

SECOND SESSION

1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 23rd 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, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1970

PRESENT:

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

(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 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. 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. 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. R.C. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. C.E. Wrights, 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. G.H. Lall, J.P.  
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 Mr. M.F. Singh

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

Absent:

M Mr. P. Duncan, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary,  
 Office of the Prime Minister  
 Mr. N.J. Bissember - on leave  
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P. - on leave  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P.  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. - on leave  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud - on leave  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P. - on leave  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Bissember for that day's sitting.

Welcome to the Leader of the Opposition

His Honour took the opportunity to welcome back the Leader of the Opposition who had been out of the Country.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance:

Eighth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Guyana Electricity Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1968.

(G:380/<sup>P</sup>/60 II)(Circulated)

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

The Leader of the Opposition explained that his Deputy had requested the Government to postpone the sitting from that day since it was a Muslim Festive Day - Eid-Ul-Fitr.

The Prime Minister in speaking stated that it was only the night before that it was known that the Festival was to be celebrated that day.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

CAPITAL GAINS TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1970 -  
Bill No. 28/1970 published 28. 10. 70

The Deputy Prime Minister and 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 CAPITAL GAINS TAX ORDINANCE, 1966.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 7/1970

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 7 of 1970.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion:

## BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 7 of 1970 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 30th November, 1970, totalling \$10,378,752.00.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 p.m., the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.33 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the Schedule to Financial Paper No. 7 of 1970.

In Committee of Supply

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was still under consideration when the time for the adjournment of the Assembly was reached.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.33 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 1st of December, 1970.



O. E. CLARKE

Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

1st December, 1970.