

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 1979

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 190th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY 25TH JUNE, 1979

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (63)

Speaker:

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (46)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Deputy Prime Minister (1)

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

Senior Ministers (12)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives (Absent - on leave)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Transport

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 - on leave)

\*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. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture

\*Cde. M. Shahabuddeen, C.C.H., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Justice (Absent)

\*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)

\*Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent - on leave)

Ministers (2)

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent - on leave)

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

\* Non elected Minister

Ministers of State (10)

- Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)  
 Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Co-operatives  
 Cde. K.B. Bancroft, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potarc)  
 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, Office of the Prime Minister  
 Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of State for Youth and Sport, Ministry of National Development (Absent)  
 Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice)  
 Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture  
 Cde. L.A. Durant, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (North West)  
 \*Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P., Minister of State for Information, Ministry of National Development (Absent).

Parliamentary Secretaries (5)

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

Other Members (15)

- Cde. W.G. Carrington, C.C.H., M.P.  
 Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.  
 Cde. J. Gill, M.P.  
 Cde. W. Hussain, M.P.  
 Cde. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P.  
 Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P.  
 Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.  
 Cde. A. Salim, M.P.  
 Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.  
 Cde. C. Sukul, J.P., M.P.  
 Cde. H.A. Taylor, M.P. (Absent)  
 Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P.  
 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)

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., (Absent)  
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Opposition Chief Whip  
Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.  
Cde. C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. C.C. Bclgrave, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. R. Ally, M.P.  
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. Dindayal, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)  
Cde. P. Sukhai, M.P.

(ii) Liberator Party (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P.  
Mr. M.A. Abraham, 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 -

- (i) Cde. Hoyte from 22nd June - 13th July, 1979
- (ii) Cde. Mingo for one week from 25th June, 1979
- (iii) Cde. Tyndall from 25th June to 3rd July, 1979,
- (iv) Cde. Clarke for that sitting, and
- (v) Cde. Macsimento for 3 months from 22nd June, 1979.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Government of Guyana for the financial year ended 31st December, 1970.

(ST: 25/2/3 TJ)(Circulated)

- (b) Loan Agreement made on 21st March, 1979, between Guyana and Canada for Establishing a Development Line of Credit.

(ST: 3/2/3/6)

- (c) Financial Paper No. 1/1979 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the current and Capital Estimates (Advances made from the Contingencies Fund in 1978), totalling \$3,215,066.

(Circulated)

In terms of Standing Order No. 68, the Minister of Finance named Thursday, 28th June, 1979, as the day for the consideration of the Financial Paper.

(2) By the Minister of Agriculture:

- (a) Report and Accounts of the Guyana Sugar Corporation Ltd., for 1978.

(A: 5/11)(Circulated)

- (b) Annual Report and Accounts of the Guyana Liquor Corporation for 1978.

(A: 5/12)(Circulated)

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY  
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Cde. Ram Karran - Freedom of association and expression

Cde. Ram Karran sought leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly at the appropriate time for the purpose of discussing the refusal of the Police to give permission for a march on 30th May, 1979, and the disturbances which took place at a public meeting on 1st June, 1978.

The Speaker did not allow the claim as he was not satisfied that the matter qualified as one to be raised on a motion for the adjournment.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

NATIONAL CANE FARMING COMMITTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979

Bill No. 9/1979 published 9.6.79

The Minister of Agriculture informed the Assembly that he would not proceed with the presentation of the Bill in its present form on account of a typographical omission therein.

PUBLIC BUSINESS.- Second and Third ReadingsITEM 1 - PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 - Bill No. 8/1979  
published 6.6.79

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Prime Minister, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND MORE THAN ONE VICE PRESIDENT.

Cde. N. Persaud and Mr. Singh spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House replied.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

In Committee

Clause 1 The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House moved the following amendments which were put and carried:-

- (a) Insertion of the words "and commencement" immediately after the words "Short title" in the marginal note.
- (b) Insertion of the words "and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 15th May, 1979." after the figure "1979".

Clause 1 was ~~then~~ passed as amended.

Clauses 2 to 4 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.50 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 28th June, 1979.

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27th June, 1979