

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 44th 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, 28TH 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 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 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.

(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. R. Ally  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. L.A. Durant  
 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:

The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley,  
 Minister of Health - on leave  
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of  
 Works, Hydraulics and Supply  
 The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister  
 of Mines and Forests  
 The Honourable E.B. McDavid,  
 Minister of Information and Culture  
 Mrs. L.E. Willems - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud - on leave  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.

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 42 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - PRIMARY, MULTI-LATERAL AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS was passed as printed at	...	\$15,208,896
HEAD 43 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was passed as printed at	...	735,235
HEAD 44 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - GOVERNMENT TRAINING COLLEGE PRE-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME was passed as printed at	...	217,445
HEAD 45 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, GEORGETOWN was passed.. as printed at	...	514,964
HEAD 46 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS was passed as printed at	...	119,326
HEAD 47 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - QUEEN'S COLLEGE was passed as printed at..		331,116
HEAD 48 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - BISHOPS' HIGH SCHOOL was passed as printed at	...	264,308
HEAD 49 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - ANNA REGINA SECONDARY SCHOOL was passed as printed at	...	121,819
HEAD 50 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - BERBICE HIGH SCHOOL was passed as printed at...		197,898
HEAD 51 - MINISTRY OF EDUDATION - TECHNICAL INSTITUTE NEW AMSTERDAM was passed as printed at	...	195,796
DIVISION XXI - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was passed at	...	1,722,600
with the following correction to the Explanatory Notes:		
<u>Substitution of 11, 12, 14 and 15 for 10, 11, 13 and 14 respectively.</u>		

DIVISION XXII - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IBRD/ IDA PROJECTS was passed as printed at	...	\$ 5,630,000
HEAD 2 - SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE was passed as printed at	...	592,492
HEAD 3 - MAGISTRATES was passed as printed at	...	860,758
HEAD 8 - PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was passed as printed at	127,764	
HEAD 15 - ATTORNEY GENERAL 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 4.30 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

HEAD 15 - ATTORNEY GENERAL was passed as printed at	...	\$ 243,897
HEAD 16 - ATTORNEY GENERAL - OFFICIAL RECEIVER was passed as printed at	...	99,577
HEAD 17 - ATTORNEY GENERAL - DEEDS REGISTRY was passed as printed at	...	127,279
HEAD 13 - MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...	3,504,020
DIVISION VIII - MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...	444,000
HEAD 61 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY was passed as printed at	...	705,700
HEAD 65 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE SERVICE was passed as printed at..		71,709

HEAD 63 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE was under consideration when the sitting was suspended for coffee.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 7.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for coffee.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 7.10 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

HEAD 63 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE was passed as printed at	...	\$ 4,329,479
DIVISION XXV - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY was passed as printed at..		176,000
HEAD 64 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE was passed as printed at	...	669,127
HEAD 65 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL was passed as printed at...		1,405,331
HEAD 66 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - CUSTOMS AND EXCISE was passed as printed at ...		1,876,725
HEAD 67 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - INLAND REVENUE was passed as printed at...		2,073,346
HEAD 68 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK was passed as printed at	...	76,194
HEAD 69 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES was passed as printed at	...	888,355
HEAD 70 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - PUBLIC DEBT was passed as printed at	...	10,000
HEAD 71 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - REVISION OF WAGES, SALARIES AND RELATED PAYMENTS was passed as printed at	...	10,000,100

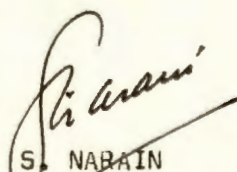
DIVISION XXVI - MINISTRY OF FINANCE was  
passed as printed at ... \$ 12,650,400

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1972, totalling \$197,846,560, was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8.35 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 Wednesday, the 29th of December, 1971.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

29th December, 1971.