

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 32nd 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

FRIDAY, 18TH JULY, 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 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

(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

(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

Mr. Ram Karraan  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 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.  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 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 N.J. Bissember, Minister of  
 Trade and Parliamentary Affairs - on leave  
 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  
 The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without  
 Portfolio  
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of  
 Health  
 Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary,  
 Office of the Prime Minister - on leave  
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye - on leave  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally - on leave  
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P. - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks  
 Mr. M.F. Singh

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERDeath of wife of former Indian High Commissioner

His Honour made mention of the sudden death which took place in the city of Baltimore of the wife of the former Indian High Commissioner, Mr. S.J. Wilfred. He recalled that Mr. Wilfred, accompanied by his wife, had only left Guyana a week ago to go into retirement.

He then informed the Assembly that he had instructed the Clerk, in the name of the Members of the National Assembly, to send a communication expressing their great sorrow and regret at the loss.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second Reading

- NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY BILL, 1969 -  
Bill No. 15/1969 published 10. 7. 69

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY PROVIDING PECUNIARY PAYMENTS BY WAY OF OLD AGE BENEFIT, INVALIDITY BENEFIT, SURVIVOR'S BENEFIT, SICKNESS BENEFIT, MATERNITY BENEFIT AND FUNERAL BENEFIT, AND TO SUBSTITUTE FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE A SYSTEM OF INSURANCE AGAINST INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY ACCIDENT ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESULTING FROM DISEASE DUE TO THE NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT; TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL INSURANCE FUND; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED WITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

Mr. Jagan concluded his speech.

Mr. D.A. Singh and Mr. Wilson spoke to the motion.

Mr. Chandisingh 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 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Chandisingh concluded his speech.

Mrs. DaSilva and Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister replied.

The question was then put and carried.

Assembly resumed itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2:

The following amendment by the Minister of Labour and Social Security was put and carried:

Insertion of the following definition immediately after the definition of the word "contribution" -

' "contribution card" means the card issued by the Board for the purpose of the payment of contributions by means of insurance stamps affixed thereto; '.

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Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 3 to 10 were passed as printed.

Clause 11:

Mr. Jagan moved the following amendment:

Substitution of the words "fifty-five" for the words "sixty-five" in paragraph (a) of subsection (1).

The amendment was put and negatived on the following division:

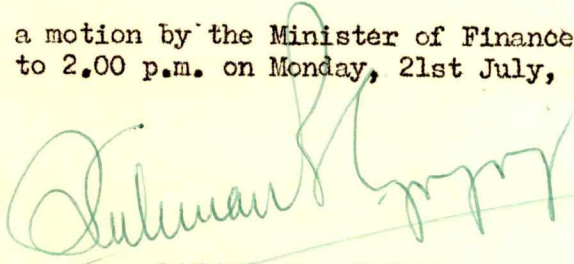
<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mrs. DaSilva	Mr. Zaheeruddeen
Mr. Teekah	Mr. Wrights
Mrs. Sahoye	Mr. Van Sluytman
Mr. Remington	Mr. D.A. Singh
Mr. Dhola Persaud	Mr. Saffee
Mrs. Branco	Mrs. Limerick
Mr. Ambrose	Mr. Fowler
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	Mr. Bancroft
	Miss Ackman
	Mr. Aaron
	Mr. Salim
	Mr. Haynes
	Mr. Joaquin
	Mr. Duncan
	Mr. Ramsaroop
	Mrs. Patterson
	Mr. Carrington
	Mr. John
	Mr. Hoyte
	Mr. Kasim
	Mr. Jordan
	Dr. Reid
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Thereafter, the clause was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 6.40 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 21st July, 1969.

  
RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
21st July, 1969.