

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1978

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 150th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1978

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 (49)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., M.P., Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent)

- * Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Health, Housing and Labour (Absent)
- * 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 (Absent)
- * Cde. G.A. King, M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent)
- * Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)
- * Cde. M. Shahabuddeen, C.C.H., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Justice

Ministers (5)

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 (Absent)
- * Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent - on leave)

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

- * Non elected Minister

- Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)
- 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. (Absent)
- 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) (Absent)

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.
- 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.
- Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., M.P.
- Cde. M. Nissar, M.P.
- Cde. L.E. Ramsahoye, M.P.
- Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P.
- 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.
- Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, M.P.

Members of the Opposition (15)

(i) People's Progressive Party (14)

Leader of the Opposition (1)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

* Non elected Minister

Other Members (12)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.
 Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Opposition Chief Whip
 Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.
 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.
 Cde. R. Ally, M.P.
 Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. Dindayal, M.P.
 Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) Liberator Party (1)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P.

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Burnham for that sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 RESUMPTION OF APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1978

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1978, totalling \$476,515,775.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 2	SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE was <u>passed as printed</u> at	... \$ 996,221
HEAD 3	MAGISTRATES was <u>passed as printed</u> at	... \$ 1,324,406
HEAD 6	OMBUDSMAN was <u>passed as printed</u> at	... \$ 37,426
HEAD 9	PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was <u>passed</u> as printed at	... \$ 257,909

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HEAD 17	ATTORNEY GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 554,772
HEAD 18	ATTORNEY GENERAL - OFFICIAL RECEIVER was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 137,182
HEAD 19	ATTORNEY GENERAL - DEEDS REGISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 240,432

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.33 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

RESUMPTION OF APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1978

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1978.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 20	MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 3,281,909
DIVISION XI -	MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 208,000
HEAD 4	PARLIAMENT OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 202,196
HEAD 13	MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 25,753
HEAD 21	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 1,055,470
HEAD 22	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$21,942,723
HEAD 23	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 2,629,278
HEAD 24	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at ...	\$ 2,103,506
HEAD 25	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 839,837

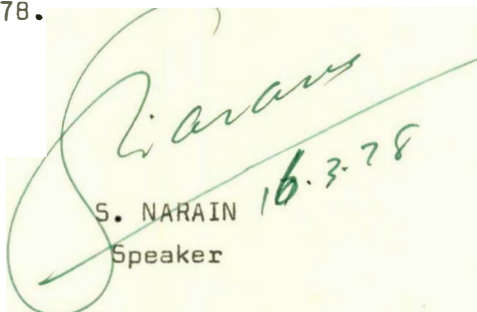
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HEAD 26	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION, IMMIGRATION, BIRTHS, ETC. was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 213,230
DIVISION XII-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	\$ 559,330

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.57 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 Thursday, 16th March, 1978.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

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PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

16th March, 1978