

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1977

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 110th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 10TH 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 (Absent)

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 (Absent - on leave)

* 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

* 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 (Absent)

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

Ministers (5)

Cde. W.G. Carrington, M.P., Minister of Labour

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. D.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
 Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/
 Corentyne)
 Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)
 Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime
 Minister (Absent)
 Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/
 Potaro)
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, M.P., Minister of State - Regional
 (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)
 * Cde. W. Haynes, M.P., Minister of State for Consumer Protection
 * Cde. 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)

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

Other Members (19)

- Cde. L.M. Branco, M.P.
 Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P.
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. J. Gill, M.P.
 Cde. W. Hussain, M.P.
 Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh, M.P.
 Cde. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P.
 Cde. M. Nissar, M.P.
 Cde. L.E. Ramsahoye, M.P.
 Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P.
 Cde. 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.
 Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P.
 Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. M. Zahooruddeen, J.P., M.P. (Absent)

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* Non elected Minister

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 - on leave)

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

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

Cde. R. Ally, M.P.

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

Cde. Dindayal, M.P.

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) Liberator Party (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, M.P.

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 SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to the Minister of Economic Development for that sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 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.

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Cde. Belgrave, the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Information and Culture spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3.59 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. J. Jagan and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.29 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Ramsahoye, Cde. Nokta, the Minister of State - Regional (North West) and Cde. Sukhu spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.57 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th January, 1977.

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Speaker

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PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
11th January, 1977.