

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 62nd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

At 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1975

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 (Absent - on leave)

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
The Honourable G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)

Ministers (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
The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of Home Affairs

Minister of State (9)

- The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture (Absent on leave)
The Honourable G.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne)
Non elected Minister

- The Honourable P. Duncan, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)
 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)
 The Honourable K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/
 Potaro)
 # 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 (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
 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

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
 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 (Absent)

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition
 Mrs. E. Da Silva

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 -

- (i) Dr. Reid and Miss Baird for that sitting, and
- (ii) Mr. Kasim for two months from 3rd April, 1975.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC

By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Report of the Directors of the New Widows and Orphans' Fund on the Working of the Fund for the year 1970.

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- (b) Purchase Tax (Motor Cars) (Amendment) (No.2) Order 1975 (No. 29), made under section 5A of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 51:02, on the 20th of March, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 20th of March, 1975.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

- (1) SEA DEFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 14/1975

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE SEA DEFENCES ACT.

- (2) POLICE (DISCIPLINE) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 15/1975

The Minister of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Government presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE TO APPEAL TO THE POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION IN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PURSUANT TO ACTICLE 108(5) OF THE CONSTITUTION AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE EXERCISE OF DISCIPLINARY POWERS IN THE POLICE FORCE.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and Third Readings

Item 1 - TRADE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 13/1975) published 22.3.75

The Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
TRADE ACT.

Mrs. Da Silva and the Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.25 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2: The following amendments by the Leader of the Opposition were put and negatived:

- (a) Insertion of the words "convicted for an offence aforceaid," between the words "employee" and "if" in the first line in the proposed new subsection (5)(c) of section 5.
- (b) Deletion of words ", which approval shall not be given prior to the expiration of two years from date the disqualification commenced where the premises are situated in Georgetown, New Amsterdam or in any other town established under the Municipal and District Councils Act".

The following amendment by Mrs. Da Silva was put and negatived:

Deletion of the existing subsection (4)(b) of section 5 of the Principal Act and the substitution thereof of the following -

" (4) (b) a fine of not less nor more than three thousand dollars together with imprisonment for not less nor more than three years, on a second or subsequent occasion."

The following amendments by the Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection were put and carried:

- (a) Deletion of the words "subsequent to the coming into operation of this subsection" in the ninth and tenth lines and insertion of those words immediately after the words "carrying on" in the twelfth line in the proposed subsection (5) to section 5 of the Principal Act.
- (b) Deletion of the words "paragraphs (a) and" in the first and second lines and substitution thereof of the word "paragraph" in the proposed subsection (7) to section 5 of the Principal Act.
- (c) Addition of the following subsection as subsection (10) of section 5 of the Principal Act -

"(10) Any person disqualified from holding a licence under subsection (5) or (7) who to the satisfaction of the court is shown to frequent premises with respect to which the disqualification arose and at which business as mentioned in those subsections is carried on shall, unless he proves to the satisfaction of the court that his presence thereat related to the transaction of business as a customer, be deemed to be engaged in the carrying on of business contrary to subsection (9)(b)."

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

Item 2 - CONFIRMATION OF THE PURCHASE TAX (MOTOR CARS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER 1975 (NO. 29)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in accordance with section 5A of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 51:02, confirm the Purchase Tax (Motor Cars) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975 (No. 29), which was made on the 20th of March, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 20th of March, 1975.

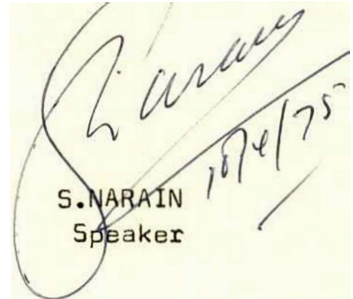
The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.55 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

10/4/75

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

10th April, 1975.