

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 26th 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, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1971

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P.

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, S.C., Prime Minister
The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., 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 B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House)
The Honourable D.E. Clarke, Minister of Home Affairs
The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of Local Government
The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State for Co-operatives and Community Development
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 E.B. McDavid, Minister of Information and Culture
The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. J.G. Joaquin, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance
Mr. P. Duncan, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
Mr. A. Salim, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
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. 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
 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

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 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. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mr. J.A. Sutton
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

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

Absent:

Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime
 Minister and Minister of Agriculture
 The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley,
 Minister of Health - on leave
 The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Trade
 The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Mines
 and Forests
 Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary,
 Office of the Prime Minister
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.
 Mr. Bholu Persaud - on leave
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Prime Minister:

- (a) Public Corporations (Guyana School of Agriculture)(Cessation) Order, 1971 (No. 67), made under section 2C(3) of the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962 (No. 23), on the 13th of October, 1971, and published in the Gazette on the 16th of October, 1971.

(PC: 6/1)(Circulated)

- (b) Report of the Chief Co-operatives Officer for the year 1969.

(EcD: 7/8)(Circulated)

- (c) The Grenada Declaration, 1971.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Finance on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture:

Annual Report of the Guyana Rice Marketing Board for the period 1st October, 1969 to 30th September, 1970.

(AGR: 108/65/2/3^{III})(Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Communications:

Annual Report of the Guyana Telecommunication Corporation for the year 1970.

(C-21/2/4^{II})(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, 1971 (No. 16), for the quarter ended 30th September, 1971.

(G 692)(Circulated)

- (b) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Allowances) Order, 1971 (No. 65), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the House of Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance, 1965, and published in the Gazette on the 16th of October, 1971.

(G 655/1)(Circulated)

(5) By the Minister of Labour and Social Security:

- (a) Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security for the year 1970.

(34/811 XII)(Circulated)

- (b) National Insurance and Social Security (Mariners and Share Fishermen) Regulations, 1971 (No. 16), made under sections 47 and 51 of the National Insurance and Social Security Act, 1969 (No. 15), on the 14th of September, 1971, and published in the Gazette on the 18th of September, 1971.

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- (c) National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit)(Amendment)(No. 2) Regulations, 1971 (No. 17), made under section 51 of the National Insurance and Social Security Act, 1969 (No. 15), on the 14th of September, 1971, and published in the Gazette on the 18th of September, 1971.

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- (d) National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit)(Amendment)(No. 2) Regulations, 1971 (No. 18), made under section 51 of the National Insurance and Social Security Act, 1969 (No. 15), on the 14th of September, 1971, and published in the Gazette on the 18th of September, 1971.

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STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

The Grenada Declaration, 1971

The Prime Minister made a Statement on the Grenada Declaration signed by him on behalf of Guyana and by the Premiers of the Associated States of Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts/Nevis/Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent at Grand Anse, Grenada, on 25th July, 1971.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Dismissal Notices to Employees of Messrs Sandbach Parker
and Company, Limited

At the request of the Leader of the Opposition, permission was granted to him to move the adjournment of the Assembly at the appropriate time for the purpose of discussing the notice of dismissal which had been given to the weekly and monthly employees in a number of Branches of Messrs. Sandbach Parker and Company Limited.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - AFFIRMATION OF THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (GUYANA SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE)(CESSATION) ORDER, 1971 (No. 67)

The Prime Minister moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in terms of section 2C(3) of the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962 (No. 23), affirms the Public Corporations (Guyana School of Agriculture) (Cessation) Order, 1971 (No. 67), which was made on the 13th of October, 1971, and published in the Gazette on the 16th of October, 1971.

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

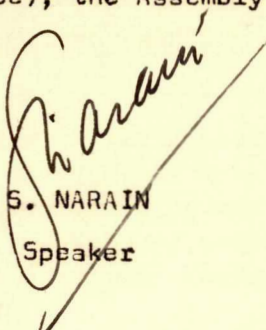
ITEM 2 - MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCEDismissal Notices to Employees of Messrs Sandbach Parker and Company, Limited

At this stage, with the agreement of the Assembly, and in accordance with the permission granted earlier, the Leader of the Opposition moved the adjournment of the Assembly and spoke on the notice of dismissal given to weekly and monthly employees in a number of branches of Messrs. Sandbach Parker and Company, Limited.

Mr. Lall, Mr. Wilson, Mr. M.F. Singh and the Prime Minister also spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.07 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


S. NARAIN
Speaker