

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 40th 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

TUESDAY, 21ST 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.O. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests

(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. 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. L.A. Durant
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mr. M.F. Singh

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 E.B. McDavid, Minister of
 Information and Culture
 The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister
 of Education
 Mr. Bholu Persaud - on leave
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. E. DaSilva - on leave
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

- (a) Mrs. Willems from 23rd December, 1971 to 12th January, 1972.
- (b) Mrs. DaSilva and Mr. Sutton for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Customs Duties (Exemption from Import Duties)
(No. 31) Order, 1971, made under section 8
of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on
the 3rd of December, 1971, and published in
the Gazette on the 11th of December, 1971.
(G. 551 (II)AII)(Circulated)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

The Minister of Finance made a Statement on Government's decision to realign the Guyana currency consequent upon the re-alignment of the major world currencies.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

On account of disorder, His Honour, at 2.37 p.m., suspended the sitting.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 2.50 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO APPROVE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1972

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration 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).

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 20 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE
was passed as printed at ... \$9,194,900

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| HEAD 21 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS | | |
| was passed as printed at | ... | \$ 1,180,439 |
| HEAD 22 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - FIRE | | |
| PROTECTION SERVICES was passed as | | |
| printed at | ... | 996,669 |

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 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 SupplyHours of Sitting

Before the Committee resumed consideration of the Estimates, the Chairman announced that it was agreed that the Assembly would adjourn at 10.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 22nd and Thursday, the 23rd and at 4.00 p.m. on Friday, the 24th of December.

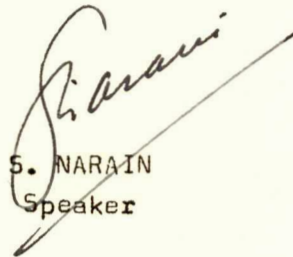
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| HEAD 23 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - | | |
| REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS was | | |
| passed as printed at | ... | \$ 474,584 |
| HEAD 24 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - | | |
| PROBATION AND WELFARE SERVICE | | |
| was passed as printed at | ... | 417,741 |
| DIVISION XII - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS | | |
| was passed at | ... | 743,000 |
| with the following correction | | |
| to the Explanatory Notes: | | |
| <u>Substitution</u> of "2" for "1". | | |
| HEAD 25 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT was | | |
| under consideration when the time | | |
| agreed for the adjournment was | | |
| reached. | | |

Assembly resumed.

Before the adjournment His Honour the Speaker drew the attention of Members to the time available for the completion of the Estimates of Expenditure in Committee of Supply. He informed them that the Committee of Supply was two sitting days behind the time decided by the Sub-Committee for the consideration of individual Heads of the Estimates.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.32 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 Wednesday, the 22nd of December, 1971.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
22nd December, 1971.