

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

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FIRST SESSION
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1969 - 1970
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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 59th 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

WEDNESDAY, 7TH 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 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 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

(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. O.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

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. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bhola Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

Clerk of the National Assembly
 Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

- Mr. F.A. Narain
 - Mr. M.B. Henry

Absent:

The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, Q.C., Minister of Home Affairs
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, Kt., C.M.G., Q.C., Attorney-General and Minister of State
 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. M. Corrica - on leave
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. M.F. Singh - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

On a suggestion by His Honour the Speaker the Assembly agreed to proceed with item 2 on the Order Paper before taking item 1.

BILL - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 2 - PENSIONS (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 -
Bill No. 36/1969 published 30.12.69

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of ~~Finance~~ signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
PENSIONS (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE, 1957.

The question was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

MOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION 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).

Mr. Stoby and Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3.55 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.32 p.m. the sitting was resumed

The Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Mr. Cheeks, Mr. Duncan and Mrs. Branco spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.26 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

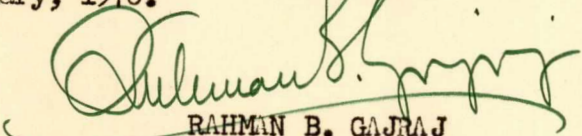
RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.05 p.m. the sitting was resumed with His Honour the Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

Mr. Wilson, Mr. Remington and Mr. Teekah **spoke** to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.57 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 8th January, 1970.


RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

8th January, 1970.