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14 <sup>th</sup> Sitting	2 p.m.	Friday, 1981-04-03
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MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (82)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government – People’s National Congress (69)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P.,  
Vice-President, Works and Transport

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., (Absent)  
Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance

Cde. H. Green, M.P.  
Vice-President, Public Welfare

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., (Absent)  
Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations

Senior Ministers (10)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P., (Absent on-leave)  
Minister of Higher Education

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P.,  
Minister of Regional Development

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., (Absent)  
Minister of National Development

\*Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., (Absent)  
Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

\*Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., (Absent)  
Minister of Energy and Mines

\*Cde. Dr. M. Shahabuddeen, O.R., S.C., M.P., (Absent on-leave)  
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

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

\*Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., (Absent)  
Minister of Agriculture

\*Cde. S.A. Moore, M.P., (Absent)  
Minister of Home Affairs

\*Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., (Absent)  
Minister of Education

\*Non-elected Members

### Ministers (13)

Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister, Environment and Water Supply, in the Ministry of Public Welfare	
Cde. U. E. Johnson, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives	(Absent)
Cde. J.N. Maitland-Singh, M.P., Minister, Consumer Protection, in the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection	
Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister, Crops and Livestock, in the Ministry of Agriculture	(Absent)
Cde. Sallahuddin, M.P., Minister, Finance, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance	
Cde. R.E. Williams, M.P., Minister, Fisheries, in the Ministry of Agriculture	
*Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister, Mechanical Equipment, in the Ministry of Works and Transport	(Absent on-leave)
*Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P., Minister of Information	(Absent)
*Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister, Forestry, in the Minister of Agriculture.	(Absent)
*Cde. Y. V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., Minister of Public Service	
*Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., Minister, in the Office of the President	(Absent)
*Cde. Van Sluytman, M.P., Minister, Drainage and Irrigation in the Ministry of Agriculture	(Absent on-leave)
*Cde. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., Minister, Health, in the Ministry of Public Welfare	(Absent)

### Ministers of State (3)

Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Minister of State for Culture, in the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture	(Absent on-leave)
Cde. R.C. Fredericks, A.A., M.P., Minister of State for Youth Sports, in the Ministry of National Development	
*Cde. C.E. Wright, M.P., Minister of State for Construction, in the Ministry of Works and Transport	(Absent on-leave)

### Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Women's Affairs and Housing	(Absent)
Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister	(Absent on-leave)
*Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister	

\*Non-elected Member

Other Members (23)

Cde. D.A.N. Ainsworth, M.P.	(Absent)
Cde. M. Ally, M.P.	
Cde. M. Armogan, M.P.	
Cde. B. Beniprashad, M.P.	
Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P.	
Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.	
Cde. A.A. Chin, M.P.	
Cde. E. B. Davidson, M.P.	(Absent)
Cde. H. Doobay, M.P.	
Cde. A.B. Felix, M.P.	
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.	
Cde. P. Frederick, M.P.	(Absent)
Cde. E.F. Gilbert, M.P.	
Cde. J. Gill-Mingo, M.P.	
Cde. A. McRae, M.P.	
Cde. J.M. Munroe, J.P., M.P	
Cde. R.N. Primo, M.P.	
Cde. C.G. Sharma, J.P., M.P.	
Cde. H.L.B. Singh, M.P.	
Cde. S.H Sukhu, M.S., M.P.	
Cde. B. Tiwari, M.P.	
Cde. C. Vandenburg, M.P.	
Cde. H.B. Walcott, J.P., M.P.	
Government Chief Whip	

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 (10)

Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)	(Absent)
Cde. K.V. Jairam, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam)	(Absent on-leave)
Cde. C.A. Singh, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)	
Cde. W. Bipat, 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)	
Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No.8 – Potaro/Siparuni)	
Cde. A. Dorrick, M.P. (Region No.9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)	(Absent)
Cde. D. Hinds, M.P. (Region No.10 – Upper Demerara/Berbice)	

Members of the Minority (12)

(i) People's Progressive Party (10)

Minority Leader (1)

Cde. Dr. C. Jagan, M.P. (Absent)  
Minority Leader

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. Jagan M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P. (Absent on-leave)  
Minority Chief Whip  
Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.  
Cde. C.C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.  
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.  
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P. (Absent)  
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

National Assembly

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave to Members

The Speaker: Leave has been granted to the Prime Minister, Cde. Dr, Reid, to Cde. Chandisingh, Cde. Shahbuddeen, Cde. Jackson, Cde. Nascimento, Cde. Van Sluytman, Cde. Corrica, Cde. Wright and Cde. Rayman for today's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

CONFIRMATION OF CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1981 (No. 18)

“Be it resolved that this National Assembly, in accordance with section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, confirm the Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1981 (No. 18), which was made on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1981, and published in the Gazette on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1981.” /The Minister, Finance on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance./

The Speaker: Cde. Shallahuddin.

The Minister, Finance in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance (Cde. Shallahuddin): Cde. Speaker, I wish to move on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, the Confirmation of Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1981 (No. 18).

Motion proposed, put and agreed to.

Motion carried.

CONFIRMATION OF CUSTOMS DUTIES ORDER 1981 (No. 19)

“Be it resolved that this National Assembly, in accordance with section 9 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirm the Customs Duties Order 1982 (No. 19), which was made on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1981 and published in the Gazette on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1981.” /The Minister, Finance, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance./

The Speaker: Cde. Sallahuddin.

Cde. Sallahuddin: Cde. Speaker, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, I wish to move the Confirmation of Customs Duties Order 1981 (No. 19).

Cde. Speaker, on behalf of the Vice-President, Economic Planning and Finance, I wish to move the Confirmation of Customs Duties Order 1981 (No. 19).

Motion proposed, put and agreed to.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved. “That this Assembly do now adjourn to a date to be fixed.

/The Minister of Regional Development./

Adjourned accordingly at 2:07 p.m.