

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 20th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1974

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 (Absent)  
# 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 (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 (Absent)  
# Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)  
# The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade

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) (Absent - on leave)  
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)(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
- Mr. J.G. Ramson
- Mrs. P.A. Rayman
- Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. (Absent)
- 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 (Absent - on leave)

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Deputy Speaker
- Mrs. E. DaSilva (Absent - on leave)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to

- (i) Mr. Duncan and Mrs. Willems for that day's sitting, and
- (ii) Mrs. DaSilva from 4th February to 18th March, 1974.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Financial Paper No. 1/1974 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$1,525,605 - Uncovered Advances from the Contingencies Fund in 1973.  
(2/5 VIII)(Circulated)

In accordance with Standing Order No. 68(1), the Minister of Finance named Monday, the 18th of February, 1974, as the day for the consideration of the Financial Paper.

- (2) 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 the quarter ended 31st December, 1973.  
(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

- (1) RICE FARMERS (SECURITY OF TENURE)(AMENDMENT)  
BILL 1974 - Bill No. 6/1974 published 2.2.74

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE  
RICE FARMERS (SECURITY OF TENURE) ACT.

- (2) GEMMEL BACCHUS (WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION)  
BILL 1974 - Bill No. 7/1974 published 5.2.74

The Minister 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 PAYMENT OF A PENSION TO THE  
DEPENDANTS OF GEMMEL BACCHUS UNDER  
THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION ACT.

- (3) HOUSING OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR ESTATES  
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 8/1974  
published 6.2.74

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE  
HOUSING OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR  
ESTATES ACT.

- (4) GUYANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL 1974 - Bill  
No. 2/1974 published 19.1.74, 26.1.74 and  
2.2.74

Miss Jaiserrisingh presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GUYANA  
OF THE GUYANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO  
HOLD THE PROPERTY IN GUYANA OF THE  
CANADIAN MISSION COUNCIL IN GUYANA  
AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### MOTION

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Government of Guyana proposes in association with Parsons and Whittemore Inc. a corporation incorporated in the United States of America, to carry out a study into the establishment of a Pulp Mill and/or a Forests Products Complex in Guyana;

AND WHEREAS the Royal Bank of Canada is willing to enter into an Agreement to establish on behalf of the Government an irrevocable Letter of Credit not exceeding the sum of US\$100,000 together with any interest due thereon in favour of Parsons and Whittemore Inc., to pay for one-half of the estimated cost of the study:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

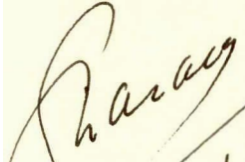
That this National Assembly do authorise the Government to enter into an Agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada for the abovementioned purpose.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to Monday, the 18th of February, 1974.



S. NARAIN  
Speaker 18/2/74

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
13th February, 1974.