

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 15th 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, 19TH 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 H. Green, Minister of Works and Hydraulics.
- The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without Portfolio.
- Dr. the Honourable Sylvia 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. Zaheerudden, 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
Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
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

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 M.W. Carter, Minister of
Information.
Mr. E.M. Stoby.
Mr. I. Remington, J.P.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTION

Item 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF
EXPENDITURE FOR 1969

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration 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).

In Committee of Supply

At the request of the Minister of Finance, new pages were substituted for pages 38 and 39 of the Estimates.

HEAD 20 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was passed as printed at	...	\$	7,279,031
HEAD 21 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS was passed as printed at	...		1,071,183
HEAD 22 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was passed as printed at	...		925,244
HEAD 23 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRINTERY was passed as printed at	...		739,548
HEAD 24 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PROBATION AND WELFARE SERVICE was passed as printed at	...		345,117
DIVISION- MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was XI passed as printed at	...		615,000

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 of Supply to resume consideration of the Estimates of expenditure for 1969.

In Committee of SupplyHEAD 25 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Committee agreed to the following corrections to the Head:-

Subhead 1

- (i) Substitution of "\$1,680" and "\$1,440" for "\$10,080" and "\$8,640" under the 1969 Estimates at items (2) and (3) respectively; and
- (ii) Insertion of the post "Principal Assistant Secretary" with the provision of \$7,200 for 1969, for the period 1st March to 31st December, 1969.

Grand Total

Substitution of "\$723,838" for "\$732,238" for the Grand Total of the Head.

The Head was passed as corrected at \$723,838.

DIVISION- MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

XII	was passed as printed at	...	\$	176,000
HEAD 26 -	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND			
	NATURAL RESOURCES was			
	passed as printed at	...		974,507

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.08 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the estimates of expenditure for 1969.

In Committee of Supply

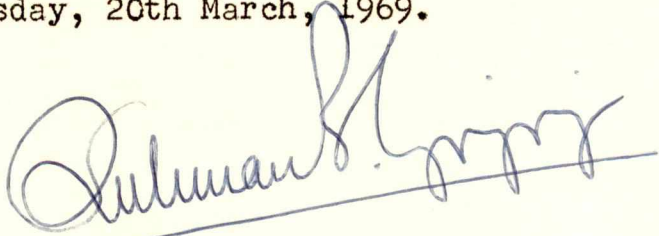
HEAD 27 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND
NATURAL RESOURCES was passed
as printed at

... \$ 3,422,883

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.20 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to
2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 20th March, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

20th March, 1969