

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 35th Sittings of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 12th JUNE, 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 (Absent)

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.
- # 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

Minister (6)

- The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour (Absent)
- 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 (Absent- on leave)
- # Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)
- # The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

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)
- 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)
- # 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 (Absent)
- 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 (Absent)
- Mr. S. Prashad, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives
and National Mobilisation (Absent)
- 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 Sluytman, Deputy Speaker

Other Members (17)

- Mr. J.N. Aaron
- Mrs. L.M. Branco (Absent - on leave)
- 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 (Absent)
- Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
- 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. DaSilva

OFFICERS

- Mr. F.A. Narain, Clerk of the National Assembly
- Mr. M.B. Henry, AMBIM, 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 and Mrs. Branco for that day's sitting, and
- (ii) Miss Baird to 25th June, 1974.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONSPrivate Bill

The Clerk read the Petition presented by Mr. Fowler, on behalf of Mr. Eugene B. Chaiken and Mr. Archie J. Ijames, both of 33B, Barrack Street, Kingston, Georgetown, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to incorporate the Peoples Temple of the Disciple of Christ Church.

(PARL: 3/2/2(4/1974))

The question that the promoters be allowed to proceed was put and carried.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of State for Home Affairs, on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Guyana Police Force by the Commissioner of Police for the year 1972.

(P: 28/1)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -Presentation and First Reading

- (1) TAX (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1974 - Bill No.16/1974 published 11.6.74

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 AMEND THE TAX ACT.

- (2) CANE FARMERS REHABILITATION FUND BILL 1974 - Bill No. 17/1974

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF CANE FARMERS OF A FUND UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CANE FARMING COMMITTEE AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve that the Minister responsible for finance may establish the Contingencies Fund by issues from the Consolidated Fund not exceeding in the aggregate an amount equivalent to two per cent of the estimated annual expenditure of the last preceding financial year as shown in the annual estimates of revenue and expenditure approved by the National Assembly with respect to that year.

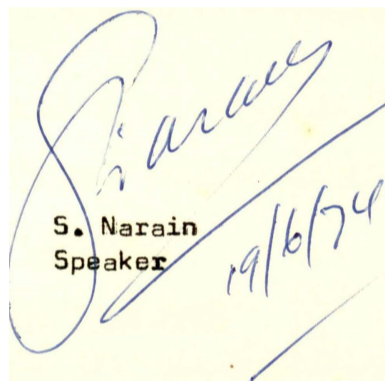
The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

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
19/6/74

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
19th June, 1974.