
FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 5th Sitting of the National Assembly under the Constitution of Guyana, held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

TUESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1969

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj, C.B.E., J.P.

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.,
Prime Minister
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Minister
of Finance
The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister
of Agriculture and Natural Resources
The Honourable M. Kasim, Minister of
Communications
The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, Minister of
Home Affairs
The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister
of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs
The Honourable C.M.L. John, Minister
of Local Government
The Honourable W.G. Carrington,
Minister of Labour and Social
Security
Mrs. the Honourable S.M. Patterson,
Minister of Education
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister
of Housing and Reconstruction
The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, Q.C., C.M.G.,
Attorney-General and Minister of State
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of
Information
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of
Works and Hydraulics
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister
without Portfolio
Dr. the Honourable S.E. Talbot,
Minister of Health

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government
Mr. J.G. Joaquin, O.B.E., J.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry
of Finance
Mr. W. Haynes, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Works and Hydraulics
Mr. A. Salim, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and Natural
Resources
Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister

(iii) Other Members

Mr. J.N. Aaron
Miss M.M. Ackman
Mr. K. Bancroft
Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.
Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker
Mr. E.F. Correia
Mr. M. Corrica
Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
Mrs. P.A. Limerick
Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. D.A. Singh
Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
Mr. C.E. Wrights
Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. R. Chandisingh
Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.
Mr. G.H. Lall
Mr. M.Y. Ally
Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
Mr. R. Ally
Mr. E.L. Ambrose
Mrs. L.M. Branco
Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Bhola Persaud
Mr. V. Teekah
Mr. R.E. Cheeks
Mrs. E. DaSilva
Mr. M.F. Singh
Mr. J.A. Sutton

Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. F.A. Narain
Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. M.B. Henry

Absent

Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. I. Remington
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE
 ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly decided that the proceedings at that sitting should be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 9(2) and that the sitting should continue to midnight.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Committee and Third Reading

Item 1 - MISCELLANEOUS ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 -
 Bill No. 2/1969 published on 15.2.69

Assembly resumed consideration of the following Bill in Committee:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN ENACTMENTS.

In CommitteeSchedule

The following amendment by the Minister of Home Affairs was put and carried:

Insertion of the following after the amendments to the Status of Aliens Ordinance, Chapter 102:-

"National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1966, section 9.	In paragraph (c) of subsection (2), the word "information" shall be substituted for the word "evidence".
National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1966, section 12.	In subsection (2), the following words shall be added between the words "shall" and "come" -

The Schedule was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to continue consideration of the Bill.

In Committee

"contain a concise statement of the grounds for the making of the order, so, however, that no defect of any kind in such statement shall invalidate the order and shall".

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The Schedule was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

Third Reading

On a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Bill was read a third time and passed as amended in Committee.

MOTION

Item 2 - DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ADDRESS

Mr. Zaheeruddeen moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly direct that an expression of its sincere appreciation and thanks be conveyed to His Excellency the Governor-General for the Gracious Speech addressed to the Assembly on the occasion of the Opening of the First Session of the Second Parliament of Guyana under the Constitution of Guyana, on Friday, 14th February, 1969.

Miss Ackman seconded the motion but reserved her right to speak at a later stage.

Mr. Lall, Mr. Wilson, and the Minister of Labour and Social Security spoke to the motion.

Mr. R. Ally was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.05 p.m. the sitting was resumed with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

Mr. R. Ally concluded his speech.

Mr. Hamid and Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

Mr. Chandisingh was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for coffee.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10.20 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Chandisingh concluded his speech.

The Minister of Housing and Reconstruction spoke to the motion.

Mr. Ram Karran was speaking to the motion when the time for the adjournment was reached.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEPUTY SPEAKER

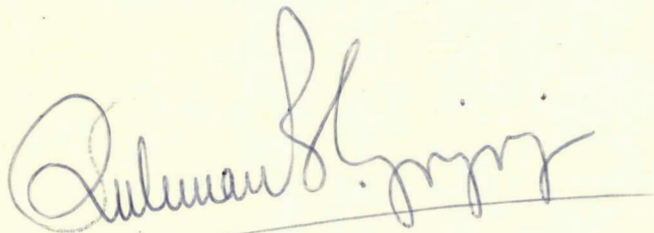
Before the adjournment was taken, the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Members of the Assembly congratulated the Deputy Speaker who presided in the Assembly for the first time.

BUSINESS FOR WEDNESDAY, 26TH AND FRIDAY, 28TH
FEBRUARY, 1969

The Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs announced that the Prime Minister would conclude the debate on the Governor-General's Address on Wednesday, 26th February, and that on Friday, the 28th of February, the Minister of Finance would present to the Assembly the Estimates of Revenues and Expenditure for 1969 and make the customary "Budget Speech".

ADJOURNMENT

At midnight, on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 26th February, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

26th February, 1969