

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1970 - 1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 39th 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

THURSDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1971

PRESENT:

Mr. N.J. Bissember ) In the  
His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P. ) Chair

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister of Agriculture  
The Honourable M. Kasim, Minister of Communications  
The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Finance  
The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour  
and Social Security  
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of  
Education  
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Trade  
(Leader of the House)  
The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of Home Affairs  
The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of Local Government  
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works, Hydraulics  
and Supply  
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of ~~Mines and Forests~~  
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,  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Mr. A. Salim, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply

(iii) Other Members

Mr. J.N. Aaron  
 Miss M.M. Ackman, Government Whip  
 Mr. K. Bancroft  
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.  
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue  
 Mr. E.F. Correia  
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler  
 Mr. R.J. Jordan  
 Mr. S.M. Saffee  
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.  
 Mrs. L.E. Willems

(b) Members of the Opposition

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. Burrham, S.C.,  
 Prime Minister - on leave  
 The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister  
 of Housing and Reconstruction  
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Attorney-  
 General and Minister of State  
 Mr. M. Corrica - on leave  
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition  
 Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip  
 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. Balchand Persaud - on leave  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO PRESIDE AT THE SITTING

In accordance with Standing Order No. 4(1), Mr. N.J. Bissember, nominated by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), and seconded by the Minister of Finance, was elected to preside in the absence of a Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

The sitting of the Assembly was, thereafter, convened with Mr. Bissember in the Chair.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

OATH

Mr. Sase Narain, J.P., M.P., elected Speaker of the National Assembly made and subscribed the oath of office.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of the Members of the Government and on his own behalf, and the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), congratulated His Honour on his election as Speaker of the National Assembly.

His Honour thanked the Members for their remarks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) The Prime Minister from the 8th of January to the 5th of February, 1971, and
- (b) Mr. Corrica from the 5th of January to the 28th of February, 1971.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERSQUESTIONS NOS. 6 and 7

These questions were not asked as Mrs. DaSilva and Mr. R. Ally were not present at the time.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS DUTIES (EXEMPTION FROM IMPORT DUTIES) ORDER, 1970 (No. 109)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm the Customs Duties (Exemption from Import Duties) Order, 1970 (No. 109), which was made on the 26th November, 1970, and published in the Gazette on the 5th December, 1970.

ITEM 2 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1970 (No. 113)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in accordance with section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act, 1969 (No. 13), confirm the Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order, 1970 (No. 113), which was made on the 26th November, 1970, and published in the Gazette on the 12th December, 1970.

ITEM 3 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS (PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS) ORDER, 1970 (No. 116)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

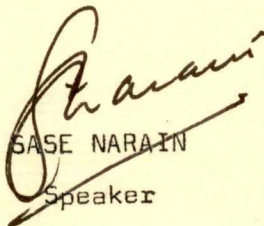
That this National Assembly in accordance with section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm the Customs (Prohibition of Imports) Order, 1970 (No. 116), which was made on the 10th December, 1970, and published in the Gazette on the 16th December, 1970.

DEPARTURE OF THE SPEAKER FROM GUYANA

His Honour announced that he would be out of Guyana for three weeks from Saturday, the 16th of January, 1971.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.12 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
GASE NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
16th January, 1971.