

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 35TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD  
SESSION (1983-1984) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON FRIDAY 1984-11-02

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (74)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (61)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

Other Vice-President and First Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Vice-President, Social Infrastructure and  
First Deputy Prime Minister

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

\*Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeon, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President,  
Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Vice-President, National Development  
and Deputy Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

Other Deputy Prime Minister (1)

\*Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, Planning

Senior Ministers (8)

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

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

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

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

\*Cde. C.B. Greenidge, M.P., Minister of Finance

Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister of Forestry

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

\*Cde. M.L. Parris, M.P., Minister of Education

Ministers (6)

Cde. Urmia Johnson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of  
National Development (Absent - on leave)

Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister within the Ministry  
of Education

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

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

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Transport within the Vice-  
Presidency of Social Infrastructure

\*Cde. Dr. S.P. DaSilva, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of  
Agriculture (Absent)

\*Non-elected Member

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

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. Agnes Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, with the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare  
 Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Youth  
 Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, National Development

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Bidiawattie Tiwari, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (24)

- Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P.  
 Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. Philomena A. Rayman, M.P.  
 Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.  
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.  
 Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P.  
 Cde. M. Ally, M.P.  
 Cde. M. Armogan, M.S., J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. Bissoondai Beniprashad, M.P.  
 Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P. (Absent on leave)  
 Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.  
 Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.  
 Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.  
 Cde. Patricia Fredericks, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. A. McRae, M.P.  
 Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.  
 Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.  
 Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.  
 Cde. Y. Khan, M.P.  
 (One seat vacant)

Members from the National Congress of Local Democratic Organs (2)

- Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P.  
 Cde. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

- Cde. Dianne Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)  
 Cde. W. Bipat, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)  
 Cde. Nellie R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)  
 Cde. I. Chowritmootoo, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)  
 Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)  
 Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)  
 Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)  
 Cde. H.I. London, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)  
 Cde. Cora A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)  
 (Vacant) Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo

Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P., Minority Leader

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (8)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P. (Absent)

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

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. 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

Cde. F.A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly

Cde. M.B. Henry, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(Leave)

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cdes. Hoyte, Chandisingh, Dr. Van West-Charles and Mr. M.F. Singh for that sitting;
- (b) Cde. Johnson up to 1984-11-25, and
- (c) Cde. Chin up to 1984-11-30.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives:

- (i) Conventions and Recommendations adopted at the 67th Session of the International Labour Conference held in Geneva in June 1981.

(L; 23/2)(Circulated)

- (ii) Conventions and Recommendations adopted at the 68th Session of the International Labour Conference held in Geneva in June 1982.

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## STATEMENT BY MINISTERS

### Statement by the Minister of Finance on the acquisition of the of the Royal Bank of Canada

The Minister of Finance made a Statement on the agreement between the Government of Guyana and the Royal Bank of Canada on the acquisition of that Bank's local operations in Guyana on November 30, 1984.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

### Presentation and First Reading

RICE REGULATION OF MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING BILL 1  
Bill No 17/1984

The **Minister of Finance**, on behalf of the Prime Minister, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A Bill intituled An Act to make provisions for the regulation of the manufacture and marketing of rice, for securing the further development of rice industry, for the establishment of the National Padi and Rice Grading Centre, the Guyana Rice Milling and Marketing Authority and the Guyana Rice Export Board, and for matters connected therewith.

## PUBLIC BUSINESS

### MOTIONS

#### ITEM 1 - MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER NO. 23

On a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs with the leave of the Speaker, Standing Order No. 23 was suspended to enable a motion of Sympathy on the death of Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, to be moved at that sitting by the Vice-President, Social Infrastructure and First Deputy Prime Minister.

#### ITEM 2 - MOTION OF SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

The Vice-President, Social Infrastructure and First Deputy Prime Minister moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death, under tragic circumstances, of Shrimati Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, and directs that an expression of its condolences be conveyed to her sorrowing relatives and to the Government and People of the Republic of India.

The Minority Leader spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried with Members standing.

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BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 3 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF GUYANA BILL 1984  
Bill No. 16/1984 published 1984-09-29

The Vice-President, Social Infrastructure and First Deputy Prime Minister, on behalf of the Prime Minister, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the establishment of the Agricultural Research Committee, the National Agricultural Research Institute of Guyana and the Agricultural Research Advisory Council, and for matters connected therewith.

The Minority Leader spoke to the motion.

The Vice-President, Social Infrastructure and First Deputy Prime Minister 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.


ITEM 4 STATE LIABILITY AND PROCEEDINGS BILL 1984 - Bill No. 9/1984  
published 1984-06-23.

The Vice-President, Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General, informed the Assembly that as a result of a discussion with the Minority Leader, the Government had decided not to proceed at that sitting with the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Law relating to the civil liabilities and rights of the State and for matters connected therewith.

ADJOURNMENT

At 15:20 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker  
84-11-08

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
1984-11-08.