

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE 58TH 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, 22ND MAY, 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 (Absent)

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The Hon. Rev. Dr. Rammauth Bisnauth, M.P., Senior Minister of Education and Cultural Development (Absent)

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

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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 (Absent - on leave)

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

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

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

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

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

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

\*Non-elected Member

Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, M.P.  
 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.  
 Dr. Moti Lall, M.P.  
 Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.  
 Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.  
 Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.  
 Mrs. Pauline Sukhai, M.P.  
 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).  
 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) (Absent)  
 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. (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.  
 Dr. Kenneth F.S. King, M.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.  
 Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P.  
 Miss Anna Ally, M.P. (Absent)  
 Miss Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.  
 Mr. Arthur A. Alexander, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent)  
 Mr. Simon H. Ng-See-Quan, M.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. David Subnauth, M.P.  
 Mr. Reynold N. David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)  
 Mr. M. Idris Deen, M.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P.  
 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.  
 Mr. Hukumchand, M.P., a/k Parag  
 Miss Joan C. Richards, M.P.  
 Mr. John A. Fredericks, M.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. Ivan Peters, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)  
 Mr. Hubert K.H. Hyman, M.P.

(There is one vacancy)

(ii) Working People's Alliance (2)

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, 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

(i) Resignation of Miss Gwenneth A. Brouet

The Speaker announced that he had received a letter dated 28th April, 1995, from Miss Gwenneth A. Brouet, resigning her seat in the National Assembly, with effect from 8th May, 1995.

The Speaker stated that with her resignation, Miss Gwenneth Brouet had, in accordance with paragraph (1)(a) of article 156 of the Constitution, vacated her seat in the Assembly.

In accordance with section 99A of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03, he had called upon the representative of the list of candidates in which Miss Brouet's name was included, to further extract from the said list the name of the person to fill the vacancy in the Assembly.

The Speaker, on behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, extended good wishes to Miss Brouet.

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(ii) Leave

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

The Hon. Gail Teixeira up to 9th June, 1995  
Mr. Idris Deen up to 30th June, 1995.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance:

(i) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 1995 (No. 23 of 1995), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Chapter 1:07, on 16th May, 1995.

(Circulated)

(ii) Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Order 1995 (No. 24 of 1995), made under section 5 of the Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Act, Chapter 27:11, on 16th May, 1995.

(Circulated)

(iii) Financial Paper No. 1/1995 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$639,111,280, for the period ended 31st December, 1994 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund.

(Circulated)

In accordance with Standing Order No. 68(1), the Minister named Friday, 26th May, 1995, as the day for the consideration of the Financial Paper.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

- (1) **LAW REFORM (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1995 - Bill No. 10/1995 published 20.5.95**

The Senior Minister of Agriculture (Leader of the House), on behalf of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act and the Accidental Deaths and Personal Injuries (Damages) Act.

- (2) **CAPITAL ISSUES (CONTROL) BILL 1995 - Bill No. 12/1995 published 20.5.95**

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the control of issues of prospectuses and for purposes connected therewith.

- (3) **COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1995 - Bill No. 13/1995 published 20.5.95**

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Companies Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - BANKING LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1995 - Bill No. 6/1995  
published 29.4.95

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Senior Minister of Finance, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the  
Banking Laws Act 1991.

Mr. Winston Murray spoke to the motion.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 2 - DEALERS IN FOREIGN CURRENCY (LICENSING) (AMENDMENT) BILL  
1995 - Bill No. 7/1995 published 29.4.95

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Senior Minister of Finance, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend  
the Dealers in Foreign Currency  
(Licensing) Act.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Winston Murray  
Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine.

Thereafter, the Minister in the Ministry of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.



The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed with the following corrections:

Clause 11

The word "or" was substituted for the word "of" between the words "Bank," and "regulation".

Clause 12

The word "of" was substituted for the word "or" between the words "exercise" and "the".

ITEM 3 - CO-OPERATIVE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1995-  
Bill No. 8/1995 published 29.4.95

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Senior Minister of Finance, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the law relating to the Co-operative Financial Institutions Act and to provide for matters connected therewith.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine

Mr. Winston Murray.

Thereafter, the Minister in the Ministry of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed with the following correction:

Clause 9

The words "section 28" were substituted for the words "section 29" in the marginal note.

**ITEM 4 - BANK OF GUYANA BILL 1995 - Bill No. 9/1995 published**  
**29.4.95**

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Senior Minister of Finance, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to revise and amend the law relating to the Bank of Guyana and to provide for related and consequential matters.

Mr. Winston Murray was speaking to the motion when it was agreed that further consideration of the Bill should be deferred to the next Sitting on Friday, 26th May, 1995.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3.07 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 Friday, 26th May, 1995.



D.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

22nd May, 1995.