

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

—
THIRD SESSION
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1971
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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 41st 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, 22ND DECEMBER, 1971

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

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. Green, Minister of Works, Hydraulics
and Supply

(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. I.R. Remington, J.P.
- Mr. L.A. Durant
- Mr. V. Teekah
- 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. Burnham, S.C.,
Prime Minister
- 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.O. Jack, Minister of
Mines and Forests
- The Honourable E.B. McDavid, Minister
of Information and Culture
- The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird,
Minister of Education
- Mr. Bholu Persaud - on leave
- Mrs. E. DaSilva - on leave
- Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

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 25 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT was
 passed as printed at ... \$ 838,682
 on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Sutton
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. M.F. Singh
Mr. Van Sluytman	
Mr. Saffee	
Mr. Jordan	
Mr. Fowler	
Mr. Corrica	
Mr. Correia	
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	
Mr. Budhoo	
Mr. Bissember	
Mr. Bancroft	
Miss Ackman	
Mr. Aaron	
Mr. Wrights	
Mr. Thomas	
Mr. Salim	
Mr. Joaquin	
Mr. Mingo	
Mr. B.A. Singh	
Mr. Ramaroop	
Mr. Carrington	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Dr. Reid	
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DIVISION XIII - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.32 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

Before the Committee resumed consideration of the Estimates, the Chairman reminded Members of the slow progress being made in the consideration of the Estimates in Committee and once more exhorted them to limit their speeches within the time allotted for the individual Heads and Divisions of the Estimates.

DIVISION XIII - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERN-		
MENT was passed as printed at ...	\$	59,000
HEAD 26 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was passed		
as printed at ...		1,002,755
HEAD 27 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE -		
AGRICULTURE was passed as printed		
at ...		4,321,822
HEAD 28 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - LANDS		
was passed as printed at ...		812,687
HEAD 29 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE -		
INTERIOR DEVELOPMENT was passed		
as printed at ...		488,963
DIVISION XIV - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE		
was passed at ...		7,637,000

with the following corrections
to the Explanatory Notes:

Insertion of (i) "27". To provide for
the continuation of the project.", and

(ii) "40". To provide for
the continuation of old schemes and
the development of new schemes in the
interior."

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.47 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.15 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

DIVISION XV - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
- AND NATURAL RESOURCES - IBRD/
IDA PROJECTS - LIVESTOCK DEVELOP-
MENT was passed as printed at ... \$ 1,368,000

HEAD 38 - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS AND
SUPPLY - ESTABLISHMENT was passed
as printed at ... 5,403,571

HEAD 39 - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS AND
SUPPLY - ANNUALLY RECURRENT was
passed as printed at ... 8,618,210

DIVISION XIX - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS
AND SUPPLY was passed at ... 27,549,000
with the following corrections to the
Explanatory Notes:

Insertion of (i) "17. To provide for
the completion of Uitvlugt/Parika
road project.", and

(ii) "21. To continue the
construction of road from Madhia to
Annai."

DIVISION XX - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS
AND SUPPLY - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS -
FIRST SEA DEFENCE PROJECT was
passed as printed at ... 4,941,000

DIVISION XXA - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS
AND SUPPLY - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS -
SECOND SEA DEFENCE PROJECT was
passed as printed at ... 3,839,000

HEAD 52 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as
printed at ... 747,772

HEAD 53 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL was
under consideration when at 9.58 p.m.,
the consideration of the Estimates
was interrupted to enable the Minister
of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader
of the House) to move the suspension
of Standing Order No. 9(1).

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(1)

On a motion by the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), Standing Order No. 9(1) was suspended to enable that sitting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m. in order to complete consideration of Head 53.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTIMATES

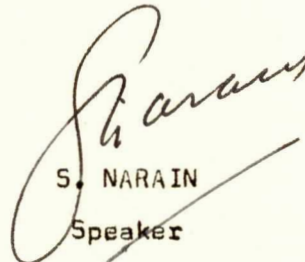
Consideration of the Estimates was resumed.

HEAD 53 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL was
passed as printed at ... \$ 2,986,587

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.25 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 23rd of December, 1971.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
23rd December, 1971.