

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 39th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 18TH JULY, 1974

With the Deputy Speaker in the Chair

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P. (Absent - on leave)

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 - on leave)

- * 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 (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 (Absent)
- * Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)
- * The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (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/Corentyne) (Absent on leave)

- * Non elected Minister

- 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
- 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 (Absent)
- 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 (Absent)
- 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 (Absent - on leave)
- 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. Aanon
- 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 (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
- Mr. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.
- Mr. C. Sukul, J.P.
- Mr. H.A. Taylor (Absent)
- Mrs. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition (Absent - on leave)
- Mrs. E. DaSilva

OFFICERS

- Mr. F.A. Narain, Clerk of the National Assembly (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. M.B. Henry, AMBIM, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

* Non elected Minister

PRAYERS

The Deputy Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced that the Speaker was unable to be present at that day's sitting and had, therefore, requested to be excused.

His Honour also announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Mr. Burnham up to 20th July, 1974,
- (b) Mr. Hoyte, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Chowritmootoo and Mrs. Rayman for that day's sitting, and
- (c) Mr. Singh up to 26th July, 1974.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONSPrivate Bill

The Deputy Clerk read the **Petition presented by Mrs. Branco**, on behalf of Rev. Compton Wharton of 177 James Street, Albouystown, Georgetown, and Rev. Lennox Réece of 56 William Street, Kitty, Georgetown, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to incorporate the Church of God of Prophecy.

(PARL: 3/2/2(5/1966)

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Works and Communications:

Rates of Postage (Surface Mail and Fees for Services) Order 1974 (No. 81), made under section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on the 24th of June, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 29th of June, 1974.

(PO: 23/1 II)

- (2) By the Minister of Finance:

Sugar Levy Regulations 1974 (No. 9), made under section 7 of the Sugar Levy Act 1974 (No. 22), on the 8th of July, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 9th of July, 1974.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

- (1.) NATIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL BILL 1974 -
Bill No. 23/1974

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND INCORPORATION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

- (2) CHURCH OF GOD IN GUYANA (INCORPORATION) BILL
1974 - Bill No. 19/1974 published 22.6.74,
29.6.74 and 6.7.74

Mr. Aaron presented the following Private Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN GUYANA TO HOLD THE PROPERTY IN GUYANA OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE CHURCH OF GOD AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second and Third Readings

PENSIONS PRESIDENT PARLIAMENTARY AND SPECIAL
OFFICES AMENDMENT BILL 1974 - Bill No. 22/1974
published 6.7.74

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 PENSIONS (PRESIDENT, PARLIAMENTARY AND SPECIAL OFFICES) ACT.

Mrs. DaSilva spoke to the motion.

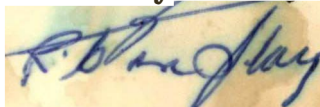
Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

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 turned to a date to be fixed.



R.C. VAN SLUYTMAN
 Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
 Public Buildings,
 Georgetown.
 22nd July, 1974.