

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 8th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 31st August, 1973

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P.

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (49)

Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister (2)

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., Prime Minister (Absent)
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture

Senior Ministers (7)

The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Works and Communications
The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice (Absent)
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation (Absent)
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance
Dr. the Honourable K.F.S. King, Minister of Economic Development (Absent)
The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Housing

Ministers (5)

The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture
The Honourable B Ramsaroop, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House
The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education (Absent)
Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)

Ministers of State (9)

The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture
The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne)
The Honourable P. Duncan, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)
The Honourable C.A. Nascimento, Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister

Non elected Minister

- The Honourable M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) (Absent)
- #The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for Home Affairs
- #The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro) (Absent)
- #The Honourable A. Salim, Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice) (Absent)
- #The Honourable F.U.A. Carmichael, Minister of State - Regional (North West)

Parliamentary Secretaries (8)

- Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing
- Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Communications
- Miss M.M. Ackman, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, and Government Chief Whip
- Mr. E.L. Ambrose, Parliamentary Secretary, (Agriculture), Ministry of National Development and Agriculture
- Mr. K.B. Bancroft, Parliamentary Secretary (Hinterland), Ministry of National Development and Agriculture
- Mr. S. Prashad, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation
- Mr. J.P. Chowritmootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education
- Mr. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation

Other Members (18)

- Mr. J.N. Aaron
- Mrs. L.M. Branco
- Mr. M. Corrica
- Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
- Miss J. Gill
- Mr. W. Hussain
- Miss S. Jaiserrisingh
- Mr. K.M.E. Jonas
- Mr. M. Nissar (Absent - on leave)
- Dr. L.E. Ramsahoye
- Mr. J.G. Ramson
- Mrs. P.A. Rayman
- Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
- Mr. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.
- Mr. C. Sukhul, J.P.
- Mr. H.A. Taylor (Absent)
- Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
- Mrs. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Deputy Speaker
- Mrs. E. DaSilva

OFFICERS

- Mr. F.A. Narain, Clerk of the National Assembly
- Mr. M.B. Henry, AMBIM, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

Non elected Minister

VACATION OF SEAT BY DR. G. KUMAR

His Honour the Speaker informed the Assembly that Dr. G. Kumar, who had been declared to be an elected Member of the National Assembly, had been absent from seven consecutive sittings of the Assembly which had been held on -

- (i) Thursday, 26th July, 1973,
- (ii) Monday, 30th July, 1973,
- (iii) Thursday, 2nd August, 1973,
- (iv) Friday, 3rd August, 1973,
- (v) Tuesday, 7th August, 1973,
- (vi) Friday, 10th August, 1973, and
- (vii) Tuesday, 14th August, 1973,

during that session of Parliament and within the period of not longer than two calendar months. He stated that since Dr. Kumar had not applied for and had not been granted leave of absence by him, he had vacated his seat in the National Assembly in accordance with article 61(2)(b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 77; and in accordance with article 70 of the Constitution, the appropriate Member of the Assembly had been called upon to extract the name of a person from the relevant list to fill the vacancy. He indicated that the name of Mrs. Elinor DaSilva had been extracted and that she had been declared to be a Member of the National Assembly.

Mrs. E. DaSilva made and subscribed the oath of office and was, thereafter, congratulated and welcomed back to the Assembly by His Honour the Speaker, and by Mr. Singh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to-

- (i) Mr. Jonas from 3rd to 20th September, and
- (ii) Mr. Nissar from 31st August, to 22nd September, 1973.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture, on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Report of the National Insurance Board for the year 1971.

(GSC: 11/8/1) (Circulated)

- (2) By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Caribbean Community Order, 1973 (No. 76), made under section 3 of the Caribbean Community Act 1973 (No. 14), on the 1st of August, 1973 and published in the Gazette on the 2nd of August, 1973.

(G.580 VIII) (Circulated)

- (b) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, 1971 (No. 16), for quarter ended 31st March, 1973.

(G.692) (Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

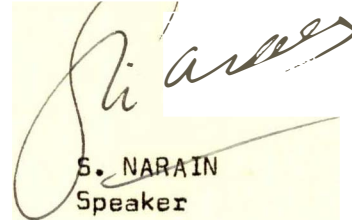
NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT)
BILL 1973 - Bill No. 18/1973

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL
INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, 1969.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.23 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly adjourned to a date to be fixed.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
20th September, 1973