FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 11th 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, 12TH MARCH, 1969

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and 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

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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. 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. E.M. Stoby
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. M.F. Singh Mr. J.A. Sutton

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

Absent

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C., Prime Minister

The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C., Attorney-General and Minister of State

The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works and Hydraulics

The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without Portfolio

Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS :

MOTION

Item 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 Thursday, 6th March, 1969).

Mr. Bhola Persaud concluded his speech.

Dr. Ramsahoye spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Trade and Parliamentary
Affairs 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 4.58 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs concluded his speech.

Mr. R.D. Persaud spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources 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 8.08 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources concluded his speech.

Mr. Remington, Mrs. Branco and Mr. Chandisingh spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.12 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 13th March, 1969.

RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, Georgetown.

13th March, 1969