

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 6th 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

WEDNESDAY, 26TH 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. I. Remington
Mr. V. Teekah
Mr. R.E. Cheeks
Mrs. E. DaSilva
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. Bholā Persaud
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mr. M.F. Singh

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERThanks to the Deputy Speaker

His Honour the Speaker thanked the Deputy Speaker for presiding in the Assembly on the previous evening in his absence and associated himself with the favourable remarks of the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs at that sitting.

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

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 if necessary.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONItem 1 - DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ADDRESS

The Assembly resumed the debate on 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.

Mr. Teekah, Mrs. DaSilva, the Minister of Education and Mrs. Branco spoke to the motion.

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

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.33 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. R.D. Persaud concluded his speech.

The Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Mr. D. Jagan spoke to the motion.

Mr. Ambrose 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. Ambrose concluded his speech.

Mr. Balchand Persaud and Mr. M.Y. Ally spoke to the motion.

Dr. Jagan 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 10.25 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Dr. Jagan concluded his speech.

Finally the Prime Minister spoke to the motion.

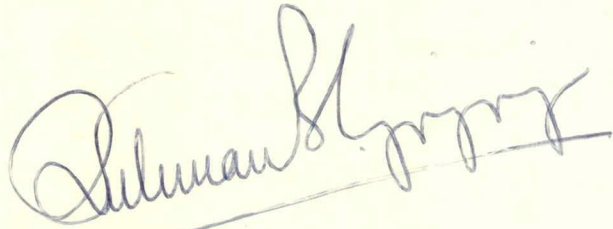
Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT SITTING

Before the adjournment was taken, the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs announced that at the next sitting, the Assembly would proceed with the motion published that day on Notice Paper No. 4.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11.40 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 28th February, 1969.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rahman B. Gajraj', written over a horizontal line.

RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

28th February, 1969.