

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 49th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 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

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 (Absent)
  - \* The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)
  - \* 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 (Absent - on leave)
  - \* The Honourable G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture

Ministers (5)

- 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

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)  
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 K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/  
Potaro) (Absent)
- \* The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for Home Affairs (Absent)
- \* The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State for Consumer Protection  
(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 (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
- Mr. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime  
Minister (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman, 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. Jonas
- Mr. M. Nissar
- Dr. L.E. Ramsahoye (Absent)
- Mr. J.G. Ramson
- Mrs. P.A. Rayman
- Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. (Absent - on leave)
- 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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

- \* Non elected Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

GUYANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (INCORPORATION)  
BILL 1974 - Bill No. 37/1974 published 23.11.74,  
30.11.74 and 7.12.74

Mr. Ramson, on behalf of Mr. Aaron, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE  
THE GUYANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1975

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1975, totalling \$458,687,527. (See Appendix to Minutes of the 9th of December, 1974).

Mrs. DaSilva and the Minister of Economic Development spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.42 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 13th of December, 1974.



S. NARAIN 13/12  
Speaker

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