

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 19TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD
SESSION (1983-1984) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON MONDAY 1984-01-30

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (70)

Speaker (1)

*Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (57)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Production

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Social Infrastructure

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Vice-President, Party and State Matters

*Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President and
Attorney General

Senior Ministers (6)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development
and Culture

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

*Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

*Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

*Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister of Energy and Mines

*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance and Economic Planning

Ministers (7)

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture

Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of Youth and Sports within
the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture (Absent)

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Transport within the Vice-Presidency
of Social Infrastructure (Absent - on leave)

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

*Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health and Public
Welfare

*Cde. K.W.E. Denny, M.P., Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives

Ministers of State (2)

Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of
Internal Trade and Consumer Protection

Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.S., M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry
of Regional Development

* Non elected Member

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Parliamentary Secretaries (4)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, within the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare
- Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, within the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture
- Cde. B. Bhagga, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, in the Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)
- Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, within the Ministry of Agriculture

Other Members (22)

- Cde. M. Ally, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. M. Armogan, M.S., J.P., M.P.
- Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P. ✓
- Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.
- Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. O.E. Clarke, 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-Mingo, M.P.
- Cde. A. McRae, M.P.
- Cde. E. Melville, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
- Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
- Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.
- Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.
- Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P.

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 (9)

- Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 Barima/Waini)
- Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomerom/Supenaam)
- Cde. C.A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibe Islands/West Demerara)
- Cde. W. Bipat, J.P., 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)
- Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
- Cde. D. Hinds, M.P., (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

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Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, Minority Leader (Absent - on leave)

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

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. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, C.C.H., 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

(i) New Year Greetings

As that was the first sitting for the year, the Speaker took the opportunity of welcoming all Members and of extending best wishes to them for 1984.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cde. Prashad until 2nd February
- (b) Cde. Melville for a further period up to 14th February
- (c) Cde. Ally and Mr. M.F. Singh for that sitting, and
- (d) Cde. Dr. Jagan for a period of 2 weeks from 20th January.

The Speaker stated that he had been informed that during Cde. Jagan's absence, Cde. Ram Karran would be performing his Parliamentary duties.

(iii) Resignation of Cde. Sydney H. Sukhu, M.S.

The Speaker informed Members that he had received a letter dated 14th December, 1983, from Cde. Sydney Sukhu, tendering his resignation as a Member of the National Assembly and that with Cde. Sukhu's resignation, a seat in the Assembly had become vacant. In accordance with section 99A of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03, he had called upon the representative of the list of candidates from which Cde. Sukhu's name had been extracted following the last general elections, to further extract from the said list, the name of a person to fill the vacancy.

(iv) Broadcast of Budget

The Speaker announced that in accordance with the usual practice, permission had been granted to the Guyana Broadcasting Corporation to broadcast live the Budget Presentation by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning. The Corporation had also been given permission to record for subsequent broadcasts speeches which would be made by other Members of the National Assembly at the other sittings during the Budget debate. Such subsequent broadcasts would, however, have to be made in accordance with the approved practice, i.e., the time used for the broadcast of speeches would have to be allotted to the Members of the Assembly in the proportion to the Party representation in the Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning:

- (i) Estimates of the Revenues and Expenditure of Guyana for the financial year 1984.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Annual Report of the Inland Revenue Department for the year 1982.

(ST: 25/2/1/1)(Circulated)

- (iii) Annual Report of the Guyana Co-operative Insurance Service for the year 1982.

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

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

On a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 9 and paragraph (9) of Standing Order No. 32 was suspended to enable the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning to complete the reading of the Budget Speech uninterrupted and to enable the sitting to continue beyond 16:00 hrs if necessary, without being suspended.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

STATE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 - Bill No. 1/1984
published 1984-01-21

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the State Pensions Act.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

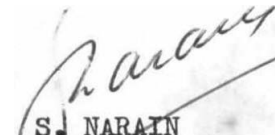
APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1984

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1984. (See Appendix).

After the motion was proposed, the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning named Monday 1984-02-06 as the day for the resumption of the debate on the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 15:47 hrs on a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Monday 1984-02-06.


S. NARAIN
Speaker
24-02-03

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1984-02-03