

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 8th 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

THURSDAY, 6TH MARCH, 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 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

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(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. 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
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. I. Remington, J.P.
Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
Mr. V. Teekah
Mr. R.E. Cheeks
Mrs. E. DaSilva
Mr. H.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

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author details the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both manual and automated processes. The goal is to ensure that the information is both reliable and up-to-date.

The third part of the document focuses on the results of the analysis. It shows a clear upward trend in the data over the period covered. This indicates that the current strategy is effective and should be continued.

Finally, the document concludes with a series of recommendations for future actions. These include expanding the data collection to include new markets and improving the reporting process to make it more efficient.

The following table provides a summary of the key findings from the analysis.

Category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Revenue	1200	1350	1500	1650
Expenses	800	850	900	950
Profit	400	500	600	700

Absent

The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, Q.C., C.M.G.,
 Attorney-General and Minister of State
 Mr. E.F. Correia - on leave
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 Mr. E.M. Stoby

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that Mr. Correia was indisposed and had been granted leave for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance

Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 2)
 Order, 1969 (No. 3), made under
 section 8 of the Customs Ordinance,
 Chapter 309, on the 27th of
 February, 1969, and published in
 the Gazette on the 28th of February,
 1969.

(Circulated).

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

The Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs announced that it was agreed 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 10.00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

- (i) TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 -
 Bill No. 3/1969;
- (ii) BILL OF ENTRY (IN AID OF DEFENCE)
 LEVY BILL - Bill No. 4/1969
 published 28.2.69.

The Minister of Finance on behalf of the Government presented the following Bills which were read the first time:

- (i) A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE.
- (ii) A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A LEVY IN AID OF THE DEFENCE OF GUYANA ON CUSTOMS BILLS OF ENTRY WITH REFERENCE TO THE VALUE OF GOODS IMPORTED INTO GUYANA.

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PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONItem 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1969

Assembly resumed the debate on the Motion for the approval of the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1969, totalling \$146,698,155 (excluding \$20,567,751 which is chargeable by law). (See motion at Appendix to Minutes of sitting of Friday, 28th February, 1969).

Mr. D. Jagan, Mr. Balchand Persaud and the Minister of Works and Hydraulics spoke to the motion.

Mrs. DaSilva 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 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mrs. Da Silva concluded her speech.

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

Mrs. Sahoye 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

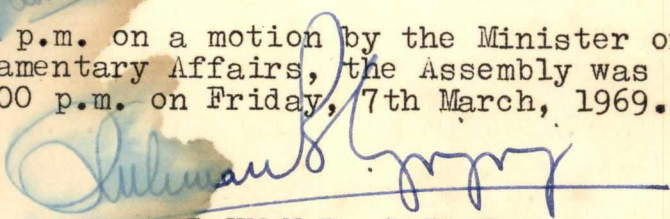
At 8.04 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mrs. Sahoye concluded her speech.

The Minister of Health, Mr. R. Ally and the Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.55 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 7th March, 1969.


RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.
7th March, 1969.

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PUBLIC BUILDING,
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APPENDIX

(to Minutes of sitting of Friday, 28th February, 1969)

WHEREAS the Constitution of Guyana requires that estimates of the revenues and expenditure of Guyana for any financial year should be laid before the National Assembly before or not later than sixty days after the commencement of that year;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution also provides that when the estimates of expenditure have been approved by the Assembly an Appropriation Bill shall be introduced in the Assembly providing for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet that expenditure;

AND WHEREAS estimates of the revenues and expenditure of Guyana for the financial year 1969 have been prepared and laid before the Assembly on 28th February, 1969;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1969, totalling one hundred and forty-six million, six hundred and ninety-eight thousand, one hundred and fifty-five dollars (excluding twenty million, five hundred and sixty-seven thousand, seven hundred and fifty-one dollars which is chargeable by law) as detailed therein and summarised in the under-mentioned schedule, and agree that it is expedient to amend the law and to make further provision in respect of finance.

Division No. in Capital Estimates	Head No. in Current Estimates		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
	1	Governor-General		54,786
I		Governor-General	-	
	2	Supreme Court of Judicature		514,032
	3	Magistrates		654,557
II		Judiciary	-	
	4	Parliament Office		90,858
III		Parliament	-	
	5	Audit		249,356
	6	Ombudsman		14,275
	7	Public and Police Service Commissions		246,431
	8	Public Prosecutions		98,877
IV		Other Services not under Ministerial Control	-	
	9	Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		448,691
	10	Guyana Defence Force		3,576,167
V		Prime Minister	3,440,000	
	11	Public Service Ministry		239,925
VI		Public Service Ministry	300,000	
	12	Ministry of External Affairs		2,015,461
VII		Ministry of External Affairs	195,000	
	13	Ministry of Economic Development		1,412,858
	14	Ministry of Economic Development - Interior		355,535
VIII		Ministry of Economic Development	4,475,000	
	15	Attorney General		215,894
	16	Attorney General - Official Receiver		90,156
	17	Attorney General - Deeds Registry		106,770
IX		Attorney General	-	
	18	Ministry of Information		782,416
X		Ministry of Information	490,400	

Carried Forward

8,900,400 11,167,045

Division No. in Capital Estimates	Head No. in Current Estimates		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
		Brought Forward	8,900,400	11,167,045
	19	Ministry of Home Affairs		621,806
	20	Ministry of Home Affairs - Police		7,279,031
	21	Ministry of Home Affairs - Prisons		1,071,183
	22	Ministry of Home Affairs - Fire Protection Services		925,244
	23	Ministry of Home Affairs - Printery		739,548
	24	Ministry of Home Affairs - Probation and Welfare Service		345,117
XI		Ministry of Home Affairs	615,000	
	25	Ministry of Local Government		732,238
XII		Ministry of Local Government	176,000	
	26	Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources		974,507
	27	Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources - Agriculture		3,422,883
	28	Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources - Forests		530,926
	29	Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources - Geological Surveys and Mines		462,603
	30	Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources - Lands		736,425
XIII		Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources	6,711,400	
	31	Ministry of Trade		167,813
XIV		Ministry of Trade	25,000	
	32	Ministry of Communi- cations		262,422
	33	Ministry of Communi- cations - Post Office		2,566,420
	34	Ministry of Communi- cations - Transport and Harbours		2,000,009
	35	Ministry of Communi- cations - Civil Aviation		351,487
		Carried Forward	16,427,800	34,356,698

Division No. in Capital Estimates	Head No. in Current Estimates		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
		Brought Forward	16,427,800	34,356,698
XV		Ministry of Communi- cations	5,913,000	
	36	Ministry of Works & Hydraulics - Establishment		3,254,998
	37	Ministry of Works & Hydraulics - Annually Recurrent		6,825,472
XVI		Ministry of Works & Hydraulics	24,715,000	
XVIA		Ministry of Works & Hydraulics - IBRD/IDA Projects	1,504,000	
	38	Ministry of Education		3,028,845
	39	Ministry of Education - In Service Teacher Training Programme		113,911
	40	Ministry of Education - Primary, Multi-Lateral and Secondary Schools		12,265,918
	41	Ministry of Education - Practical Instruction Centres		547,471
	42	Ministry of Education - Government Training College - Pre Service Teacher Training Programme		185,918
	43	Ministry of Education - Technical Institute		398,068
	44	Ministry of Education - Carnegie School of Home Economics		104,942
	45	Ministry of Education - Queen's College		335,107
	46	Ministry of Education - Bishops' High School		237,534
	47	Ministry of Education - Anna Regina Secondary School		102,567
	48	Ministry of Education - Berbice High School		174,024
XVII		Ministry of Education	3,943,000	
XVIIA		Ministry of Education - IBRD/IDA Projects	446,000	
	49	Ministry of Health		628,281
	50	Ministry of Health - Medical		2,386,437
	51	Ministry of Health - Bacteriological		290,019
		Brought Forward	52,948,800	65,236,210

Division No. in Head No. in
Capital Estimates Current Estimates

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Brought Forward 52,948,800 65,236,210

	52	Ministry of Health - X-Ray		155,677
	53	Ministry of Health - Hospitals and Dispensaries etc.		7,119,210
	54	Ministry of Health - Analyst		117,071
	55	Ministry of Health - Registration, Immigration, Births, etc.		117,921
XVIII		Ministry of Health	512,000	
	56	Ministry of Housing & Reconstruction		1,232,718
	57	Ministry of Housing & Reconstruction - Town & Country Planning		156,653
XIX		Ministry of Housing & Reconstruction	690,000	
	58	Ministry of Labour and Social Security		542,644
	59	Ministry of Labour and Social Security - Employ- ment Exchange		66,411
	60	Ministry of Labour and Social Security - Social Assistance		3,986,693
XX		Ministry of Labour and Social Security	325,000	
	61	Ministry of Finance		206,523
	62	Ministry of Finance - Accountant General		1,510,751
	63	Ministry of Finance - Customs & Excise		1,641,004
	64	Ministry of Finance - Inland Revenue		1,465,567
	65	Ministry of Finance - Post Office Savings Bank		76,294
	66	Ministry of Finance- Pensions and Gratuities		730,854
	67	Ministry of Finance - Public Debt		350,154
XXI		Ministry of Finance	7,510,000	
			61,985,800	84,712,355
		TOTAL	\$146,698,155	

