

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 34th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 22ND MAY, 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)

Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture (Absent)

Senior Ministers (7)

The Honourable H.D. Hoyts, S.C., Minister of Works and Communications
(Absent - on leave)

The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice

The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation (Absent)

The Honourable H.O. 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 (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 and Social Development.

Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)

The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

Minister 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) (Absent-on-leave)

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. Zaheeruddin, J.P., Minister of State - Regional
(Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)(Absent)
- # The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for Home Affairs (Absent)
- # 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

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Mr. R.C. Van Slutyman, Deputy Speaker

Other Members (17)

- 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. Jones
- 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
- Mrs. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition
- Mrs. E. Da Silva

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 SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Hoyte, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Duncan for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Commonwealth Citizenship Order 1974 (No. 63), made under section 15 of the Guyana Citizenship Act, Chapter 14:01 on the 13th of May, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 18th of May, 1974.

(HA: 32 III) (Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERSQuestion No. 1

Mrs. Da Silva asked the Minister of Education and Social Development the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister state when the name of the Set Book for English Literature for the 1974 Preliminary Examination for Government Primary Schools will be made available to the Headmasters?

The Minister of Education and Social Development gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The name of the Set Book for English Literature for the 1974 Preliminary Certificate Examination which is "The Wooden Horse" by Eric Williams, published by Longmans was made available in the Official Gazette of October 27, 1973.

Supplementary questions were asked by Mrs. Da Silva.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - REMISSION OF STAMP DUTY

Miss Jaiserrisingh moved and Mrs Willems seconded the following motion which was put and carried:

WHEREAS in accordance with section 13(36) of the Tax Act, Chapter 80:01, and of Standing Order No. 57(5)(b) of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly, the Promoters of the Guyana Presbyterian Church Bill 1974, paid to the Accountant General on the 5th of January, 1974, the prescribed stamp duty of \$100.00;

AND WHEREAS the Bill was enacted by Parliament on the 2nd of March, 1974;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with section 13(36) of the Tax Act, Chapter 80:01, the National Assembly may remit payment of the stamp duty:

BE IT RESOLVED

That this National Assembly approves of the remission, to the Promoters of the Guyana Presbyterian Church Bill, 1974, of the stamp duty of \$100.00, paid to the Accountant General in respect of the Bill.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 2 - PUBLIC AUTHORITIES (LIMITATION OF ACTIONS) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS)
BILL 1974 - Bill No. 14/1974 published 4.5.74

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled AN ACT TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ACTIONS BY CERTAIN PUBLIC AUTHORITIES FOR THE RECOVERY OF MONIES BE BROUGHT WITHIN A PRESCRIBED TIME AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO..

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice replied.

The motion was put and carried.

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

ITEM 3 - PUBLIC OFFICERS WIDOWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 - Bill No.15/1974
published 11.5.74

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC OFFICERS WIDOWS ACT.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

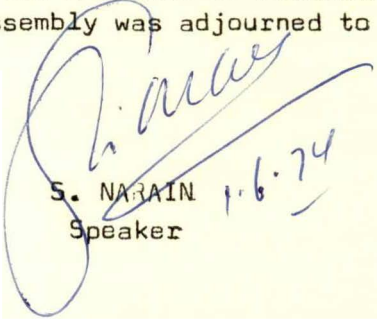
Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.15 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1st June, 1974.