on leave)
- 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.
- 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

Cde. N.R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
Cde. A. Dorrick, 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. (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. (Absent)
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Chandisingh, Clarke, Shahabuddeen, Moore, Maitland-Singh, Rashid, Wright, P. Fredericks and Tiwari for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS ETC.

By the Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations, on behalf of the Minister of Home Affairs:

Annual Report of the Guyana Prison Service for the year 1977.

(HA:1/1/2/1^{III})(Circulated)

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PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 1 - NATIONAL INSURANCE BOARD (TRANSFER OF SUPERVISION AND CONTROL)
BILL 1981 - Bill No. 9/1981 published 24.9.81

The Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend certain enactments for the purpose of transferring the supervision and control of the National Insurance Board from the Guyana State Corporation to the Co-operative Finance Administration.

Cde. N. Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, replied.

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

ITEM 2 - PREMIUM BONDS BILL 1981 - Bill No. 10/1981 published 24.9.81

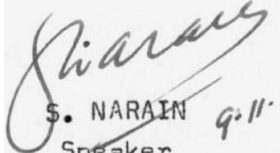
The Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to authorise the raising of loans by the Government, by the issue of Premium Bonds, for purposes related to the defence of Guyana and for other purposes.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.55 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 9.11.81

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
9th November, 1981.