

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 2 RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1981

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (81)

Speaker (1)

- * Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly
- Members of the Government - People's National Congress (68)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Vice-President, Works and Transport
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 - 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 - on leave)
 - * Cde. S.A. Moore, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
 - * Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent)

Ministers (12)

- 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 (Absent - on leave)
Cde. J.N. Maitland-Singh, M.P., Minister, Consumer Protection, in the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection
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. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P., Minister of Information (Absent - on leave)
 - * 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 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

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, 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 (Absent)

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

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)

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 (Absent)

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. (Absent)

Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. I. Basir, M.P.

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

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

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P. (Absent)

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

(i) Resignation of Cde. C.A. Nascimento

The Speaker announced that he had been informed that Cde. C.A. Nascimento who had been Minister of Mechanical Equipment, in the Ministry of Works and Transport, resigned as a Minister with effect from 1st November, 1981, and that as Cde. Nascimento had not been an elected Member of the National Assembly while he was a Minister, he had ceased, with his resignation as a Minister, to be a Member of the Assembly.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

(a) Cde. Dr. Reid, Cde. Dr. Shahabuddeen, Cde. Johnson
and Cde. Campbell for that day's sitting;

(b) Cde. Tyndall from 7th to 27th November, 1981; and

(c) Cde. Bishop from 2nd to 16th November, 1981.

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(iii) Extension of Sympathy to the Prime Minister

The Speaker on behalf of Members and himself, extended sympathy to the Prime Minister on the death of his mother-in-law.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance:

- (a) Financial Paper No. 4/1981 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund for the period ended 31st October, 1981 - totalling \$20,164,851.

(ST: 10/4^{II})(Circulated)

In terms of Standing Order No. 68(1), the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, named Friday, 13th November, 1981, as the day for consideration of the Financial Paper in Committee of Supply.

- (b) Eleventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Guyana National Co-operative Bank for 1980.

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

- (c) Report and Accounts of the Guyana Co-operative Insurance Service for 1980.

(ST: 49/46/1)(Circulated)

- (d) Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Order 1981 (No. 72), made under section 5 of the Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Act, Chapter 27:11, on 10th September, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 3rd 3rd October, 1981.

(ST: 8/11)(Circulated)

- (e) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments)(No. 2) Order 1981 (No. 73), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Chapter 1:07, on 10th September, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 3rd October, 1981.

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(2) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (a) Annual Report of the Guyana Police Force for 1977.

(P: 28/1^{IV})(Circulated)

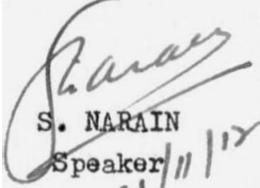
- (b) Annual Report of the Guyana Prison Service for 1978.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 2.13 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 November, 1981.



S. NARAIN
Speaker 8/11/81

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
12th November, 1981