

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971 - 1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 52nd 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, 4TH APRIL, 1972

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 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 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

Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip  
 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. 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 L.F.S. Burnham, S.C.,  
 Prime Minister - on leave  
 The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A.,  
 Minister of Communications - 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  
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.  
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P. - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. L.A. Durant - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Burnham for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By Mr. Ram Karran, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee:

- (a) Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Accounts of the Transport and Harbours Department for the years 1962 to 1965, and the Director of Audit's Reports thereon.

(Circulated)

- (b) Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Accounts of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year 1966, and the Director of Audit's Report thereon.

(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - MOTION TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Development Programme of Guyana for the period 1966 to 1972 was approved by Resolution No. LXXIV of the 25th April, 1966, of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 3 of the Public Loan Ordinance, 1966 that any modification, amendment or extension of, and substitution for the said Development Programme may be approved by the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the said Development Programme so as to provide additional capital expenditure in the sum of (Guyana) \$13,000,000 under Chapter XVIII in so far as it relates to coastal roads, to provide for improvement to roads in the West Demerara area in the Country of Demerara;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in pursuance of section 3 of the Public Loan Ordinance, 1966, approve of the amendment of Guyana's Development Programme for the period 1966 to 1972 by increasing the sum provided for coastal road improvement under the said Chapter XVIII by (Guyana) \$13,000,000 to provide for improvement to roads in the West Demerara area in the County of Demerara.

Mr. Ram Karran, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Balchand Persaud spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

ITEM 2 - MOTION ON LOAN FROM INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion:

WHEREAS for the purposes of Guyana's Development Programme for the period 1966 to 1972, as amended, the sum of (Guyana) \$13,000,000 is required for the improvement of roads in the West Demerara area in the County of Demerara;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to authorise the raising of a loan in the sum of (United States) \$4,400,000, i.e. approximately (Guyana) \$8,800,000, from the International Development Association for the purpose aforesaid:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in pursuance of section 4 of the Public Loan Ordinance, 1966 authorise the raising from the International Development Association of a loan of (United States) \$4,400,000, that is to say approximately (Guyana) \$8,800,000 for the improvement of roads in the West Demerara area in the County of Demerara.

Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ITEM 3 - MOTION ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT ON TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS FOR 1962 TO 1965

Mr. Ram Karran, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, moved and Mr. Sutton seconded the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly on the Accounts of the Transport and Harbours Department for the years 1962 to 1965 and the Director of Audit's Reports thereon, be referred to the Government for its consideration.

Mr. Bissember spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, Mr. Ram Karran replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

**ITEM 4 - MOTION ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT ON TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS FOR 1966**

Mr. Ram Karran, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, moved and Mr. Sutton seconded, the following motion:

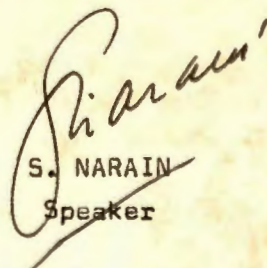
**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly on the Accounts of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year 1966 and the Director of Audit's Report thereon, be referred to the Government for its consideration.

The motion was put and carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2.55 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.

7th April, 1972.