
FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 16th 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, 20TH MARCH, 1969

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

The Hon. 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. Green, Minister of Works and Hydraulics.

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. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

- Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
Mr. Ram Karan
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. Bholu Persaud
Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
Mr. V. Teekah
Mr. R.E. Cheeks
Mrs. E. DaSilva
Mr. M.F. Singh
Mr. J.A. Sutton

Absent

The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without
Portfolio
Mr. E.M. Stoby
Mr. I. Remington, J.P.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERPlaque for the portrait of the Prime Minister

His Honour the Speaker read a letter received from the Demerara Company Limited forwarding a plaque for the protrait of the Prime Minister which that Company had presented to Parliament on the occasion of Guyana's attainment of Independence.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.By the Minister of Finance:

Loan Agreement between Guyana, Guyana Rice Development Company, Limited and the United States of America for a Rice Modernization Project - Dated: March 11, 1969 - A.I.D. Loan Number 504-L-008.

(G. 304Q/58)(Circulated).

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERSStatement by the Prime Minister on Anguilla.

The Prime Minister made a statement concerning the Government of Guyana's stand on the question of Anguilla since the illegal overthrow of constitutional government in the Island in March, 1967.

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

HEAD 28 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES - FORESTS was passed as printed at	...	\$ 530,926
HEAD 29 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES - GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS AND MINES was passed as printed at	...	462,603
HEAD 30 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES - LANDS was passed as printed at	...	736,425
DIVISION -MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND XIII NATURAL RESOURCES was passed as printed at	...	6,711,400
HEAD 31 - MINISTRY OF TRADE was passed as printed at	...	167,813
DIVISION- MINISTRY OF TRADE was passed as printed at	...	25,000
HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HYDRAULICS - ESTABLISHMENT was under consideration when the time for the Suspension of the Sitting was reached.		

Assembly resumedSUSPENSION 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 Supply

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HYDRAULICS - ESTABLISHMENT was passed as printed at	...	\$ 3,254,998
HEAD 37 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HYDRAULICS- ANNUALLY RECURRENT was passed as printed at	...	6,825,472
DIVISION- MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HYDRAULICS XVI was passed as printed at	...	24,715,000
DIVISION- MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HYDRAULICS- XVIIA IBRD/IDA PROJECTS was passed as printed at	...	1,504,000

HEAD 32 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
was passed as printed at ... \$ 262,422

HEAD 33 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS -
POST OFFICE was under
consideration when the time
for the Suspension of the
Sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.05 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

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

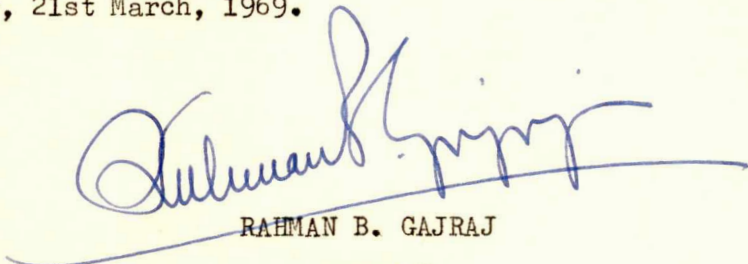
In Committee of Supply

HEAD 33 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - POST OFFICE was passed as printed at	...	2,566,420
HEAD 34 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was passed as printed at	...	2,000,000
HEAD 35 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - CIVIL AVIATION was passed as printed at	...	351,487
DIVISION- MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS was XV passed as printed at	...	5,913,000
HEAD 56 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION was passed as printed at	... \$	1,232,718

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.05 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m.
on Friday, 21st March, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

21st March, 1969.