

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 24TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD
SESSION (1983-1984) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON MONDAY 1984-03-12

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (70)

The Deputy Speaker, Cde. Ram Karran, M.P. - In the Chair

Speaker (1)

*Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National
Assembly (Absent - on leave)

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

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Vice-President, Production (Absent - on leave)

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

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 (Absent)

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

*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 (Absent)

Ministers (7)

Cde. U.E. Johnson, M.P., Minister in the Office of the Prime
Minister (Absent - on leave)

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

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

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 (Absent - on leave)

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

*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 (Absent)
 Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, in the Office of the Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, within the Ministry of Agriculture

Other Members (23)

- Cde. M. Ally, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. M. Armogan, M.S., J.P., M.P.
 Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. E.B. Davidson, M.P.
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
 Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P. (Absent)
 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. (Absent)
 Cde. E. Melville, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
 Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P. (Absent)
 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. Latchmanarayan, 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 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
 Cde. C.A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
 Cde. W. Bifat, 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) (Absent)
 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, 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 - on leave)

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

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.

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

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Cde. I. Basir, M.P.

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

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

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

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 DEPUTY SPEAKER(i) Leave

The Deputy Speaker informed the Assembly that the Speaker was unable to be present at that sitting of the Assembly. He announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cdes. Dr. Reid, Hoyte, Jackson, Prashad, Harewood-Benn, Clarke and Mohamed for that day's sitting,
- (b) Cde. Bhaggan until the end of the week,
- (c) Cde. Beniprashad up to the end of May, and
- (d) Cde. J. Jagan for two weeks from 1984-03-12.

(ii) Congratulations on National Awards

The Deputy Speaker informed the Assembly that among the persons who had been honoured with National Awards on the occasion of the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Republic on 23rd February last, had been three who had been associated with the Parliament. They were:-

- (a) Cde. John Carter, a former Member of Parliament and a former Diplomat, who had received the second highest National Award, the Order of Roraima, for outstanding service to Guyana in the diplomatic field;

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(b) Cde. Shiv Sahai Naraine, a former Vice-President and now High Commissioner for Guyana to India, who had received the Cacique Crown of Honour for political service of an Exceptionally high quality and beyond the normal call of duty, and

(c) Cde. Marjorie Joy Kirkpatrick, the Caterer for the National Assembly, who had received the Medal of Service for long service with exceptional dedication in the research and promotion of the use of Guyanese foods.

On behalf of Members of the Assembly and his own the Deputy Speaker placed on record the Awards and extended congratulations to the three persons.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning:

Pensions (President, Parliamentary and Special Offices) (Designation) Order 1984 (No. 10), made under section 2 of the Pensions (President, Parliamentary and Special Offices) Act, Chapter 27:03, on 26th January, 1984 and published in the Gazette on 31st January, 1984.

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(2) By the Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives:

(a) Factories (Prescribed Forms)(Amendment) Regulations 1984 (No. 2), made under section 26 of the Factories Act, Chapter 95:02, on 21st January, 1984, and published in the Gazette on 21st January, 1984.

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(b) Factories (Health and Welfare)(Amendment) Regulations 1984 (No. 3), made under section 26 of the Factories Act, Chapter 95:02, on 21st January, 1984, and published in the Gazette on 21st January, 1984.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

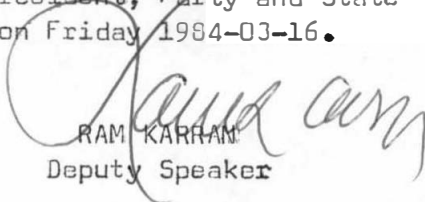
LABOUR (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 - Bill No. 5/1984 published 1984-03-08

The Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to alter the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164 thereof, to amend the Labour Act, to give legal effect to certain provisions of the agreement connected therewith.

ADJOURNMENT

At 14:20 hrs, on a motion by the Vice-President, Party and State Matters, the Assembly was adjourned to 14:00 hrs on Friday 1984-03-16.


RAM KARAM
Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1984-03-15