

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969 - 1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 60th 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, 8TH 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 R.J. Jordan, Minister of Agriculture  
and Natural Resources

The Honourable M. Kasim, Minister of Communications

The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, Q.C., Minister of Home  
Affairs

The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour  
and Social Security

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

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

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. 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 and Hydraulics

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. D.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker  
 Mr. J.N. Aaron  
 Miss M.M. Ackman  
 Mr. K. Bancroft  
 Mr. N.J. Bissember  
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.  
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue  
 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  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan  
 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  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

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

Absent:

The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Trade  
 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  
 Mr. E.F. Correia  
 Mr. M. Corrica - on leave  
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P. - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby - on leave  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. M.F. Singh - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1970

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1970, totalling \$173,448,058 (excluding \$22,125,994 which is chargeable by law). (See motion at Appendix to Minutes for sitting of 22nd December, 1969).

The Minister of Education (Leader of the House) and Mr. Chandisingh 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 4.03 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

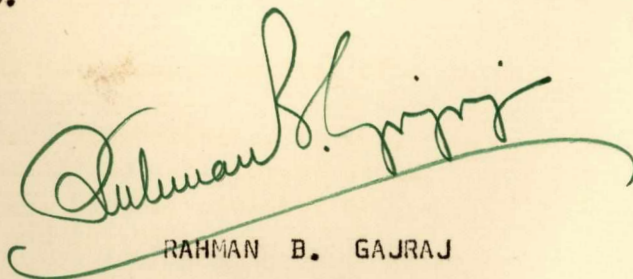
At 4.32 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Balchand Persaud concluded his speech.

Mrs. Sahoye and the Minister of Health spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.34 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 9th January, 1970.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

9th January, 1970.