FIRST SESSION

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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 151st Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

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THURSDAY, 16TH 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 (Absent)
- 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 (Absent)

Ministers (5)

- Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, M.P., Minister of Information (Absent)
- Cde. B. Ramsaroop, M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House
- Cde. C.V. Mingo, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs (Absent)
- Cde. V.R. Teekah, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development. and Cülture
 - 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)(Absent)
- 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
- 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 (Absent)

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. (Absent) 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

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.

Ede. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.D., 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.ff. 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 SPEAKER

Leave

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 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

HEND 8	TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION was passed as printed at	75 , 564
HEAD 41	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE was passed as printed at	\$14,515,942
HEAD 42	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - CULTURE was passed as printed at	\$ 1,046,608

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.32 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

RESUMPTION OF APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1978

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In Committee of Supply

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HEAD 43	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - IN- SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME was passed as printed at	\$ 354 _• 749
HEAD 44	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS was passed as printed at	\$ 45,390,531
HEAD 45	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - NURSERY SCHOOLS was passed as printed at	\$ 7,845,584
HEAD 46	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE — PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was passed as printed at	\$ 3,080,566
HEAD 47	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SÖCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE → CYRIL POTTER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION was passed as printed at	\$ 1,085,326
HEAD 48	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE — TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GEORGETOWN was passed as printed at	\$ 1,002,848
HEAD 49	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS was passed as printed at	\$ 192,835
HEAD 50	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE — QUEEN'S COLLEGE was passed as printed at	\$ 547,620
HEAD 51	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - BISHOPS' HIGH SCHOOL was passed as printed at	\$ 441,729

HEAD 52	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - ANNA REGINA SECONDARY SCHOOL was passed as printed at	\$	16
HEAD 53	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - BERBICE HIGH SCHOOL was passed as printed at	\$	271,650
HEAD 54	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - NEW AMSTERDAM, TECHNICAL INSTITUTE was passed as printed at	\$	735,507
HEAD 55	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - LILIAN DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION was passed as printed at	\$	315,079
HEAD 56	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT UNIT was passed as printed at	\$	945,966
HEAD 57	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - GUYANA INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE was passed as printed at	\$	216,003
HEAD 58	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - PROBATION AND WELFARE SERVICE was passed as printed at	\$	840,463
HEAD 59	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - BYGEVAL/MAHAICA SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL was passed as printed at	\$	507.800
HEAD 60	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - ANNA REGINA SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTI- LATERAL was passed as printed	•	201,000
	at •••	\$	722,036
HEAD 61	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - BLADENHALL SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL was passed as printed at	\$	571 , 506
HEAD 62	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - NEW AMSTERDAM SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL - was passed as printed at	\$	511,537
HEAD 63	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - CHRISTIANBURG/WISMAR SECONDARY	*	
	SCHOOL → MULTILATERAL was passed as printed at	\$	480,308

531,040	\$	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - RUIMVELDT SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL was passed as printed at	•	HEAD
637,232	\$	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - PORT KAITUMA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL (RESIDENTIAL) was passed as printed at		HEAD
12	\$	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - KWAKWANI RESIDENTIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL was passed as printed at		HEAD
12	\$	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - MABARUMA RESIDENTIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL was passed as printed at		HEAD (
12	\$	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - ST. IGNATIUS RESIDENTIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL was passed as printed at		HEAD (
3,105,000	\$	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE was passed as printed at	V XXV	DIVIS
T. 000, 000	٨.	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - IDA PROJECTS SECOND EDUCATION PROJECT was passed as printed	V XXVII -	DIVIS
7,000,000	\$	at		

Assembly resumed.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

At 7.35 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, 17th March, 1978.

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Georgetown. 17th March, 1978