

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971 - 1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 50th 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, 8TH MARCH, 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 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

(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.
 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. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu 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 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.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. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary
 Secretary, Ministry of Works,
 Hydraulics and Supply
 Mr. E.F. Correia
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. L.A. Durant
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

- on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

- (a) Miss Ackman from 13th to 28th March, 1972, and
- (b) Mr. Correia from 10th March to 9th April, 1972.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERSQUESTION NO. 27

Mr. Chandisingh asked the Minister of Health the following question:

- Question:
- (i) Will the Minister say whether there is a Radiologist (Diagnostic) at present at the Public Hospital, Georgetown?
 - (ii) Why is it that the Radiologists' reports do not now accompany X-Ray pictures?

The Minister of Health gave the following reply:

- Answer:
- (i) There is a Radiologist at the Georgetown Hospital.
 - (ii) The Radiologist's Reports do accompany X-Ray pictures.

Supplementary questions were asked by Mr. Chandisingh and Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RADIO AND FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

Mrs. DaSilva moved and Mr. Chandisingh seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS many areas in the Interior of Guyana inhabited principally by Amerindians, are either without medical services or the services are totally inadequate;

AND WHEREAS it is the declared policy of the Government to encourage further settlement of the Interior;

AND WHEREAS finance does not seem to be available for providing further hospitals, clinics and dispensaries in the Interior:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government consider the establishment of a Radio and Flying Doctor Service to help fill the present gap in Interior Medical Services in Guyana.

The Minister of Health spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, Mrs. DaSilva replied.

The motion was then put and negatived.

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 2 - PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL 1971 - Bill No. 15, 1971 published 14.7.71

Assembly resumed the debate on the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Mr. Chandisingh concluded his speech.

The Minister of Health was replying 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 4.32 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Health concluded her speech.

Thereafter the motion for the second reading of the Bill was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed with the following correction:

Substitution of "1972" for "1971".

Clause 2 - The following amendment by Mrs. DaSilva to the definition of "private hospital" in subsection (1) was negatived:

Insertion of a comma after the words "convalescent home";

Deletion of the words "or nursing home," and

Insertion of the words "nursing home, or home institution for the care and treatment of persons receiving or requiring psychiatric treatment," between the words "convalescent home" and "but does not include".

Clause 2 was then passed as printed.

Clause 3 - The following amendment by Mr. Chandisingh to subsection (3) was negatived:

Deletion of the words "or in the admission thereto or treatment of any patient therein".

Clause 3 was then passed as printed.

Clause 4 was passed as printed.

Clause 5 - The following amendment by Mr. Chandisingh to subsection (1) was carried:

Substitution of the words "the prescribed fee" for the words "a fee of five hundred dollars".

The following amendment by Mrs. DaSilva to the proviso to subsection (1) was negatived:

Insertion of a comma after the word "thereat", and,

Addition of the words "or a non-profit association formed under section 20 of the Companies Ordinance". Chapter 328.

Clause 5 was then passed as amended.

Clause 6 was passed as printed.

Clause 7 - Mr. D.C. Jagan moved the following amendment to subsection (2):

Deletion of the word "surgical".

After discussion, consideration of Clause 7 was deferred.

Clause 8 was passed as printed.

Clause 9 - The following amendment by Mr. D.C. Jagan to subsection (1)(b) was negatived:

Substitution of the word "and" for the word "but", and

Deletion of the word "not".

Clause 9 was then passed as printed.

Clause 10 - The following amendment by Mr. D.C. Jagan to subsection (2) was carried:

Substitution of the word "or" for the word "and" between the words "licensee" and "of" in the fourth line.

Clause 10 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 11 and 12 were passed as printed.

Clause 13 - The following amendment by the Minister of Health to subsection (1) was carried:

Insertion of the word "and" after the semi-colon at the end of paragraph (d), and

Deletion of paragraphs (e) and (f), and

Re-lettering of paragraph (g) as paragraph (e).

The following amendments by Mr. Chandisingh to subsections (2) and (3) were negatived:

Substitution of the word "forty-eight" for the word "twenty-four".

The following amendment by the Minister of Health to subsection (2) was carried:

Insertion of the words "or any other persons designated by him," after the word "Minister".

Clause 13 was then passed as amended.

Clause 14 - The following amendment by Mr. Chandisingh to subsection (1) was negatived:

Insertion of the word "external" between the words "No" and "structural".

The following amendment by the Minister of Health to subsection (1) was carried:

Insertion of the word "of" between the words "plan" and "the".

Clause 14 was then passed as amended.

Clause 15 - The following amendment by Mrs. DaSilva to subsection (1) was negatived:

Insertion of the words "who have no interest in any private hospital and have experience in hospital administration" between the words "medical practitioners" and "to be inspectors".

The following amendment by the Minister of Health to subsection (4) was carried:

Insertion of the words "and such other persons as the Minister may consider necessary" immediately after the word "midwife".

Clause 15 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 16 to 18 were passed as printed.

Clause 19 - The following amendment by the Minister of Health was carried:

Substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (h):

" (h) the records, books, reports, returns and other documents to be made and kept in respect of private hospitals and the production to, and inspection by, the Minister or any person authorised by him of such records, books, reports, returns and documents;"

The following amendment by Mr. D.C. Jagan was negatived:

Re-numbering of the clause as subsection (1),
and

Insertion of the following as subsection (2):

" (2) Regulations made in pursuance of this section and any amendment or variation thereof shall be subject to an affirmative resolution. "

Clause 19 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 20 to 22 and the Schedule were passed as printed.

Clause 7 - The following amendment which was moved by Mr. D.C. Jagan to subsection (2) was negatived:

Deletion of the word "surgical".

The following amendment by the Minister of Health to subsection (4) was carried:

Substitution of the words "prescribed fee" for the words "fee of five hundred dollars".

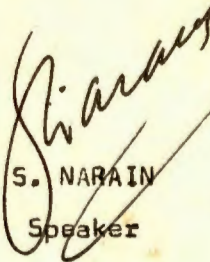
Clause 7 was then passed amended.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Health the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.57 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
13th March, 1972.