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ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA UNDER THE
CONSTITUTION OF GUYANA

52nd Sitting

2.00 p.m.

Friday, 5th December, 1969

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Assembly met at 2 p.m.

Prayers

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

Present

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R. B. Gajraj, C. B. E., J. P.

Members of the Government

Ministers

Dr. the Honourable P. A. Reid,
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

The Honourable R. J. Jordan,
Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The Honourable M. Kasim,
Minister of Communications

The Honourable H. D. Hoyte,
Minister of Home Affairs

The Honourable N. J. Bissember,
Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs

The Honourable W. G. Carrington,
Minister of Labour and Social Security

The Honourable B. Ramsaroop,
Minister of Housing and Reconstruction-

Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. J. G. Joaquin, O. B. E., J. P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance

Mr. P. Duncan,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Local Government

Mr. W. Haynes,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Hydraulics

Mr. J. R. Thomas,
Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister

Other Members

Mr. O. E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker

Mr. J. N. Aaron

Miss M. M. Ackman

Mr. K. Bancroft

Mr. J. Budhoo, J. P.

Mr. L. I. Chan – A – Sue

Mr. E. F. Correia

Mr. M. Corrica

Mr. E. H. A. Fowler

Mrs. P. A. Limerick

Mr. S. M. Saffee

Mr. D. A. Singh

Mr. R. C. Van Sluytman

Mr. C. E. Wrights

Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J. P.

Members of the Opposition

Mr. Ram Karran

Mr. R. Chandisingh

Dr. F. H. W. Ramsahoye

Mr. D. C. Jagan

Mr. G. H. Lall
Mr. R. Ally
Mr. BalchandPersaud
Mr. BholaPersaud
Mrs. R. P. Sahoye
Mr. V. Teekah
Mrs. E. DaSilva

Clerk of the National Assembly – Mr. F. A. Narain

Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly – Mr. M. B. Henry.

Absent

The Honourable L. F. S. Burnham, Q. C.,
Prime Minister

Mrs. the Honourable S. M. Patterson,
Minister of Education

The Honourable S. S. Ramphal, Q. C., C. M. G.,
Attorney – General and Minister of State

The Honourable M. W. Carter,
Minister of Information

The Honourable H. Green,
Minister of Works and Hydraulics

The Honourable H. O. Jack,
Minister without Portfolio

Dr. the Honourable S. E. Talbot,
Minister of Health

Mr. A. Salim,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources

His Honour, the Speaker, Mr. R. B. Gajraj, C. B. E., J.P. - **on leave**

The Honourable R. J. Jordan,
Minister of Agriculture and National Resources - **on leave**

Dr. C. B. Jagan,
Leader of the Opposition

Mr. E. M. C. Wilson

Mr. A. M. Hamid, J. P. - on leave
Mr. M. Y. Ally
Mr. R. D. Persaud, J. P.
Mr. E. M. Stoby
Mr. E. L. Ambrose
Mrs. L. M. Branco - on leave
Mr. I. Remington, J. P.
Mr. M. F. Singh
Mr. J. A. Sutton
Mr. R. E. Cheeks

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**Thanks to Deputy Speaker**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thankfulness to the Honourable Member, the Deputy Speaker, for having carried out the functions of Speaker so very well during my absence from the country. I know that some Hon. Members have done so already and I myself have done so in writing but I do so now for the record.

Letter of Thanks from Mrs. Jackson

I would like to say that we have received a letter from Mrs. Olga Jackson, wife of the late Andrew Jackson, expressing thanks for the tributes paid to her late husband and the sympathy shown to her and her family on the death of her husband.

Leave to Members

Leave has been granted to the Hon. Members Mr. Salim and Mrs. Branco from today's Sitting. Leave has also been granted to the Hon. Leader of the Opposition Dr. Jagan for two months from the 8th of December, 1969. In another letter I have been notified by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition that the Hon. Member Mr. Ram Karran will be acting during his absence as Leader of the Opposition.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

The following Paper was laid:

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Police for the year 1968. [**The Minister of Home Affairs**]

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS – FIRST READING

The following Bill was introduced and read the First time:

Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1969. [The Minister of Finance]

The Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs (Mr. Bissember): Government does not intend, at this Sitting, to proceed with the introduction of the Rent Control Bill, 1969 and I ask that it be deferred. I have already spoken with the acting Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Speaker: Is it to remain on the Order Paper?

Mr. Bissember: Yes, it will remain on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure that leave will be granted for the postponement of the Bill. That seems to be all the business for today's sitting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bissember: I move that we adjourn to Tuesday, 9th December, 1969 at 2.00 p.m.

Mr. Speaker: Do you propose to deal with the Bill on Tuesday?

Mr. Bissember: Yes, as it is already on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: I just wanted to be sure.

Sitting adjourned at 2.10 p.m.
