

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969 - 1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 66th 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

MONDAY, 19TH 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 B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Trade  
The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Housing and  
Reconstruction  
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of Information  
and Culture  
Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. J.G. Joaquin, C.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. 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.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

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition  
 Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.  
 Mr. G.H. Lall  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally  
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bholal Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 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 Miss S.M. Field-Ridley,  
 Minister of Education (Leader of  
 the House) - on leave  
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, Kt., C.M.G., Q.C.,  
 Attorney-General and Minister of State  
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works,  
 Hydraulics and Supply - on leave  
 The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without  
 Portfolio  
 Mr. M. Corrica - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. M.F. Singh - on leave  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERReceipt of Letter from Lady Rose

His Honour the Speaker read a letter dated and postmarked 18th December, 1969, which he had received that morning, from Lady Rose, thanking him for the letter and the copies of the Resolution passed by the Assembly on the occasion of the death of her husband, Sir David Rose, G.C.M.G., C.V.O., M.B.E., who was the Governor-General of Guyana.

His Honour also conveyed to Members the following message from Lady Rose:

"Thank you so much for your message of sympathy on the tragic death of my beloved husband and for your very fine tribute to him. It has proved a great consolation to me and my children in our hour of sorrow to know that Sir David was so beloved and to find that his devoted and conscientious service to his country has been so widely and so generously acknowledged."

Welcome to Members

His Honour the Speaker welcomed back to the Assembly Mr. Hamid who was out of Guyana on leave since the 6th of October, 1969, and Mrs. DaSilva who was ill.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Minister of Finance:

Consumption Tax (Petroleum)(Amendment)(No. 2) Order, 1969 (No. 58), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, 1969, on the 20th of December, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 30th of December, 1969.

(G. 669) (Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Communications:

(a) Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 1970 (No. 1), made under section 35 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance (Chapter 280), on the 9th of January, 1970, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of January, 1970.

(CAV; 14/4)

(b) Timehri International Airport Regulations, 1970 (No. 2), made under section 3 of the Timehri Airport Ordinance (Chapter 282), on the 8th of January, 1970, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of January, 1970.

(CAV: 14/4)

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1970

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration 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).

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 49 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed  
as printed at ... \$ 630,920

HEAD 50 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL  
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 4.37 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 50 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL  
was passed as corrected at ... \$2,537,841

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.17 p.m. the sitting was resumed with His Honour the Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 51 -	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - BACTERIOLOGICAL was passed as printed at	... \$ 310,
HEAD 52 -	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - X-RAY was passed as printed at	... 172,
HEAD 53 -	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES, ETC. was passed as printed at	... 7,424,

Assembly resumed.ADJOURNMENT

At 10.15 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Finance  
Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th January

RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

20th January, 1970.