

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971 - 1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 46th 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, 12TH JANUARY, 1972

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 Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Health
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 S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Attorney-General and
Minister of State
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. 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. 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
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 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 E.B. McDavid,
 Minister of Information and Culture
 Mr. E.F. Correia - on leave
 Mrs. L.E. Willems - on leave
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Mrs. L.M. Branco - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

- (i) Mr. Correia from 12th to 15th January, 1972, and
- (ii) Mrs. Branco for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Minister of Communications:

Telephone (Amendment) Regulations 1971 (No. 24), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Ordinance, Chapter 132, on the 29th of December, 1971, and published in the Gazette on the 31st of December, 1971.

(C. 21/2/2)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Annual Report of the Guyana Fire and Ambulance Services for the year 1970.

(HA: 1/1/12 iv)(Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Local Government:

Riverstown/Annandale District Council (Removal of Difficulties) Order 1971 (No. 83), made under the Municipal and District Councils Act, 1969 (No. 24 of 1969), on the 28th of December, 1971, and published in the Gazette on the 28th of December, 1971.

(LG: 16/4/F/13)(Circulated)

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the meals served to patients at the Best Hospital.

His Honour the Speaker did not allow the claim as he did not agree that the matter to be discussed satisfied all the conditions of a matter which could properly be raised on a motion for the adjournment of the Assembly.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingADAPTATION OF LAWS BILL, 1972 - Bill No. 1/1972

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read a first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO EFFECT ADAPTATIONS TO CERTAIN LAWS.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION ON THE DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR

The Leader of the Opposition moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly deprecates the action of the Guyana Government in devaluing the dollar and proposes that a special levy should be instituted to recover the net gains made by exporters from devaluation, the proceeds of which should be used for the subsidisation of essential commodities.

Dr. Ramsahoye seconded the motion and reserved the right to speak later.

Mr. M.F. Singh was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.45 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

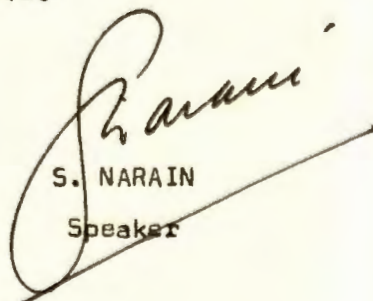
Mr. M.F. Singh concluded his speech.

The Minister of Finance spoke to the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to Thursday, the 13th of January, 1972.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

13th January, 1972.