NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 32ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION (1992-1994) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1994

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)
- *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.
- 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, 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

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Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, M.P.
Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.
Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P.
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.
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)
Mr. Bagot Paul, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)
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)
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Members of the Minority (29)

(i) People's National Congress (26)

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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.
Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.
Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.
Miss Amna Ally, M.P.
Miss Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.
Mr. Arthur A. Alexander, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National
    Assembly
Mr. Simon H. Ng-See-Quan, M.P. (Absent)
Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P.
Mr. David Subnauth, M.P.
Mr. Reynold N. David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
Mrs. Jennifer A. Ferreira, M.P. (Absent)
Mr. M. Idris Deen, M.P.
Mr. Aftabuddin Ahamad, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Mr. Kenrick Tyndall, M.P.
Mr. Phillip Bynoe, M.P. (Region No. 10 -Upper Demerara/
    Berbice) (Absent - on leave)
Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P.
Mr. Hukumchand, M.P. a/k Parag
Miss Joan C. Richards, M.P.
Miss Gwenneth A. Brouet, M.P.
Mr. John A. Fredericks, M.P.
Mr. Ivan Peters, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
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(ii) Working People's Alliance (2)

Dr. Clive Y. Thomas, M.P.

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

(iii) The United Force (1)

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Phillip Bynoe, up to 18th March, 1994 and Mr. Manzoor Nadir for that day's sitting.

(ii) <u>Eid Greetings</u>

The Speaker extended sincere greetings to all Members of the National Assembly, especially the Muslim Members, on the occasion of Eid which was celebrated on that day.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Senior Minister of Health:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Health for the year 1991.

(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1994

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates for the financial year 1994.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Winston S. Murray
The Senior Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry
Mr. M. Idris Deen

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 following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Alston Kissoon

Dr. Faith A. Harding

The Senior Minister of Health

Mr. Arthur A. Alexander

The Senior Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security

Mr. John A. Fredericks.

Dr. Moti Lall

Mrs. Una A. James

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards .

Mr. Andy Gouveia

Mr. Joseph DeSouza

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

At 9.44 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, 15th March, 1994.

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Georgetown

14th March, 1994.