

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 13th 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

MONDAY, 17TH 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, 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 S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C.,  
Attorney-General and Minister of State.
- The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of  
Information.
- The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister  
without Portfolio.

(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. R.D. Persaud, J.P.  
Mr. E.M. Stoby  
Mr. R. Ally  
Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
Mrs. L.M. Branco  
Mr. Balchand Persaud  
Mr. Bholu Persaud  
Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
Mr. V. Teekah  
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

The Honourable H. Green, Minister  
of Works and Hydraulics.  
Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot,  
Minister of Health.  
Mr. M.Y. Ally  
Mr. I. Remington, J.P.  
Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Statement by the Prime Minister on Guyana  
becoming a Republic in 1970

The Prime Minister made a statement concerning Guyana becoming a Republic on the 23rd of February, 1970, and the setting up of a Committee to make plans in connection with certain matters in this respect.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTION

Item 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDI-  
TURE FOR 1969

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider 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).

In Committee of Supply

The Chairman of the Business Sub-Committee of the Committee of Supply (His Honour the Speaker) reported, in accordance with paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 65 (Business Sub-Committee), that the Business Sub-Committee met on three occasions and passed a resolution in terms of the matters set out in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 65.

Copies of the Resolution and of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee were circulated to Members.

After the report, and on a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Committee of Supply agreed with the Business Sub-Committee in the said Resolution.

At the request of the Minister of Finance -

(i) a new page with the last two columns and Explanatory Notes was substituted for the last two columns and Explanatory Notes printed on page 45;

(ii) a new page 153 was inserted after page 152 and the pages as printed from 153 were renumbered accordingly.

HEAD 1 - GOVERNOR-GENERAL was passed as printed at	...	\$ 54,786
HEAD 2 - SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE was passed as printed at	...	514,032
HEAD 3 - MAGISTRATES was passed as printed at	...	654,557
HEAD 4 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE was passed as printed at	...	90,858
HEAD 5 - DIRECTOR OF AUDIT was passed as printed at	...	249,356
HEAD 6 - OMBUDSMAN was passed as printed at	...	14,275

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m., the Assembly was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 8 - PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was passed as printed at	...	\$ 98,877
HEAD 15 - ATTORNEY-GENERAL was passed as printed at	...	215,894
HEAD 16 - ATTORNEY-GENERAL - OFFICIAL RECEIVER was passed as printed at	...	90,156
HEAD 17 - ATTORNEY-GENERAL - DEEDS REGISTRY was passed as printed at	...	106,770
HEAD 18 - MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was passed as printed at	...	782,416
DIVISION-MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was passed X as printed at	...	490,400

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Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.27 p.m., the Assembly was adjourned to  
2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th March, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

18th March, 1969.