

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 30th 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, 14TH DECEMBER, 1970

PRESENT:

His Honour the Deputy Speaker, Mr. D.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. Lack, 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, 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. 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. Bholu 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:

Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P.
 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.

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).

The Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, spoke to the motion.

The Leader of the Opposition 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 4.38 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Leader of the Opposition concluded his speech.

The Prime Minister was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.27 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.18 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Prime Minister concluded his speech.

Mr. M.F. Singh was speaking to the motion when the time at which the debate should be concluded was reached.

MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER NO. 9(1)

At 9.55 p.m., Mr. R.D. Persaud moved and Mr. Ram Karran seconded a motion to suspend Standing Order No. 9(1) to enable the Assembly to sit beyond 10.00 p.m.

The motion was put and negatived.

The debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1971 was therefore concluded.

REPORT OF BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE

His Honour the Deputy Speaker informed the Assembly that he understood that consideration of the Estimates in Committee of Supply would commence on the following day, Tuesday, the 15th of

December, 1970, and that he therefore proposed that the Report of the Business Sub-Committee should now be considered by the Committee of Supply.

Assembly agreed and resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Chairman of the Business Sub-Committee of the Committee of Supply (His Honour the Deputy Speaker) reported, in accordance with paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 64 (Business Sub-Committee), that the Business Sub-Committee met on 10th December, 1970, and passed a Resolution in terms of the matters set out in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64, i.e. on the allocation of time for the consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure in Committee of Supply.

(Copies of the Resolution and of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee were circulated to Members on 10th December, 1970).

After the report was made, and on a motion by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Committee of Supply agreed with the Business Sub-Committee in the said Resolution.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.58 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 15th of December, 1970.

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Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

15th December, 1970.