

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971 - 1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 59th 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

MONDAY, 24TH JULY, 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 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. Ramsearop, 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 E.B. McDavid, Minister of Information and Culture

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

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. 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. 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. L.A. Durant
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. M.F. Singh

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 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
 Mr. J.G. Joaquin, J.P., Parliamentary
 Secretary, Ministry of Finance - on leave
 Mr. N.J. Bissember
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. V. Teekah - on leave
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Customs Duties (Exemption from Import Duties) Order, 1972 (No. 59), made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 10th of July, 1972, and published in the Gazette on the 15th of July, 1972.

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PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - NATIONAL TRUST BILL 1972 - Bill No. 5/1972 published 17.6.72

The Minister of Information and Culture moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS, SITES, PLACES AND OBJECTS OF HISTORIC INTEREST OR NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, Mrs. DaSilva and Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Information and Culture replied.

Thereafter the motion 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

Clauses 1 to 14 were passed as printed.

Clause 15 - The following amendment by the Minister of Information and Culture was put and carried:

Insertion of the word "simultaneously" immediately after the word "published" in the fifth line of subsection (1).

The following amendment by Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud was put and negatived:

Substitution of the words "two or more newspapers" for the words "one newspaper" in the fifth line of subsection (1).

Clause 15 was then passed as amended.

Clause 16 was passed as printed.

Clause 17 - Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud moved the following amendment:

Substitution of the words "not exceeding two hundred" for the words "of two thousand" in the fifth line.

The amendment 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 4.25 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to continue consideration of the National Trust Bill 1972.

In Committee

Clause 17 - The amendment moved by Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud was put and negatived:

Clause 17 was then passed as printed.

Clauses 18 to 29 were passed as printed.

The First and Second Schedules were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

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

ITEM 2 - WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1972 - Bill No. 3/1972 published 3.6.72

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION ORDINANCE.

The motion 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

Clauses 1 to 9 were passed as printed.

Clause 10 - The following amendments by the Minister of Finance were put and carried:

- (i) Substitution of the words "Validating and saving provisions" for the word "Validation" in the marginal note;
- (ii) Renumbering of clause 10 as clause 10(1) and addition of the following subsection as subsection (2) -

" (2) Any refund of contributions made before the commencement of this Act to a person who had ceased to be an officer, or to his legal personal representative in case of his death, contrary to the provisions of section 7 or 8 of the Principal Ordinance shall be deemed to have been lawfully made, and the directors may, after such commencement, in their discretion, make a refund of contributions to a person who, prior to such commencement had ceased to be an officer, or to his legal personal representative in case of his death, where the officer had failed to submit himself for a medical examination within the prescribed period for the purpose of becoming a contributor. "

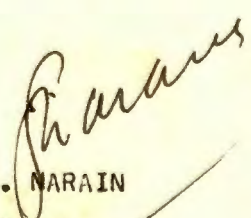
Clause 10 was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.50 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 27th of July, 1972.


S. NARAIN
Speaker