

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

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FIRST SESSION  
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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 108th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 6TH JANUARY, 1977

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly  
Members of the Government - People's National Congress (50)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., M.P., Prime Minister

Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. P.A. Reid, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development

Senior Ministers (9)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minister of Economic Development

\* Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation

\* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

\* Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent)

\* Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Housing (Absent - on leave)

\* Cde. G.A. King, M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

\* Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture

\* Cde. C.L. Baird, M.P., Minister of Education and Social Development

\* Cde. F.R. Wills, S.C., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice

Ministers (5)

Cde. W.G. Carrington, M.P., Minister of Labour (Absent)

Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, M.P., Minister of Information and Culture

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House

\* Cde. O.M.R. Harper, M.P., Minister of Health

\* Cde. C.V. Mingo, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

\* Non elected Minister

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Ministers of State (9)

- Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., M.P., Minister of State for Agriculture  
 Cdo. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne)  
 Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)  
 Cdo. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister  
 Cdo. K.B. Bancroft, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro)  
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmoctoo, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) (Absent)  
 \* Cde. W. Haynos, M.P., Minister of State for Consumer Protection  
 \* Cdo. A. Salim, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice)  
 \* Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (North West)

Parliamentary Secretaries (6)

- Cdo. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development  
 Cdo. M.M. Ackman, C.C.H., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, and Government Chief Whip  
 Cdo. E.L. Ambrose, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture  
 Cdo. S. Prashad, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation  
 Cdo. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Social Development  
 Cdo. M. Currica, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing

Other Members (19)

- Cde. L.M. Branco, M.P.  
 Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P.  
 Cdo. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.  
 Cdo. J. Gill, M.P.  
 Cdo. W. Hussain, M.P.  
 Cde. S. Jaisorisingh, M.P.  
 Cdo. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P.  
 Cdo. M. Nissar, M.P.  
 Cdo. L.E. Ramsahoye, M.P.  
 Cdo. J.G. Ramson, M.P.  
 Cdo. P.A. Rayman, M.P.  
 Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. C. Sukul, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. H.A. Taylor, M.P.  
 Cdo. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P.  
 Cdo. L.E. Willoms, M.P.  
 Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P.  
 Cdo. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., M.P.

Members of the Opposition (16)(i) People's Progressive Party (14)Leader of the Opposition (1)

Cde. C. Jagan, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (12)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.

Cde. C. Collymore, M.P.

Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.

Cde. L. Lalbahadur, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. B. James, M.P. (Absent)

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

Cde. R. Ally, M.P.

Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.

Cde. Dindoyal, M.P.

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) Liberator Party (2)

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

Mrs. E. Da Silva, M.P.

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly (F.A. Narain)

Acting Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (A. Knight)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Singh for that sitting.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS(i) By the Leader of the Opposition

The Leader of the Opposition made an explanation concerning remarks by the Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection on 5th January, 1977, during his contribution on the Budget Debate.

(ii) By: Cde. N. Persaud

Cde. Persaud corrected remarks made by him on 5th January, 1977, during his contribution on the Budget Debate in connection with Guyana's representation at the Conference of Non-Aligned Countries which was held last year in Sri Lanka.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION:

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1977

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1977, totalling \$417,283,736.

Cde. Dalchand and the Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice) spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation concluded his speech.

Mrs. Da Silva, the Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Social Development, the Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne) and Cde. Hynoe spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.26 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Collymore and the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the sitting was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 7th January, 1977.

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Speaker 7.1.77