

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 42nd 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

TUESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 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 C.M.L. John, Minister of Local Government

Mrs. the Honourable S.M. Patterson, Minister of Education

The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Housing and  
Reconstruction

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

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. 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. E.M.G. Wilson  
 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  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 Mr. M.F. Singh  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. M.B. Henry

Absent

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj, C.B.E., J.P.	- on leave
The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs	- 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	
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	- on leave
Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health	- on leave
Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister	
Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.	- on leave
Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue	
Mr. D.C. Jagan	- on leave
Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.	- on leave
Mr. E.M. Stoby	
Mr. V. Teekah	- on leave
Mr. R.E. Cheeks	

PRAYERS

The Deputy Clerk read Prayers

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second Reading

ITEM 1 - MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS BILL, 1969 -  
Bill No. 24/1969 published 3. 10. 69

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION  
FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN  
AND THE TOWN OF NEW AMSTERDAM AND IN OTHER  
AREAS OF GUYANA.

Mr. Aaron, Mr. Balchand Persaud, Mr. Wilson and Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

Mr. Remington 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.

Mr. Remington concluded his speech.

Dr. Ramsahoye spoke to the motion.

Mr. Sutton was speaking to the motion for thirty minutes when a motion for an extension of time for a period of fifteen minutes, moved by Mr. M.F. Singh and seconded by Mr. Ram Karran, was put and negatived on the following division:

—FOR	—AGAINST
Mr. Sutton	Mr. Zaheeruddeen
Mr. M.F. Singh	Mr. Wrights
Mr. Bhola Persaud	Mr. Van Sluytman
Mr. Balchand Persaud	Mr. D.A. Singh
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Saffee
Mr. Ambrose	Mrs. Limerick
Mr. R. Ally	Mr. Corrica
Mr. R.D. Persaud	Mr. Bancroft
Mr. M.Y. Ally	Miss Ackman
Mr. Lall	Mr. Aaron
Dr. Ramsahoye	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Chandisingh	Mr. Salim
Mr. Ram Karran	Mr. Haynes
	Mr. Ramsaroop
	Mrs. Patterson
	Mr. John
	Mr. Hoyte
	Mr. Jordan

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Mr. Chandisingh spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Local Government replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.



SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.13 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced that the Assembly would proceed with the second reading of Bill No. 23.

ITEM 2 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS BILL, 1969 -  
Bill No. 2 3/ 1969 published 3.10. 26


The Minister of Local Government moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, FOR THE PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL REGISTERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUCH ELECTIONS, FOR THE DETERMINATION OF DISPUTES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTIONS AND OF DISPUTES IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTIONS TO CERTAIN OFFICES IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL TO AND CONNECTED WITH THE AFORESAID PURPOSES.

Mrs. Sahoye spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.57 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Local Government, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th October, 1969.

  
O. E. CLARKE

Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

15th October, 1969.