

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 52nd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

TUESDAY, 17TH 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 - on leave)

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 Hon. 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 (Absent)

The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance

The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Works and Housing (Absent)

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)

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)(Absent)
- The Honourable K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/
Potaro)
- # 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. 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 (7)

- Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and
Housing (Absent)
- 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 (Absent)
- 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 - on leave)

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (17)

- Mr. J.N. Aaron
- Mrs. L.M. Branco
- Mr. M. Corrice
- 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.
- 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. Jonas.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Consumption Tax (Amendment)(No. 2) Order 1974 (No. 151), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, on the 10th of December, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 12th of December, 1974.
(G. 327/54 IV)
- (b) Customs (Exemption from Duties)(No. 2) Order 1974 (No. 152), made under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, on the 10th. of December, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 12th of December, 1974.
(G. 327/54 IV)
- (c) Customs (Exemption from Duties)(No. 3) Order 1974 (No. 155), made under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, on the 10th of December, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 14th of December, 1974.
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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

- (1) VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES (AMENDMENT) BILL
1974 - Bill No. 39/1974

The Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES ACT.

- (2) MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL
1974 - Bill No. 40/1974

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
MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONAPPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1975

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1975, totalling \$458,687,527. (See Appendix to Minutes of the 9th of December, 1974).

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 25 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 1,481,371
HEAD 26 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 10,128,835
HEAD 27 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - LANDS AND SURVEYS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 2,908,662
HEAD 28 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - HYDRAULICS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 2,675,522
DIVISION XIII - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 35,256,500
DIVISION XIV - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - IBRD/ IDA PROJECTS - LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 1,929,500
DIVISION XVI - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - IBRD/ IDA PROJECTS - SECOND SEA DEFENCE PROJECT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 7,710,000
DIVISION XVII - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - IBRD/ IDA PROJECTS - TAPAKUMA IRRIGATION PROJECT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 1,240,000

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.50 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1975.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 72 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 817,729
HEAD 73 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE SERVICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	\$ 105,466

HEAD 74 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE was <u>passed as printed</u>	...	\$ 4,768,534
DIVISION XXX - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	16,500
HEAD 4 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	197,471
HEAD 11 - MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	20,872
HEAD 19 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 1,027,320
HEAD 20 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 16,160,320
HEAD 21 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 2,182,478
HEAD 22 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 1,613,615
HEAD 23 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS was passed as printed at	...	823,624
HEAD 24 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION, IMMIGRATION, BIRTHS ETC. was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	158,231
DIVISION XII - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 2,718,900

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.00 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 Wednesday, the 18th of December, 1974.

S NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
18th December, 1974.