

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 50TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD
SESSION (1983-1985) OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 14:00 hrs

ON FRIDAY 1985-08-16

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. Green, M.P., Prime Minister

Other Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers (2)

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

Cde. R. Chamlingh, M.P., Vice-President, National 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

Senior Ministers (9)

- * 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
- * Cde. M.L. Parris, M.P., Minister of Education
- Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of Transport

Ministers (5)

- Cde. Urmia E. Johnson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of National Development
- 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. Dr. S.P. Da Silva, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture

* Non-elected Member

Ministers of State (3)

- 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
Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P., Minister of State within the Ministry of Education

Parliamentary Secretaries (2)

- Cde. Agnes W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, within the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare
Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, National Development

Government Chief Whip (1)

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

Other Members (25)

- Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P.
Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P.
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.
Cde. Elaine B. Davidson, M.P.
Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.
Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.
Cde. Patricia Fredericks, M.P.
Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.
Cde. A. McRae, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. Joyce M. Munroe, J.P., M.P.
Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.
Cde. C.G. Sharma, A.A., J.P., M.P.
Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. Edwina Melville, M.P.
Cde. Y. Khan, M.P.

(Two seats 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) (Absent)
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 (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (8)

Cde. Janet 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. (Absent-on leave)
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.
Mr. M.A. Abraham, 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 SPEAKERSpecial Sitting

The Speaker informed Members that the sitting had been specially fixed for the purpose of enabling the Assembly to record its profound grief at the death of Cde. Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham, O.E., S.C., late President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and as there were no matter to be dealt with on the agenda the Assembly would proceed with the motion on the matter.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTION

TRIBUTE TO COMRADE LINDEN FORBES SAMPSON BURNHAM, O.E., S.C.,
LATE PRESIDENT OF GUYANA

The Prime Minister moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That we, the Members of this National Assembly, at this Special Sitting assembled, record our profound grief at the loss sustained by Guyana on the death of Comrade Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham, O.E., S.C., President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and pay tribute to the distinguished service which he rendered to Guyana and direct that an expression of our heartfelt sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing widow, children and relatives.

Cdes. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P. Chowritmootoo, Mr.M.F. Singh and Cde. Beniprashad spoke to the motion.

Before the motion was put, the Speaker informed Members that he had just received a telegram from Member of Parliament, Cde. Isahak Basir, in which he requested that his deepest sympathy be extended to Cde. Viola Burnham, her bereaved family, the Parliament and the nation.

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Thereafter the motion was put and carried with Members standing in silence for two minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 15:45 hrs, on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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Speaker
85-08-17

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