

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 20th 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, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1970

PRESENT:

His Honour the Deputy Speaker, Mr. O.E. Clarke - In the Chair

(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, 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
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, J.P., 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

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(iii) Other Members

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. M. Corrica
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
 Mrs. P.A. Limerick
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
 Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P.
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

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, S.C.,
 Prime Minister
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C.,
 Attorney-General and Minister
 of State
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of
 Works, Hydraulics and Supply
 The Honourable H.O. Jack,
 Minister without Portfolio
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P.
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC

By the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (i) Commonwealth Citizenship Order, 1970 (No. 101), made under section 15 of the Guyana Citizenship Act, 1967 (No. 14), on the 3rd of November, 1970, and published in the Gazette on the 10th of November, 1970.

(HA: 32/1/1)(Circulated)

- (ii) Offences (Application of Certain Provisions) Order, 1970 (No. 99), made under sub-section (11) section 7A of the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Ordinance (Chapter 15), on the 2nd of November, 1970, and published in the Gazette on the 7th of November, 1970.

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QUESTIONS TO MINISTERSQUESTION NO. 5

Mr. Chandisingh withdrew the following question:

Question: Will the Minister say whether it is true that there have been any recent cases of gastro-enteritis and malnutrition among the Guyana Youth Corps, and if so, will the Minister say how many cases of gastro-enteritis and how many of malnutrition were reported?

REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCEStoppage of Work on Sugar Estates

At the request of Mr. Lall, leave was granted to him to move the adjournment of the Assembly at the appropriate time for the purpose of discussing the stoppage of work on sugar estates arising from the recent payments made to sugar workers in connection with the "Low-A-Chee Commission Award".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

- (1) SUMMARY JURISDICTION (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1970 - Bill No. 26/1970 published 10.11.70

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (PROCEDURE) ORDINANCE.

(2) SURVEYS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 1970 - Bill No. 27/1970 published 14.11.70

The Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AUTHORISE THE SURVEYING OF LANDS BY MEANS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1970 - Bill No. 25/1970 published 7.11.70

The Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE FISHERIES ORDINANCE, 1956.

Mr. R.D. Persaud and Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

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

MOTION

ITEM 2 - MOTION TO APPROVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH CITIZENSHIP ORDER, 1970

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That in terms of section 15 of the Guyana Citizenship Act, 1967 (No. 14), this National Assembly approves of the Commonwealth Citizenship Order, 1970 (No. 101), which was made on the 3rd of November, 1970, and published in the Gazette on the 10th November, 1970.

Mr. Teekah, Mr. R.D. Persaud and Mr. M.Y. Ally spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the leave granted earlier, Mr. Lall moved the adjournment of the Assembly and spoke on the stoppage of work on the sugar estates.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

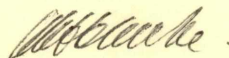
RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mrs. Sahoye and the Minister of Labour and Social Security spoke on the motion for the adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.03 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, the 23rd of November, 1970.



O. E. CLARKE

Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

19th November, 1970.