

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969 - 1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 69th 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, 22ND JANUARY, 1970

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 Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of  
Education (Leader of the House)

The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Trade  
The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Housing and  
Reconstruction

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. J.G. Joaquin, O.B.E., J.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance

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

Mr. W. Haynes, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply

Mr. A. Salim, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Office of the Prime Minister

Mr. C.V. Mingo, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Local Government

(iii) Other Members

Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker  
 Mr. J.N. Aaron  
 Miss M.M. Ackman  
 Mr. K. Bancroft  
 Mr. N.J. Bissember  
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue  
 Mr. E.F. Correia  
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler  
 Mrs. P.A. Limerick  
 Mr. S.M. Saffee  
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. C.E. Wrights  
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.  
 Mr. G.H. Lall  
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 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 R.J. Jordan, Minister  
 of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
 The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, Q.C.,  
 Minister of Home Affairs  
 The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister  
 of Labour and Social Security  
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, Kt., C.M.G., Q.C.  
 Attorney-General and Minister of State  
 The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of  
 Information and Culture  
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works,  
 Hydraulics and Supply  
 The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without  
 Portfolio  
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister  
 of Health  
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.  
 Mr. M. Corrice - on leave  
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco - on leave  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 Mr. M.F. Singh  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERSQUESTION NO. 9

Mr. Balchand Persaud asked the Minister of Communications the following question:

- Question:
- (i) Is the Minister aware that the Thursday New Amsterdam/Kwakwani River service has no postal service?
  - (ii) Will he indicate how early such a service will be provided?
  - (iii) Will the Minister indicate how early a larger vessel will be provided to ease the congestion on this river service?

The Minister of Communications gave the following reply:

- Answer:
- (i) It is not true that the Thursday New Amsterdam/Kwakwani River Service has no postal service. There is a limited service on the launch which includes the selling of stamps and Postal Orders, the registration of letters, the receipt and delivery of letters.
  - (ii) In view of answer given at (i) no reply is necessary
  - (iii) I am satisfied that the capacities of the vessels operating the Berbice River Service are more than adequate to satisfy the demand. In addition to the boat and launch services, passenger and freight can move on the schedule operations of Guyana Airways Corporation, and consequently I do not consider it necessary to provide a larger vessel for that service.

Supplementary questions were asked by Mr. Balchand Persaud.

QUESTION NO. 10

Mr. Ram Karran asked the Minister of Trade the following question:

- Question: Will the Minister state -
- (i) the date of arrival of the apples and grapes lying under G.D.F. guard at the Wieting and Richter cold-room;
  - (ii) the quantities of the apples and grapes;
  - (iii) the name of the consignee;
  - (iv) whether it is proposed to destroy the consignment?

The Minister of Trade gave the following reply:

Aanswer; No apples or grapes are lying at Wieting and Richter cold-room nor have there been any of these articles at the cold-room since their importation was prohibited.

A supplementary question was asked by Mr. Ram Karran.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

### APPROPRIATION BILL, 1970

(Bill No. 2/1970 published 22.1.70)

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND OF THE SUM NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPENDITURE (NOT OTHERWISE LAWFULLY CHARGED ON THE CONSOLIDATED FUND) OF GUYANA FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1970, ESTIMATES WHEREOF HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND FOR APPROPRIATION OF THAT SUM FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF GUYANA.

## PUBLIC BUSINESS

### MOTION

#### ITEM 1 - MOTION TO CONFIRM THE CONSUMPTION TAX (PETROLEUM) (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) ORDER, 1969

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act, 1969, confirm the Consumption Tax (Petroleum) (Amendment)(No. 2) Order, 1969, which was made on the 20th December, 1969, and published in the Official Gazette on the 30th December, 1969.

### BILLS - Second and Third Readings

#### ITEM 2 - SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1968) BILL, 1970 (Bill No. 1/1970 published 14. 1. 70)

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO SANCTION CERTAIN EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE YEAR ENDED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1968, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE 112(3) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF GUYANA.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time and the third time, and passed as printed.

ITEM 3 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1970 - Bill No. 2/1970 published 22.1.70

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

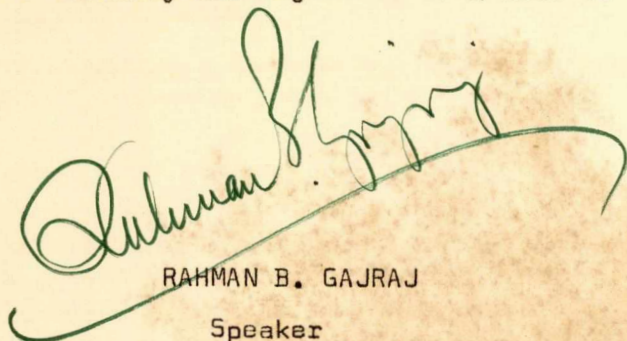
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The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time and the third time and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.21 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

26th January, 1970.