

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 54TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION (1992-1995) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON TUESDAY, 21ST 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

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 (Absent - on leave)

\* The Hon. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

\* 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 (Absent)

\* Non-elected Member

Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, M.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.  
 Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P. (Absent)  
 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. (Absent)  
 Dr. Moti Lall, M.P.  
 Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.  
 Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.  
 Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P. (Absent)  
 Mrs. Pauline Sukhai, M.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.  
 Mr. Reuben A. Gilbert, M.P.  
 Mr. Edward DaSilva, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Mr. Khadim Bacchus, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)  
 Mr. Samad A. Baksh, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroun/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 (Absent)  
 Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P.  
 Dr. Patrick L. McKenzie, A.A., M.P., Chief Whip  
 Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P. (Absent)  
 Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.P.  
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.  
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P.  
 Miss Amna 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  
 Mr. Simon H. Ng-See-Quan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P. (Absent)  
 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. (Absent)  
 Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P.  
 Mr. Phillip Bynoe, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)  
 Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P. (Absent)  
 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. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Matheson Williams, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs) (Absent - on leave)

**(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 for that sitting had been granted to the following Members:-

Mr. Edward DaSilva,  
Miss Jean M.G. Persico,  
Dr. Clive Y. Thomas, and  
Mr. Matheson Williams.

**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 6 - Office of the Auditor General -	\$ 62,771,000
Head 47 - Ministry of Finance	2,784,074,000
Head 48 - Accountant General Department -	620,856,000
Head 49 - Customs and Excise Department -	168,294,000
Head 50 - Inland Revenue Department	254,501,000
Head 94 - Public Debt	700,000
Div. 526 - Ministry of Finance	2,594,400,000

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Head 13 - Public Utilities Commission	- \$	15,672,000
Head 51 - Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry	-	89,036,000
Div. 528 - Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry	-	4,500,000
Head 10 - Public Prosecutions		12,496,000
Head 14 - Ministry of Legal Affairs		11,175,000
Head 15 - Supreme Court of Judicature		38,256,000
Head 16 - Magistrates		30,816,000
Head 17 - Attorney General		26,219,000
Head 18 - Official Receiver		7,080,000
Head 19 - Deeds Registry		9,828,000
Div 514 - Ministry of Legal Affairs		66,200,000
Head 34 - Ministry of Health		667,350,000
Head 35 - Ministry of Health - National Hospitals	-	335,401,000

The following Head was approved with the amendments which were notified to the Assembly at the Sitting on 13th February, 1995:-

Head 36 - Ministry of Health Other Health Programmes	- \$	217,195,000
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The following Heads and Divisions were approved, as printed in the Estimates:-

Div. 516 - Ministry of Health	- \$	1,173,300,000
Head 20 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs		851,032,000
Div. 506 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs		20,790,000

**Assembly resumed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4.06 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 Wednesday, 22nd February, 1995.



Q.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

21st February, 1995.