

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 38th 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

FRIDAY, 17TH 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 W. Haynes, Minister of State for
Co-operatives and Community Development
The Honourable H.D. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests
The Honourable E.B. McDavid, Minister of Information and
Culture

(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. J.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. 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. 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 Miss S.M. Field-Ridley,
 Minister of Health - on leave
 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 Miss C.L. Baird, Minister
 of Education
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. Bhola Persaud - on leave
 Mr. L.A. Durant
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingMISCELLANEOUS (FISCAL ENACTMENTS)(AMENDMENT)Bill, 1971 - Bill No. 26/1971

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read a first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN
FISCAL ENACTMENTS.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO APPROVE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1972

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider 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).

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 1 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT was passed as printed at	... \$	74,742
HEAD 6 - OMBUDSMAN was passed as printed at...		15,486
HEAD 7 - PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS was passed as printed at	...	253,683
HEAD 9 - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET was passed at	...	1,019,490
with the following corrections:		
<u>Subhead 2:</u> <u>Deletion</u> of the words "Development and World Food Divisions respectively to Head 13" in the Explanatory Notes.		
<u>Subhead 10:</u> <u>Deletion</u> of the words "and Social Welfare".		
HEAD 10 - PRIME MINISTER - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE was passed as printed at	...	7,042,901
DIVISION V - PRIME MINISTER was passed as printed at	...	231,000
HEAD 11 - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was passed as printed at	...	314,226
DIVISION VI - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was passed as printed at	...	570,000

HEAD 12 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS		
was passed as printed at	...	\$ 10,450
HEAD 14 - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
was passed as printed at	...	1,971,421
DIVISION IX - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
was passed as printed at	...	6,470,000
HEAD 4 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.		

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1972.

In Committee of Supply

The following announcements were made by the Chairman before the Committee resumed consideration of the Estimates:

(a) Hours of Sitting

That it was agreed that the Assembly would adjourn at 6.30 p.m. on that day and on Monday, 20th and Tuesday, 21st December, 1971.

(b) Statutory Provisions

That in accordance with article 111(2) of the Constitution, no debate would be allowed on Constitutional and Statutory provisions.

HEAD 4 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE was passed as printed at ... \$ 113,476
on the following division:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
	Mr. Sutton	Mr. Teekah
	Mrs. DaSilva	Mr. Remington
	Mrs. Willems	Mr. Balchand Persaud
	Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mrs. Branco
	Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Ambrose
	Mr. Saffee	Mr. R. Ally
Carried	—	—
Forward:	6	6

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward:	6	6
Mr. Jordan		Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
Mr. Fowler		Mr. M.Y. Ally
Mr. Corrica		Mr. Wilson
Mr. Chan-A-Sue		Mr. D. Jagan
Mr. Budhoo		Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Bissember		Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Bancroft		Dr. Jagan
Miss Ackman		
Mr. Aaron		
Mr. Wrights		
Mr. Thomas		
Mr. Salim		
Mr. Duncan		
Mr. Joaquin		
Mr. Haynes		
Mr. Mingo		
Mr. Clarke		
Mr. Ramsaroop		
Mr. Carrington		
Mr. Hoyte		
Mr. Kasim		
Dr. Reid		
	<u>28</u>	<u>13</u>

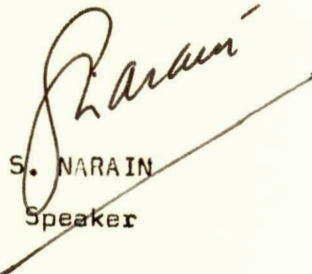
HEAD 5 - AUDIT was passed as printed at ... \$ 386,018

HEAD 18 - MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
CULTURE was passed as printed at ... 920,508

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.35 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 Monday, the 20th of December, 1971.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
18th December, 1971.