

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 52nd 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

FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1969

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj, C.B.E., J.P.

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

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 W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour and Social Security  
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. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Mr. W. Haynes, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Works and Hydraulics  
Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Office of the Prime Minister

(iii) Other Members

Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker  
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. R. Ally  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
 Mrs. R.P. Schoye  
 Mr. V. Teckah  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva

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

Absent:

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.,  
 Prime Minister  
 Mrs. the Honourable S.M. Patterson,  
 Minister of Education  
 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  
 Mr. A. Salim, Parliamentary Secretary,  
 Ministry of Agriculture and Natural  
 Resources - on leave  
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P. - on leave  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally  
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco - on leave  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. M.F. Singh -  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

His Honour the Speaker announced that -

Thanks to Deputy Speaker

- (i) While he had already thanked the Deputy Speaker in writing for having carried out the functions of Speaker so very well during his absence from Guyana, nevertheless for the record, he wished to take the opportunity of doing so again;

Thanks from Mrs. Olga Jackson for Resolution of Sympathy

- (ii) A letter had been received from Mrs. Olga Jackson, wife of the late Mr. Andrew Jackson, a former Member of Parliament, expressing thanks to the Assembly for the tributes paid to her husband and for the sympathy extended to her and family on his death;

Leave

- (iii) Leave had been granted to Members as follows:
- (a) Mr. Salim and Mrs. Branco for that sitting;
  - (b) Dr. Jagan for two months from the 8th of December, 1969;

Acting Leader of the Opposition

- (iv) He had received a letter from Dr. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition, informing him that Mr. Ram Karran will be acting as Leader of the Opposition during the absence on leave of Dr. Jagan.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Police for the year 1968.

(P. 77/11 XI)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 30/1969  
published 1. 12. 69

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

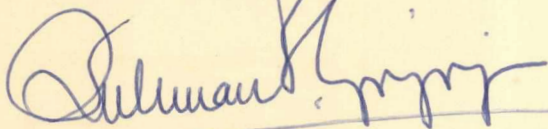
A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE.

RENT CONTROL BILL, 1969 - Deferred

At the request of the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the presentation of this Bill was deferred.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.10 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 9th of December, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker.