

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 37th 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, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1969

PRESENT:

His Honour the Deputy Speaker, Mr. O.E. Clarke - In the Chair

(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 H. Green, Minister of Works and Hydraulics  
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. K. Bancroft  
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.  
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue  
 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  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 Mr. A.M. Hanid, J.P.  
 Mr. G.H. Lall  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally  
 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. Bhola Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 Mr. M.F. Singh  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

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

Absent

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B.  
 Gajraj, C.B.E., J.P. - on leave  
 The Honourable M.W. Carter,  
 Minister of Information  
 The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister  
 without Portfolio  
 Mr. E.F. Correia  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Mrs. Sahoye

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.



PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Loan Agreement between the Government of Guyana and the United States of America for Feasibility Studies and Pre-Feasibility Investigations - A.I.D. Loan Number 504-L-009 - Dated August 16, 1969.

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- (ii) Bill of Entry (Defence Levy)(Exemption)(No. 2) Order, 1969 (No. 34), made under section 5 of the Bill of Entry (In Aid of Defence) Levy Act, 1969 (No. 4), on the 27th of August, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 30th of August, 1969.

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REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Mr. Ram Karran and Dr. Ramsahoye asked leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing the following respective matters:

- (i) An attack on the Leader of the Opposition and members of the People's Progressive Party at a public meeting and the failure of the Police to protect them from what appeared to be a pre-arranged breach of the law.
- (ii) The decision of the Government of Jamaica to prevent Dr. Clive Thomas and Mr. Joey Jagan from entering Jamaica.

His Honour the Deputy Speaker after expressing his opinion, disallowed the requests.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, Standing Order No. 9(1) was suspended to enable the Assembly to sit until midnight.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third Readings

Item 1 - TAX (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 19/1969 published 26.8.69

The Minister of Finance in accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE.

Dr. Ramsahoye spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the question was put and carried.



The Bill was then read a second time, and thereafter, taken through the remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 2 - RICE MARKETING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 -  
Bill No. 20/1969 published 28.8.69

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE RICE MARKETING ORDINANCE, TO DISSOLVE THE GUYANA RICE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, AND TO MAKE MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE GUYANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION ORDINANCE.

Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Dr. Ramsahoye 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 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Dr. Ramsahoye concluded his speech.

Mr. R. Ally, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Bhola Persaud spoke to the motion.

Mr. Balchand Persaud was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.04 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Balchand Persaud concluded his speech.

Mr. Ambrose and Mr. Wilson spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The question was then put and carried.

The Bill was thereafter read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 and 2 were passed as printed.

Clause 3 - The following amendments were moved by the Minister of Finance and Mr. Ram Karran respectively:

- (i) Substitution of the word "members" for the word "persons" between the words "eleven" and "who" in paragraph (a).
- (ii) Deletion of all the words after the word "persons" in "(1)(c)" of paragraph (a) and the insertion of the words "representing the interests of producers".

The amendments were under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

#### SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for coffee.

#### RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10.24 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into committee to resume consideration of the Bill.

#### In Committee

Clause 3 - The amendment by the Minister of Finance was put and carried.

The amendment by Mr. Ram Karran was put and negatived.

The Clause was then passed as amended.

Clauses 4 to 6 were passed as printed.

Clause 7 - Mr. Ram Karran moved the following amendment:

Insertion of a new paragraph (d) as follows:

' (d) by the insertion of the following as subsection (6):

"(6) The fixing of prices for paddy and rice in this section shall bear relationship to the cost of production."

The amendment was put and negatived on the following division:

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FOR

Mr. Teekah  
 Mr. Remington  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mrs. Branco  
 Mr. Ambrose  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. Y. Ally  
 Mr. Hamid  
 Mr. Wilson  
 Mr. Jagan  
 Mr. Ram Karran  
 Dr. Jagan

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AGAINST

Mr. Zaheeruddeen  
 Mr. Wrights  
 Mr. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. D.A. Singh  
 Mr. Saffee  
 Mrs. Limerick  
 Mr. Fowler  
 Mr. Corrica  
 Mr. Chan-A-Sue  
 Mr. Budhoo  
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 Mr. Thomas  
 Mr. Salim  
 Mr. Haynes  
 Mr. Joaquin  
 Mr. Duncan  
 Mr. Ramsaroop  
 Mr. Carrington  
 Mr. John  
 Mr. Bissember  
 Mr. Hoyte  
 Mr. Kasim  
 Mr. Jordan  
 Dr. Reid

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The Clause was then passed as printed.

Clauses 8 to 10 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 12.05 a.m. on Friday, 5th September, 1969, on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on that day.

  
 O. E. CLARKE  
 Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
 Public Buildings,  
 Georgetown.

5th September, 1969.