

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 53RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1992-1995) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1995

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (73)

Speaker (1)

The Hon. Derek C. Jagan, S.C., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's Progressive Party/Civic (43)

The Hon. Samuel A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House)

The Hon. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Senior Minister of Home Affairs (Government Chief Whip)

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Senior Minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development

* The Hon. Asgar Ally, M.P., Senior Minister of Finance

* The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth Bisnauth, M.P., Senior Minister of Education and Cultural Development

* The Hon. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Absent - on leave)

* The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Senior Minister of Health

The Hon. M. Shree Chan, M.P., Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry

Mrs. Janet Jagan, O.E., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture

The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security

* The Hon. F. Vibert DeSouza, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development

* The Hon. George E. Fung-On, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President

* The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Finance

* Non-elected Member

Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.
 Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.
 Mr. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P.
 Mr. Komal Chand, M.P.
 Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, M.P.
 Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, M.P.
 Mrs. Una A. James, M.P.
 Mr. Alston A. Kissoon, M.P.
 Dr. Moti Lall, M.P.
 Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.
 Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P. (Absent)
 Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.
 Mrs. Pauline Sukhai, M.P. (Absent)
 Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.
 Mr. Reuben A. Gilbert, M.P.
 Mr. Edward DaSilva, M.P. (Absent)
 Mr. Khadim Bacchus, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)
 Mr. Samad A. Baksh, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam) (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Harrinarine Baldeo, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
 Mr. Joseph DeSouza, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
 Mr. Eugene La Cruz, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)
 Mr. Bagot Paul, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
 Mr. Kum Karan Ramdas, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
 Mr. Ramrattan, M.P., a/k Balkarran (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/
 West Demerara)

Members of the Minority (29)

(i) People's National Congress (26)

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minority Leader
 Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P.
 Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P.
 Dr. Patrick L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Chief Whip
 Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P.
 Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.P.
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P. (Absent)
 Miss Anna Ally, M.P.
 Miss Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Arthur A. Alexander, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent)
 Mr. Simon H. Ng-See-Quan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P.
 Mr. Reynold N. David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
 Mr. M. Idris Deen, M.P.
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
 Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P.
 Mr. Phillip Bynoe, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
 Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. Hukumchand, M.P., a/k Parag
 Miss Joan C. Richards, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Miss Gwenneth A. Brouet, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. John A. Fredericks, M.P.
 Mr. Ivan Peters, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
 Mr. Hubert K.H. Hyman, M.P.

(ii) Working People's Alliance (2)

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas, C.C.H., M.P.

Mr. Matheson Williams, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)

(iii) The United Force (1)

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

OFFICERS

Mr. Frank A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.00 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to the following Members:

The Hon. Bernard DeSantos for that sitting,
Mr. Simon Ng-See-Quan up to 21st February, 1995,
and

Mr. Andy Gouveia for that sitting

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Speaker:

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Fifth
Meeting of the Committee of Selection held
on Friday, 17th February, 1995.

(Circulated)

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1995

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1995.

In Committee of Supply

The following Heads and Divisions were approved, as printed in the Estimates:-

Head 1 - Office of the President	- \$ 479,708,000
Head 2 - Guyana Defence Force	1,123,140,000
Head 3 - Guyana National Service	126,046,000
Div. 501 - Office of the President	516,280,000
Head 4 - Office of the Prime Minister	17,916,000
Head 7 - Office of the Ombudsman	873,000
Head 8 - Public and Police Service Commissions	9,368,000
Head 9 - Teaching Service Commission	6,306,000
Head 11 - Public Service Appellate	1,701,000
Div. 505 - Constitutional Agencies	16,160,000
Head 52 - Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development	409,522,000
Head 53 - Civil Aviation Department	199,954,000
Div. 517 - Guyana Water Authority	1,373,000,000
Div. 520 - Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development	1,945,500,000
Div. 521 - Ministry of Public Works, Communications Road Construction, Rehab and Studies	2,378,990,000
Head 54 - Region 1 - Barima/Waini - Administration	48,772,000

Assembly resumed.**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of supply.

The following Heads and Divisions were approved, as printed in the Estimates:

Head 55 - Region 1 - Barima Waini - Agriculture	6,779,000
Head 56 - Region 1 - Barima/Waini - Education	76,039,000
Head 57 - Region 1 - Barima/Waini - Health	28,792,000
Div. 531 - Region 1 - Barima/Waini	19,609,000
Head 58 - Region 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam - Administration	49,815,000
Head 59 - Region 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam - Agriculture	32,242,000
Head 60 - Region 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam - Education	185,863,000
Head 61 - Region 2 - Pomeroon Supenaam - Health	59,719,000
Div. 532 - Region 2 - Pomeroon Supenaam -	115,000,000

Head 62	- Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara - Administration	- \$ 36,911,000
Head 63	- Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara - Agriculture	48,395,000
Head 64	- Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara - Education	218,305,000
Head 65	- Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara - Health	72,134,000
Div. 533	- Region 3 - Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara	313,000,000
Head 66	- Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica- Administration	60,195,000
Head 67	- Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica- Agriculture	56,062,000
Head 68	- Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica- Education	254,803,000
Head 69	- Region 4 - Demerara/ Mahaica- Health	38,070,000
Div. 534	- Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica	64,300,000
Head 70	- Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice- Administration	63,657,000
Head 71	- Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice- Agriculture	50,972,000
Head 72	- Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice- Education	111,738,000
Head 73	- Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice- Health	43,723,000
Div. 535	- Region 5 - Mahaica/Berbice	75,800,000
Head 74	- Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Administration	83,976,000
Head 75	- Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Agriculture	78,921,000
Head 76	- Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Education	276,448,000
Head 77	- Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne - Health	200,906,000
Div. 536	- Region 6 - East Berbice/ Corentyne	- 124,700,000
Head 78	- Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni- Administration	64,686,000
Head 79	- Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni- Agriculture	3,143,000
Head 80	- Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni- Education	49,063,000
Head 81	- Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni- Health	34,771,000
Div. 537	- Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni	34,000,000
Head 82	- Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni- Administration	24,259,000
Head 84	- Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni- Education	20,272,000
Head 85	- Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni- Health	4,118,000
Div. 538	- Region 8 - Potaro/Siparuni	14,000,000

Head 86 - Region 9 - Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo - Administration	- \$ 36,321,000
Head 87 - Region 9 - Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo - Agriculture	4,232,000
Head 88 - Region 9 - Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo - Education	56,447,000
Head 89 - Region 9 - Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo - Health	38,833,000
Div. 539 - Region 9 - Upper Takatu/ Upper Essequibo	17,260,000
Head 90 - Region 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice - Administration	29,810,000
Head 91 - Region 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice - Agriculture	9,440,000
Head 92 - Region 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice - Education	155,535,000
Head 93 - Region 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice - Health	28,879,000
Div. 540 - Region 10 - Upper Demerara/ Berbice	65,910,000
Head 5 - Parliament Office	43,406,000
Head 28 - Ministry of Agriculture	38,050,000
Head 29 - Crops and Livestock Division	444,560,000
Head 30 - Lands and Surveys Division	25,615,000
Head 31 - Hydraulics Division	86,549,000
Head 32 - Hydrometeorological Division	58,360,000
Head 33 - Fisheries Division	6,600,000
Div. 508 - Ministry of Agriculture	876,168,000
Div. 509 - Ministry of Agriculture - Sea Defences	- 1,621,000,000
Div. 510 - Ministry of Agriculture - MMA III	58,980,000
Div. 512 - Ministry of Agriculture - Artisanal Fishery	48,300,000
Head 12 - Elections Commission	12,832,000
Head 21 - Ministry of Home Affairs	19,694,000
Head 22 - Ministry of Home Affairs - Police	- 1,083,699,000
Head 23 - Prisons	141,106,000
Head 24 - Police Complaints Authority	865,000
Head 25 - Fire Protection Services	60,048,000
Head 26 - National Registration Centre	113,021,000
Head 27 - General Register Officer	8,952,000
Div. 507 - Ministry of Home Affairs	126,340,000

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.14 p.m., on a motion by the Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st February, 1995.



D.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

20th February, 1995.