

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1977

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 127th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 21ST JULY, 1977

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly.

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (48)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., M.P., Prime Minister

Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. P.A. Reid, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development (Absent)

Senior Ministers (8)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives

- * Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Health, Housing and Labour
- * Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)
- * Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Finance
- * Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Transport
- * Cde. G.A. King, M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection
- * Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture
- * Cde. F.R. Wills, S.C., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice

Ministers (4)

Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, M.P., Minister of Information

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House

- * Cde. C.V. Mingo, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
- * Cde. V.R. Teekah, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture

Ministers of State (9)

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne)

Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Co-operatives

- Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister
- Cde. K.B. Bancroft, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro) (Absent)
- Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)
- Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Health, Housing and Labour
- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of National Development (Absent)
- * Cde. A. Salim, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice) (Absent)
- * Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (North West)

Parliamentary Secretaries (4)

- Cde. M.M. Ackman, C.C.H., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, and Government Chief Whip
- Cde. E.L. Ambrose, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture (Absent)
- Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development and Co-operatives
- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture

Other Members (21)

- Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P.
- Cde. W.G. Carrington, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. L.A. Durant, M.P.
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cde. J. Gill, M.P.
- Cde. W. Hussain, M.P.
- Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh, M.P.
- Cde. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. M. Nissar, M.P.
- Cde. L.E. Ramsahoye, M.P.
- Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
- Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
- Cde. C. Sukul, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. H.A. Taylor, M.P.
- Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P.
- Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, M.P.

Members of the Opposition (16)

(i) People's Progressive Party (14)

Leader of the Opposition (1)

- Cde. C. Jagan, M.P., Leader of the Opposition (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (12)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.
 Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Opposition Chief Whip
 Cde. N. Persaud, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. C. Collymore, M.P.
 Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.
 Cde. L. Lalbahadur, M.P.
 Cde. I. Basir, M.P.
 Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. R. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. Dindayal, M.P.
 Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) Liberator Party (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
 Mrs. E. Da Silva, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly (F.A. Narain)
 Acting Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (A. Knight)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to-

- (i) Cdes. C. Jagan and Belgrave, and Mr. Singh and Mrs. Da Silva for that sitting; and
- (ii) Cde. Ramson up to 31st July, 1977.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Loan Agreement made on 19th April, 1977, between the Government of Canada and the Government of Guyana, in connection with a development loan not exceeding \$7,000,000 (Canadian), for the purpose of making sub-loans to the Forestry Sector.

(G. 58/18)(Circulated)

- (b) Loan Agreement made on 16th June, 1977, between the Government of Canada and the Government of Guyana, in connection with a development loan not exceeding \$350,000 (Canadian), for the purchase of materials and equipment for a Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

(G. 58/18)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Annual Report of the Guyana Prison Service for
the year 1974.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1977

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 1/1977.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, 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. 1/1977 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1976) for the period ended 31st December, 1976, totalling \$1,253,397.

After consideration of the Financial Paper, 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. 1/1977 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1976) for the period ended 31st December, 1976, totalling \$1,253,397."

ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1977

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 2/1977.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, 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. 2/1977 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ended 15th July, 1977, totalling \$25,156,549.

The following corrections to the Schedule to the Financial Paper were approved:

Page	Item No.	Code No.	Head/Division	Subhead	Correction
SECTION "A" (CURRENT ESTIMATES)					
2	3	006,0001	2-Supreme Court of Judicature	1-Personal Emoluments	Insertion of the following as (C) of the Notes:- "(C) for the creation with effect from 1st July, 1977, inclusive, of one Supernumerary Office of Commissioner of Title on salary range A36"
7	19	013,0001	10-Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	1-Personal Emoluments	Substitution of the following for paragraph (i) of the Notes:- "(i) The creation of- (a) one Supernumerary Office of Principal Assistant Secretary (General) on salary range A31, and (b) one Supernumerary Office of Permanent Secretary on salary range A40"
9	23	071,0001	15-Public Service Ministry	1-Personal Emoluments	Insertion of the following as paragraph (b) of (iv) of A of the Notes:- "(b) one Supernumerary Office of Permanent Secretary on salary range A40"
SECTION "B" (CAPITAL ESTIMATES)					
1	5	108,034	XII-Ministry of Home Affairs	7-Motor Transport and Marine Workshop	Substitution of "170,000 for "1,380,000" under the column Voted Provision /...

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 4.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.32 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and continued consideration of the Financial Paper.

In Committee of Supply

The motion for the approval of the Financial Paper as corrected was then 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. 2/1977 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ended 15th July, 1977, totalling \$25,156,549."

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 3 - GUARANTEE OF LOANS (PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND COMPANIES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 - Bill No. 15/1977 published 29.6.77

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

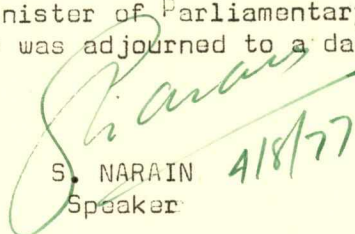
A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE GUARANTEE OF LOANS (PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND COMPANIES) ACT.

The motion was 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 6.11 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

4/8/77

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
28th July, 1977.