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ASSEMBLY OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

24th Sitting 14:00 hrs Monday 1984-03-12

With the Deputy Speaker in the Chair
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (71)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (58)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

- Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P.,
Vice-President, Production
- Cde. H. Green, M.P., (Absent)
Vice-President, Social Infrastructure
- 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., (Absent)
Minister of National Mobilisation
- * Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., (Absent - on leave)
Minister of Foreign Affairs
- * 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., (Absent)
Minister of Finance and Economic Planning

- * Non-elected Member

Ministers (7)

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

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., (Absent – on leave)
Minister of Transport within the Vice-Presidency
of Social Infrastructure

* Cde. Y.V. Harewood-Benn, M.P., (Absent – on leave)
Minister of Information and Public Service

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

* 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

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., (Absent)
Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry of
Education, Social Development and Culture

Cde. B. Bhaggan, M.P., (Absent – on leave)
Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the
Prime Minister

Cde. J.B. Caldeira, M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry of
Agriculture

Non-elected Member

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. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
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. Latchminarayan, 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. Bipat, 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)
Cde. D. Abraham, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
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.,
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.P.
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 Deputy Speaker, Cde. Ram Karran, M.P. in the Chair]

/The Deputy Speaker in the Chair/

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave to Members

The Deputy Speaker (Cde. Ram Karran): Comrades and hon. Member, the Speaker is unable to be present at today's Sitting of the Assembly.

Leave from Sittings of the Assembly has been granted to the Prime Minister, Cde. Dr. Reid, to Cdes. Hoyte, Jackson, Prashad, Harewood-Benn, Clarke and Feroze Mohamed from today's sitting; to Cde. Bhaggan until the end of the week; to Cde. Beniprashad up to the end of May; and to Cde. Janet Jagan for two weeks from today.

Congratulations on National Awards

The Deputy Speaker: Among the persons who were honoured with National Awards on the occasion of the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Republic on 23rd February last, were three who have been associated with our Parliament. They are --

- (1) Cde. John Carter, a former Member of Parliament and a former Diplomat. Cde. Carter received the second highest National Award, the Order of Roraima, for outstanding service to Guyana in the diplomatic field;
- (2) Cde. Shiv Sahai Naraine, a former Vice-President and now high High Commissioner for Guyana to India. Cde. Naraine received the Cacique Crown of Honour for political service of an exceptionally high quality and beyond the normal call of duty; and
- (3) Cde. Marjorie Joy Kirkpatrick, our Caterer. Cde. Kirkpatrick received the Medal of Service for long service with exceptional dedication in the research and promotion of the use of Guyanese foods.

I am sure that Members of the Assembly would wish us to place on record our pleasure on the Awards and to extend our congratulations to the three persons.

1984-03-12

National Assembly

14:15 - 14:20 hrs

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

The following papers were laid:

- (1) 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. /The Vice-President, Party and State Matters, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning./
- (2) (a) Factories (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (No. 2), made under section 26 of the Factories Act, Chapter 95:02, on 21st January, 1984.
- (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. /The Minister of Manpower and Co-operatives./

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS - FIRST READING

The following Bill was introduced and read the First time:

Labour (Amendment) Bill 1984 - Bill No. 5/1984. /The Minister Of Manpower and Co-operatives./

ADJOURNMENT

"Resolved, 'that this Assembly do now adjourn to Friday, 1984-03-16 at 14:00 hrs.'" /The Vice-President, Party and State Matters./

Adjourned accordingly at 14:20hrs.