

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 1st Sitting of the National Assembly under the Constitution of Guyana, held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 10.00 A.M.

ON

MONDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1970
(REPUBLIC DAY)

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, S.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, S.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 B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Trade
The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Housing and
Reconstruction
The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Attorney-General
and Minister of State
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of
Information and Culture
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works, Hydraulics
and Supply
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without Portfolio
Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. J.G. Joaquin, 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
X Mr. C.V. Mingo, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government

(iii) Other Members.

Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker
 Mr. J.N. Aaron
 Mr. K. Bancroft
 Mr. N.J. Bissember
 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. 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 Karrán
 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. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholá Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 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:

Miss M.M. Ackman - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby

PROCLAMATION SUMMONING THE SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.

The Clerk read the Proclamation made by the Acting Governor-General and published in the Gazette on the 23rd of February, 1970, proclaiming that a session of Parliament shall be held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Guyana, and shall begin at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon on Monday, 23rd February, 1970.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ADDRESSES ON THE OCCASION OF THE FOUNDING OF GUYANA AS A
REPUBLIC

Addresses on the occasion of the founding of Guyana as a Republic were delivered by -

- (i) His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj, J.P.
- (ii) The Prime Minister, Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, S.C.
- (iii) The Leader of the Opposition, Dr. C.B. Jagan
- (iv) The Leader of the United Force, Mr. M.F. Singh, and
- (v) Mr. R.E. Cheeks

NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF GUYANA

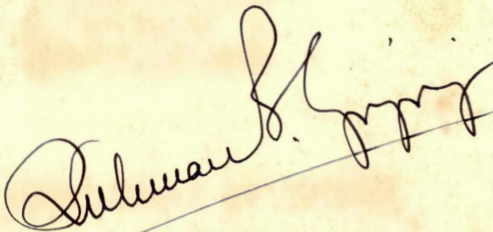
Before receiving nominations for the office of President of Guyana, His Honour the Speaker drew Members' attention to article 30 of the Constitution which provides for the establishment of the office of and for the election of the President of Guyana. He also informed Members that he had received a copy of the President (Date of Election) Order, 1970 (No. 13), made by the Acting President that day under article 30(5) of the Constitution, determining that a meeting of the National Assembly to be held for the purpose of electing the President of Guyana shall commence on Tuesday, 17th March, 1970, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Nomination papers were then delivered to the Speaker by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, duly signed by the following:-

<u>Name of candidate nominated and who signed nomination paper</u>	<u>Names of elected Members of the National Assembly who signed nomination paper</u>
	) L.F.S. Burnham
	) Mohamed Kasim
1. Arthur Chung	) E.F. Correia
	) David A. Singh
	) P. Duncan
	) P.A. Limerick
	) Cheddi Jagan
	) Ram Karran
	) F.H.W. Ramsahoye
	) Maccie Hamid
	) Derek C. Jagan
	) E.M.G. Wilson
	) Balchand Persaud
	) Bhola Persaud
2. Ashton Chase	) E.L. Ambrose
	) I.R. Remington
	) Ranji Chandisingh
	) R.D. Persaud
	) Vincent Teekah
	) G.H. Lall
	) Lilian Branco
	) M. Faqoob Ally
	) Roshan Ally

ADJOURNMENT

At 11.55 a.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rahman B. Gajraj', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line that extends across the page.

RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

24th February, 1970.