

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 27th 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, 9TH DECEMBER, 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 D.A. Singh, Minister of Housing and Reconstruction

The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply

The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without Portfolio

(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

(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

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P.
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Bhola 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

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 B. Ramsaroop,
 Minister of Trade - on leave
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Attorney
 General and Minister of State
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot,
 Minister of Health
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. -
 Mr. Balchand Persaud - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Speaker:

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Tuesday, the 8th of December, 1970.

(PARL: 5/5^{IV})(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1971

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1971, totalling \$181,816,141. (See Appendix to Minutes of 4th December, 1970).

Mr. Lall concluded his speech.

Mrs. DaSilva and Mr. Zaheerudeen spoke to the motion.

Mr. R. Ally was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.48 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. R. Ally concluded his speech.

Mr. Chandisingh spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Housing and Reconstruction was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.03 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Housing and Reconstruction concluded his speech.

Mr. Hamid was speaking to the motion when, at 9.00 p.m., further debate on it was suspended to enable items 2 and 3 on the Order Paper to be proceeded with.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 46

On a motion by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Standing Order No. 46 was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed with items 2 and 3 on the Order Paper.

BILLS - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 2 - CORPORATION TAX BILL, 1970 - Bill No. 29/1970 published 5.12.70

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 second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO IMPOSE A TAX ON THE PROFITS OF COMPANIES AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Mr. M.F. Singh and the Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(1)

Just before 10.00 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education (Leader of the House), Standing Order No. 9(1) was suspended to enable the Assembly to sit until items 2 and 3 on the Order Paper had been disposed of.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance replied to the motion for the second reading of the CORPORATION TAX BILL, 1970.

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.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.12 p.m. the sitting was suspended for coffee.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

ITEM 3 - INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL, 1970 - Bill No. 30/1970 published 5.12.70

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 second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE.

The motion was put and carried.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 15 were passed as printed.

Recommittal of Clause 15

On a motion by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Clause 15 was recommitted.

The following amendment by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance was put and carried:

Deletion of the word and figures "or 41" from the new section 41A.

Clause 15 was then passed as amended.

Clause 16 - The following amendment by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance was put and carried:

Deletion of paragraph (b) from subsection (4) of the new section 47A and relettering of paragraph (c) as (b).

Clause 16 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 17 to 24 were passed as printed.

The Schedule was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance the Bill was read a third time and passed as amended in Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11.05 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, the 10th of December, 1970.



O. E. CLARKE

Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

10th December, 1970.