

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 24TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1986) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 HRS

ON MONDAY 1986-12-29

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (75)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (63)

Ministers in the Cabinet (9)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. H. Green, M.P., Prime Minister

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

Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., Vice-President, First
Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., Vice-President, National Mobilisation,
and Deputy Prime Minister

Cde. Viola V. Burnham, O.R., M.P., Vice-President, Education and
Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister

Other Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. W.A.L.H. Parris, C.C.H., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister,
Planning and Development

Senior Ministers (4)

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

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

Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Manpower and Housing

*Cde. W.S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Trade

Other Ministers (14)

Senior Ministers (4)

Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of Regional Development

Cde. Dr. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister of Health

Cde. Yvonne V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Information
and the Public Service

*Cde. Dr. P.L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Minister in the Ministry
of Agriculture

*Non-elected Member

Ministers (7)

- Cde. Urmia E.H. Johnson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of National Mobilisation
*Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of Youth and Sport within the Ministry of Education
Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P., Minister within the Office of the President
*Cde. D.M.A. Bernard, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Education
Cde. D. Sawh, M.P., Minister of Forestry
*Cde. J.R. Kranenburg, M.P., Minister of Transport
*Cde. V.V. Parvatan, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture

Ministers of State (3)

- *Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Manpower and Housing
Cde. J.T. Kissoon, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Health (Absent - on leave)
Cde. Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Planning and Development

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.K. Habibulla, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the President
Cde. Stella Odie-Ali, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Home Affairs
*Cde. Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Education

Government Chief Whip (1)

- Cde. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Other Members (24)

- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton, M.P.
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
Cde. Joyce Gill-Mingo, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. M. Ally, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.
Cde. H. Doobay, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
Cde. ~~Anna~~ Ally, M.P.
Cde. L.R. Arthur, M.P.
Cde. J.R.L. Bovell-Drakes, M.P.
Cde. N. Calistro, M.P.
Cde. G.W. Chin, J.P., M.P.
Cde. F.M. Cumberbatch, M.P.
Cde. M.I. Deen, M.P.
Cde. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
Cde. Edith Deygo, M.P.
Cde. Clarice A. Edwards, M.P.
Cde. C.L. Geddes, M.P.
Cde. G. Marshall, M.P.
Cde. B. Persaud, M.P.
Cde. E.W. Trotman, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. K. Sankar, M.S., M.P.

*Non-elected Member

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

Cde. E. Mohamed, M.P.
Cde. Rose I. Semple, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

Cde. Nellie R. Charles, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni) (Absent)
Cde. R. Bishop, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
Cde. Bhagmatee Latchminarayan, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
Cde. Y. Khan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroun/Supenaam)
Cde. Enid E. Abrahams, M.S., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo
Islands/West Demerara)
Cde. I. Ally, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
Cde. B.L. Domingo, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
Cde. S.I. McGarrell, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
Cde. M. Stephens, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper
Essequibo) (Absent)
Cde. Joycelyn Thom-Lindie, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/
Berbice) (Absent)

Members of the Minority (11)

(i) People's Progressive Party (8)

Minority Leader (1)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the
National Assembly

Other Members (6)

Cde. Janet Jagan, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P.
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P., Minority Chief Whip
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, 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)

(iii) Working People's Alliance (1)

Mr. E. Kwayana, M.P.

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. Kisson, Ally and Trotman for that day's sitting, and
- (b) Mr. Singh up to 1987-01-23.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Minister of Regional Development, on behalf of the Minister of Finance

- (i) Financial Paper No. 5/1986 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates totalling \$600,000,000 for the period ended end December, 1986.
(ST:10/4^{IV}) (Circulated)
- (ii) Annual Report of the Inland Revenue Department for the year 1985.
(ST:25/2/1/1^{II}) (Circulated)
- (iii) Annual Reports (2) of the Guyana Agricultural and Industrial Development Bank for the years 1981 and 1982.
(ST:25/2/2/12) (Circulated)

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

Motion by the Minister of Regional Development to Suspend Standing Order No. 68

With the leave of the Speaker granted under Standing Order No. 83, the Minister of Regional Development moved the suspension of Standing Order No. 68 to enable the Assembly to proceed with the consideration of Financial Paper No. 5/1986 at that sitting.

The motion was put and carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

EXPORT AND IMPORT (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1986 - Bill No. 18/1986

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Export and Import (Special Provisions) Act 1986

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER No. 4/1986

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 4/1986 and, thereafter, moved the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 4/1986 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$29,446,898, for the period ended 2nd December, 1986 (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1986).

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

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ITEM 2 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5/1986

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 5/1986 and, thereafter, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 5/1986 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates totalling \$600,000,000 for the period ended 2nd December, 1986.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

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New Year Greetings

The Speaker extended New Year Greetings, to all Members of the Assembly.

The Prime Minister and Minority Leader reciprocated the greetings.

ADJOURNMENT

At 17:05 hrs on a motion by the Minister of Regional Development, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

1987-01-12

