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6 th Sitting	2 p.m.	Tuesday, 1981-02-24
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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.,
Prime Minister

Other Vice-Presidents (4)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., (Absent on-leave)
Vice-President, Works and Transport

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

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

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

Senior Ministers (10)

Cde. R. Chandisingh, M.P.,
Minister of Higher Education

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

Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P.,
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)
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

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

*Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., (Absent on-leave)
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 Member

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
- 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
- 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., (Absent)
Minister, Mechanical Equipment, in the
Ministry of Works and Transport
- *Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P.,
Minister of Information
- *Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P.,
Minister, Forestry, in the Minister of Agriculture.
- *Cde. Y. V. Harewood-Benn, M.P.,
Minister of Public Service
- *Cde. H. Rashid, M.P., (Absent)
Minister, in the Office of the President
- *Cde. Van Sluytman, M.P.,
Minister, Drainage and Irrigation in the
Ministry of Agriculture
- *Cde. R.A. Van West-Charles, M.P., (Absent)
Minister, Health, in the Ministry
of Public Welfare

Ministers of State (3)

- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P.,
Minister of State for Culture, in the Ministry of
Education, Social Development and Culture
- 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

Parliamentary Secretaries (3)

- Cde. A.W. Bend-Kirton-Holder, M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Women's Affairs
and Housing
- Cde. P.A Rayman , M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister
- *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.

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.

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, 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.

(Absent on-leave)

Cde. B. Latchminarayan, M.P.

Members from the Regional Democratic Councils (10)

Cde. K.N. Jones, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

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)

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 on-leave)
Minority Leader

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (8)

Cde. J. 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. (Absent)
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.

(ii) United Force (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P. (Absent on-leave)
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

(i) LEAVE TO MEMBERS

The Speaker: Leave has been granted to the Minority Leader for one month from 13th February, and to Cde. Bishop and Mr. Feilden Singh for today's Sitting.

(ii) Availability of the Speaker

I would wish to also to take this opportunity to inform Members of the Assembly that the Speaker will not be available to Members after a quarter to two on the day of any Sitting. They cannot expect to come in at five minutes to two to see me on matters. They must come in not later than a quarter to two.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS ETC.

The Speaker: I present to the Assembly the Minutes of the first meeting of the Committee of Selection which was held on Friday, 13th February, 1981. Copies of these Minutes have been circulated. Members are kindly asked to note therefore the names of those persons who have been nominated to the other five Select Committees of the Assembly.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1981

BUDGET DEBATE

The Speaker: Cde. Ramsaroop.

The Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations (Cde. Ramsaroop): Cde. Speaker, as we can observe this afternoon, it is only at the commencement of this Sitting that copies of the Estimate of the Public Sector, Current and Capital, Expenditure and Revenues have been distributed to Members of this Assembly. This has occasioned because of technical problems. Speaking on behalf of the Government, we feel that in the light of this circumstances that adequate time has not been given to all parties to consider the aspects that will go into the general debate on the Budget and accordingly I am requesting that the debate be adjourned to Friday, 27th February. I accordingly move the Adjournment of this Assembly to that date at 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, "That this Assembly do now adjourn to a date to be fixed." /The Vice-President, Parliamentary Affairs and Party/State Relations./

Adjourned accordingly at 3 p.m.