

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 22nd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

TUESDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1973

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (50)

Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister (2)

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., Prime Minister (Absent -
on leave)

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

The Honourable H.L. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)

The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance

Dr. the Honourable K.F.S. King, Minister of Economic Development

The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Housing

Ministers (6)

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

Dr. the Honourable U.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health

The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade (Absent - on leave)

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/Coventryne)

The Honourable P. Duncan, J.P., Minister of State - Regional
(Rupununi) (Absent)

The Honourable C.A. Nascimento, Minister of State, Office of the
Prime Minister (Absent)

Non elected Minister

- The Honourable M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)
- # 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) (Absent)

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
- Dr. L.E. Ramsahoye (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. J.G. Ramson
- Mrs. P.A. Rayman
- Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
- Mr. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.
- Mr. C. Sukul, J.P.
- Mr. H.A. Taylor
- 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, MBIM, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

Non elected Minister

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

- (i) Mr. Burnham from 18th to 22nd December, 1973, and
- (ii) Mr. King for 18th and 19th December, 1973.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1974

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1974 totalling \$337,303,105. (See Appendix to the Minutes of 10th December, 1973).

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 40 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was passed as printed at	\$ 6,816,028
HEAD 41 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - IN-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME was passed as printed at	... 239,063
HEAD 42 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - PRIMARY, MULTILATERAL AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS was passed as printed at	... \$25,590,442
HEAD 43 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was passed as printed at	... \$ 2,043,718
HEAD 44 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - GOVERNMENT TRAINING COLLEGE - PRE-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME was passed as printed at	... \$ 1,005,999
HEAD 45 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - GEORGETOWN was passed as printed at	... \$ 663,890
HEAD 46 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS was passed as printed at	... 141,576
HEAD 47 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - QUEEN'S COLLEGE was passed as printed at...	\$ 434,991
with the following correction:	
<u>Deletion</u> of legends at (4) and (5) in the Explanatory Notes.	

HEAD 48 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - BISHOPS' HIGH SCHOOL was passed as printed at	...	331,031
HEAD 49 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - ANNA REGINA SECONDARY SCHOOL was passed as printed at	... \$	160,826
with the following correction:		
<u>Deletion of figures in the last column and of legend at sub-head 7.</u>		
HEAD 50 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - DERBICE HIGH SCHOOL was passed as printed at	...	266,372
HEAD 51 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, NEW AMSTERDAM was passed as printed at	...	479,717
HEAD 52 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS was passed as printed at	...	187,900
with the following corrections:		
(i) <u>Insertion</u> of the figures "2" and "3" at items (10) and (11), respectively, in the 1972 and 1973 columns under Establishment and <u>substitution</u> of "25" for "20" in each column.		
(ii) <u>Insertion</u> of the figures "2,400" and "3,600" opposite items (10) and (11), respectively in the column "1973 Approved Estimates".		
(iii) <u>Substitution</u> of the figure "92,724" for "86,724" opposite "Total Personal Emoluments" and "GRAND TOTAL" in the column "1973 Approved Estimates".		
(iv) <u>Substitution</u> of the figures "+1,320", "+1,800", "+37,956", and "+95,176" in the last column opposite items (10) and (11), and Total Personal Emoluments and GRAND TOTAL, respectively.		
HEAD 53 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT UNIT was passed as printed at	...	446,422
HEAD 54 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - GUYANA INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE was passed as printed at	...	136,704
DIVISION XXIII - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was passed as printed at	... \$	3,594,000

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DIVISION XXIV - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION/SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT/IBRD/IDA PROJECTS was
passed as printed at ... \$ 9,691,426

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.15 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.45 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

SIGNIFICATION OF CABINET'S RECOMMENDATION

The **Minister** of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation that the Assembly proceed with consideration of the following motions:

- (i) Confirmation of Purchase Tax (Motor Cars)(Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1973 (No. 151).
- (ii) Confirmation of Consumption Tax (Amendment)(No. 3) Order 1973 (No. 152).
- (iii) Confirmation of Customs (Export Duties) Order 1973 (No. 153).

ITEM 2 CONFIRMATION OF PURCHASE TAX (MOTOR CARS)(AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) ORDER 1973 (NO. 151)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 5A(5) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, confirm the Purchase Tax (Motor Cars)(Amendment)(No. 3) Order 1973 (No. 151), which was made on the 10th of December, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 10th of December, 1973.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) ORDER 1973 (NO. 152)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act 1969 (No. 13), confirm the Consumption Tax (Amendment)(No. 3) Order 1973 (No. 152), which was made on the 10th of December, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 10th of December, 1973.

ITEM 4 CONFIRMATION OF CUSTOMS (EXPORT DUTIES) ORDER 1973
(NO. 153)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm the Customs (Export Duties) Order 1973 (No. 153), which was made on the 10th of December, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 10th of December, 1973.

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 5 TAX (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 27/1973
published 10.12.73

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX
ORDINANCE.

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

MOTION

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTIMATES OF
EXPENDITURE FOR 1974

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 34 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNICATIONS) was passed as printed at	...	499,177
HEAD 35 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNICATIONS) - POST OFFICE was passed as printed at	...	\$ 3,787,554
HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNICATIONS) - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was passed as printed at	...	\$ 3,700,000
HEAD 37 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNICATIONS) - CIVIL AVIATION was passed as printed at	...	881,108

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DIVISION XX - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNICATIONS) - POSTAL AND COMMUNICATIONS was passed as printed at ... \$ 8,340,700

HEAD 38 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (WORKS) - ESTABLISHMENT was passed as printed at ... \$ 8,863,499 with the following corrections:

- (i) Insertion of "1" in the Column "Subhead No." and "037,001" in the Column "Code No." opposite "Brought Forward" on page 100.
- (ii) Substitution of the word "Procurement" for "Precurement" opposite item (31).
- (iii) Substitution of the word "Technician" for "Technician" in the legend for item (42).
- (iv) Substitution of the word "Assistants" for "Assistance" in the legend for item (67).
- (v) Substitution of "1973" for "1971" in the legend for item (116).
- (vi) Insertion of "+" immediately before "677,207" in the last column opposite "Carried Forward" on page 103.
- (vii) Insertion of "+" immediately before "1,121,086" in the last column opposite "Brought Forward" on page 105.

HEAD 39 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (WORKS) - ANNUALLY RECURRENT was passed as printed at ... \$ 9,892,028 with the following correction:

Substitution of "-4,000" for "+4,000" in the last column opposite subhead 11.

DIVISION XXI - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS - WORKS was passed as printed at ... \$ 32,715,700 with the following corrections:

- (i) Substitution of the word "Roads" for "R pads" at subhead 10.
- (ii) Substitution of the word "Offices" for "Officers" at subhead 15.
- (iii) Substitution of the word "Hydro-meteorology" for "Hydrometeorology" at subhead 20.

DIVISION XXII - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS - (WORKS) - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS
was passed as printed at ... \$ 5,277,000

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.40 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.10 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 55 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as printed at ... \$ 1,018,565
with the following corrections:

- (i) Substitution of the words "Increased costs" for "New Subhead" in the legend for subhead 25.
- (ii) Substitution of the words "New Subhead" for "Increase contribution due to revision of salaries" in the legend for subhead 26.
- (iii) Insertion of the words "Increased contribution due to revised salaries" as the legend for subhead 27.

HEAD 56 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL was passed as printed at ... \$ 3,937,822
with the following corrections:

- (i) Substitution of "21,096" for "121,096" at item (41) in the column "1974 Estimates".
- (ii) Substitution of the word "Expansion" for "Expiration" in the legend for subhead 20.

HEAD 57 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - BACTERIOLOGICAL was passed as printed at ... 615,483
with the following correction:

Substitution of the words "DIVISION XXV" for "DIVISION XXIX" in the Explanatory Notes.

HEAD 58 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - X-RAY was passed as printed at ... 295,407

HEAD 59 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES, ETC. was passed as printed at ... \$ 11,746,720 with the following corrections:

- (i) Substitution of the words "DIVISION XXV" for "DIVISION XXIV" in the Explanatory Notes on page 141.
- (ii) Substitution of the following for the legend for item (67) - "Formerly Office Assistants and General Hospital Assistants".
- (iii) Substitution of the following for subhead 31 - "Occupational Therapy",
- (iv) Insertion of the word "Deduct" immediately before the word "Issues" opposite subhead 101.

HEAD 60 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ANALYST was passed as printed at ... \$ 208,576 with the following corrections:

- (i) Substitution of the word "Deputy" for "Geputy" at item (2).
- (ii) Substitution of "A13" for "A12" at item (12).
- (iii) Substitution of the words "DIVISION XXV" for "DIVISION XXIV" in the Explanatory Notes.

HEAD 61 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - PALMS was passed as printed at ... 707,636 with the following corrections:

Substitution of the word "Tobacco" for "Tabacco" in the legend for subhead 12.

DIVISION XXV - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as printed at ... \$ 1,727,200 with the following correction:

Substitution of the words "Total Division XXV" for "Total Division XXX".

HEAD 62 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING was passed as printed at \$ 1,855,002 with the following corrections:

- (i) Substitution of "7" for "9" and insertion of the following at item 12 under Clerical Establishment -
"2 Confidential Secretaries A 12".

(ii) Substitution of the following for
for the description of item (18) -
"Architect/Assistant Architect
A26/A24"

(iii) Substitution of the words
"DIVISION XXVI" for "DIVISION XXV"
in the Explanatory Notes on pages
150 and 151.

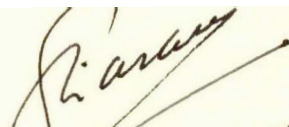
HEAD 63 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING - TOWN AND
COUNTRY PLANNING was passed as
printed at ... 264,250

DIVISION XXVI - MINISTRY OF HOUSING was
passed as printed at ... \$ 4,560,000

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11.05 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary
Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to
2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 19th of December, 1973.



S. NARAIN
Speaker
19.12.73

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
19th December, 1973.