

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the proceedings of the 29th 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, 30TH JUNE, 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 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

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 Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister

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. J. Budhoo, J.P.

Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue

Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker

Mr. M. Corrica

Mrs. P.A. Limerick

Mr. S.M. Saffee

Mr. D.A. Singh

Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman

Mr. C.E. Wrights

(b) Members of the Opposition

Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.
 Mr. G.H. Lall
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bhola Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

Clerk of the National Assembly (Ag.) - Mr. M.B. Henry
 Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (Ag.) - Mr. R.H. Fraser

Absent

The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister of
 Agriculture and Natural Resources - on leave
 The Honourable C.M.L. John, Minister of
 Local Government - on leave
 The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister
 of Labour and Social Security - on leave
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C.,
 Attorney-General and Minister of State
 Mr. K. Bancroft - on leave
 Mr. E.F. Correia - on leave
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler - on leave
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P. - on leave
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave
 Mr. R. Chandisingh - on leave
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 Mr. D.C. Jagan
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. M.Y. Ally - on leave
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:-

- (a) Mr. John for the period 29th June to 6th July, 1969.
- (b) Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Correia and Mr. Zaheeruddeen for that day's sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSGAMBLING PREVENTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 14/1969

The Minister of Home Affairs on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
GAMBLING PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONItem 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 6/1969

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In terms of article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 6/1969 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 30th June, 1969, totalling \$5,220,984.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 6/1969 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 30th June, 1969, totalling \$5,220,984."

ILLNESS OF THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Before the adjournment was taken, His Honour the Speaker commented on the reports in the newspapers concerning the illness of the Leader of the Opposition, Dr. C.B. Jagan, and, after expressing regret on behalf of the Assembly, enquired of Mr. Ram Karran whether he was in a position to tell the Assembly something about the Leader of the Opposition.

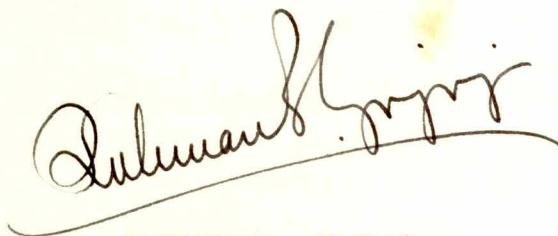
Mr. Ram Karran informed the Assembly that a cable was received by Mrs. Jagan (wife of the Leader of the Opposition) requesting that she and her daughter should be in Moscow as early as possible. The cable followed a letter written earlier by Dr. Jagan informing his wife of his plan to undergo medical treatment and requesting her and their daughter's presence. However, since the cable was erroneously date-lined New York, Mrs. Jagan cabled Moscow to ascertain its accuracy.

She then received a reply from Mr. R. Chandisingh, confirming the message of the first cable, and as a result, herself and daughter flew out to Moscow.

His Honour the Speaker on hearing this requested Mr. Ram Karran to convey to the Leader of the Opposition the Assembly's concern over his illness and its best wishes for his speedy recovery.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.00 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

14th July, 1969.