

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 50th 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, 25TH NOVEMBER, 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 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
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 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

(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. 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 Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 Mr. D.C. Jagan
 Mr. G.H. Lall
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 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:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj,
 C.B.E., J.P. - on leave
 The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister of
 Agriculture and Natural Resources - on leave
 Mrs. the Honourable S.M. Patterson,
 Minister of Education
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. R. Ally

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

By Mr. D.A. Singh:

On behalf of The Hand-in-Hand Mutual Fire Insurance Company Limited, of 1, 2 and 3 High Street, Robbstown, Georgetown, seeking permission to introduce in the Assembly a Private Bill to amend the Hand-in-Hand Fire Insurance Company Ordinance.

After the Petition was read, the question that the promoters be allowed to proceed was put and carried.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Annual Report of the Post Office Savings Bank for the year ended 31st December, 1968, together with the Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts thereon.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 7/1969

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In terms of article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation in connection with Financial Paper No. 7/1969 and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 7/1969 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 30th November, 1969, totalling \$8,404,679.

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

Assembly resumed.

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.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of Financial Paper No. 7/1969.

In Committee of Supply

The word "fixed" in paragraph (i) of the notes to Item 110 was corrected to read "unfixed".

The motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 7/1969 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 30th November, 1969, totalling \$8,404,679."

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.00 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 27th November, 1969.



O. E. CLARKE
Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
GEORGETOWN.

26th November, 1969.