

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 46th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 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
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development

Senior Ministers (8)

- The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Economic Development
- * 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.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
- * The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance
- * The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Works and Housing
- * The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection
- * The Honourable G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture

Ministers (5)

- The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour (Absent - on leave)
- The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture (Absent - on leave)
- 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

Ministers of State (10)

- The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture
- The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent)
- 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)
- The Honourable M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) (Absent - on leave)
- * Non elected Minister

- The Hon. K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (~~Mazaruni~~/Potaro) (Absent - on leave)
- * The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for Home Affairs
 - * The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State for Consumer Protection (Absent)
 - * The Honourable A. Saïm, 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 (7)

- Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing
- Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing
- Miss M.M. Ackman, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, and Government Chief Whip
- Mr. E.L. Ambrose, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
- Mr. S..Prashad, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation
- Mr. J.P. Chowritmootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Social Development (Absent)
- Mr. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (17)

- Mr. J.N. Aaron
- Mrs. L.M. Branco
- Mr. M. Coirica
- Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
- Miss J. Gill
- Mr. W. Hussain
- Miss S. Jaiserrisingh
- Mr. K.M.E. Jonas (Absent) ✓
- 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 (Absent)

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

- * Non elected Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Zaheeruddeen for that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1974

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1974 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$38,619,890 for the period ending 15th October, 1974.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.10 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of Financial Paper No. 3/1974.

In Committee of Supply

Consideration of the Schedule to the Financial Paper was resumed.

At 6.25 p.m., the proceedings were interrupted to enable the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House to move the suspension of Standing Order No. 9(2).

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(2)

On a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, Standing Order No. 9(2) was suspended to enable the sitting to continue beyond 6.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS ON FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1974

The Committee of Supply resumed and completed consideration of Financial Paper No. 3/1974.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1974 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$38,619,890 for the period ending 15th October, 1974."

ITEM 2 - STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA - SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

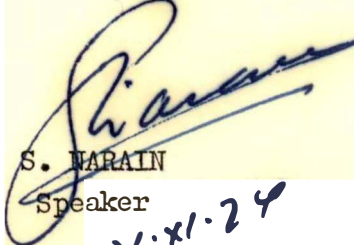
The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader* of the House moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Orders Nos. 9 and 12 be suspended to enable a Special Sitting of the National Assembly to be held at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, the 11th of November, 1974, on the occasion of the State Visit to Guyana of His Excellency Dr. William Tolbert, Jr., President of the Republic of Liberia.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.20 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 10.00 a.m. on Monday, the 11th of November, 1974.



S. NARAIN
Speaker
21.11.74

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
9th November, 1974.