

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 36th 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, 15TH DECEMBER, 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
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister of Agriculture
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.A. Singh, Minister of Trade
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
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. 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. 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
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 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. L.A. Durant
 Mr. V. Teekah
 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:

The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley,
 Minister of Health - on leave
 The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of
 State for Co-operatives and
 Community Development - on leave
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C.,
 Attorney-General and Minister
 of State
 The Honourable E.B. McDavid,
 Minister of Information and Culture
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip - on leave
 Mr. Bhola Persaud - on leave
 Mrs. E. DaSilva

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERCongratulations to four Opposition Members

His Honour the Speaker, on behalf of the Members and himself, extended congratulations to the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Ram Karran, Mr. Chandisingh and Mr. Wilson, on the awards of Lenin Centenary Medals made to them at the People's Progressive Party Twenty-first Anniversary Conference.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Tenth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
of the Guyana Electricity Corporation for
the year ended December 31, 1970.

(G. 380^B/60 III)(Circulated)

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

The Minister of Finance, with the leave of the Speaker, made a personal explanation in respect of a publication in the Guyana Graphic on that day concerning his statement on the International Monetary Crisis at the previous sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

EXCHANGE CONTROL (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL, 1971 -
Bill No. 25/1971 published 15.12.71

The 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 EXCHANGE
CONTROL ORDINANCE, 1958.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Orders Nos. 46 and 61(6) be suspended to enable the second reading and the remaining stages of the Exchange Control (Amendment)(No. 2) Bill 1971, to be taken at the Sitting of the National Assembly on Wednesday, 15th December, 1971.

BILL - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 2 - EXCHANGE CONTROL (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) Bill 1971 -
Bill No. 25/1971 published 15.12.71

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXCHANGE CONTROL ORDINANCE, 1958.

Mr. Ram Karran, Mr. M.F. Singh and Dr. Ramsahoye spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 7 were passed as printed.

Clause 8 - Mr. Ram Karran moved the following amendment:

Deletion of paragraph (4) of regulation 3 of the Regulations in the Sixth Schedule.

The amendment was put and negatived on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Mr. Sutton	Mrs. Willems	Mr. Cheeks
Mr. M.F. Singh	Mr. Zaheeruddeen	
Mr. Teekah	Mr. Van Sluytman	
Mr. Durant	Mr. Saffee	
Mr. Balchand Persaud	Mr. Jordan	
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Fowler	
Mr. R. Ally	Mr. Corrica	
Mr. Stoby	Mr. Correia	
Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud	Mr. Chan-A-Sue	
Mr. M.Y. Ally	Mr. Budhoo	
Mr. Wilson	Mr. Bissember	
Mr. D. Jagan	Mr. Bancroft	
Dr. Ramsahoye	Miss Ackman	
Mr. Chandisingh	Mr. Aaron	
Mr. Ram Karran	Mr. Wrights	
	Mr. Thomas	
	Mr. Salim	
	Mr. Duncan	
	Mr. Joaquin	
	Mr. Mingo	
	Mr. Clarke	

Carried _____
Forward: 15 _____

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<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Brought Forward: 15	21	1
	Mr. D.A. Singh Mr. Ramsaroop Mr. Carrington Mr. Hoyte Mr. Kasim Dr. Reid	
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Dr. Ramsahoye moved the following amendment:

Insertion of the following as paragraph (7) of regulation 3 of the Regulations in the Sixth Schedule:

" (7) No information obtained pursuant to the provisions of this regulation may be used otherwise than for purposes of proceedings under this Ordinance. "

After discussion, Dr. Ramsahoye withdrew the amendment, and moved the following amendment which was put and carried:

Insertion of the words "in proceedings under this Ordinance" between the words "him" and "notwithstanding" in paragraph (4) of regulation 3 of the Regulations in the Sixth Schedule.

Clause 8 was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

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

MOTION

ITEM 3 - MOTION TO APPROVE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1972

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1972, totalling \$197,846,560. (See Appendix to Minutes of 32nd Sitting held on Tuesday, the 7th of December, 1971).

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

WELCOME TO MR. KWAME A. BOAITEY

His Honour the Speaker, on behalf of the Members and himself, extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Kwame A. Boaitey, a Member of the National Assembly of the Parliament of Ghana, who was present at the sitting.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.27 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

MOTION TO APPROVE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1972

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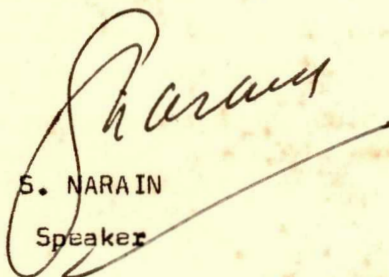
Mr. Stoby concluded his speech.

Mr. Balchand Persaud and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture spoke to the motion.

Mr. Teekah was speaking to the motion when the time agreed for the adjournment was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 16th of December, 1971.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

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