

THIRD SESSION

1971 - 1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 61st 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, 31ST JULY, 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 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 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

(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-Sua  
 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 Karan  
 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. 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  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. L.A. Durant  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 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 C.L. Baird,  
 Minister of Education  
 Mr. J.G. Joaquin, J.P., Parliamentary,  
 Secretary, Ministry of Finance - on leave  
 Mr. N.J. Bissember  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C. - on leave  
 Mr. V. Teekah - on leave  
 Mr. M.F. Singh  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERApology for late commencement of Sitting

His Honour the Speaker apologised to the Assembly for the late commencement of the Sitting which he explained was due to a request made by the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), and which he had conveyed to the Leader of the Opposition.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1972

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 3/1972.

In Committee of Supply

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1972 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 25th July, 1972, totalling \$3,266,178.

The Financial Paper was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the Sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.10 p.m. the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m. the Sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of Financial Paper No. 3/1972.

In Committee of Supply

The Committee resumed and completed consideration of the Financial Paper.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1972 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 25th July, 1972, totalling \$3,286,178."

Agreement to sit beyond 6.30 p.m.

At 6.25 p.m. it was agreed that the sitting should not be suspended at 6.30 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 23

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, Standing Order No. 23(1) was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed with the motions published on 31st July, 1972, in Notice Papers Nos. 112 and 113.

ITEM 2 - MOTION TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried:

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the Development Programme of Guyana for the period 1966 to 1972, originally approved by Resolution No. LXXIV of the National Assembly of 27th April, 1966, so as to provide for additional capital expenditure under Division XVI subhead 9 Canada/Guyana Geophysical Survey, as detailed hereunder:-

One hundred and fifty four thousand dollars (\$154,000) approximately, that is to say seventy thousand Canadian dollars, for the making of a mineral resources inventory by means of an aerial magnetic radio metric survey of Northern, North Central and Southern Guyana, including three seismic profiles over the Takutu sedimentary basin to a total of one hundred miles; and certain ground surveys related to the aerial magnetic survey, hereinbefore mentioned:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in pursuance of section 3 of the Public Loan Ordinance, 1966 approve of the amendment of the Development Programme for the period 1966 to 1972 by increasing the provision under Division XVI subhead 9 Canada/Guyana Geophysical Survey by the amount of \$154,000 for the purposes aforesaid.

ITEM 3      ITEM TO APPROVE OF A CANADIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN OF  
G\$154,000

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried:

WHEREAS for the purposes of the Development Programme of Guyana for the period 1966 to 1972, the additional sum of one hundred and fifty four thousand dollars (\$154,000) approximately, that is to say, the sum of seventy thousand Canadian dollars is required for the completion of a mineral resources inventory, by means of an aerial magnetic radio metric survey of Northern, North Central and Southern Guyana including three seismic profiles over the Takutu sedimentary basin to a total of one hundred miles; and certain ground surveys related to the aerial magnetic survey hereinbefore mentioned;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to raise a loan in the sum of seventy thousand Canadian dollars, for the purpose aforesaid ;

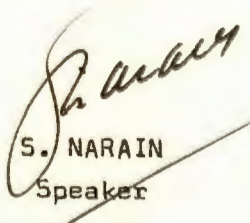
AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada is willing to make available a loan, in the sum aforesaid for the purpose aforesaid, free from interest, commitment or service charges and repayable in eighty instalments, each of eight hundred and seventy four Canadian dollars, approximately equivalent to one thousand eight hundred and ninety four dollars (\$1,894) Guyana, due and payable on the last day of October and the last day of February, of each year, the first instalment to be paid on the last day of October 1980 and the last instalment to be paid on the last day of February, 2020:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in pursuance of section 4 of the Public Loan Ordinance 1966 approve of the raising from the Government of Canada of the loan aforesaid, in the sum aforesaid, for the purpose aforesaid such loan to be repaid at the times and in the manner, hereinbefore specified.

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 a date to be fixed.

  
 S. NARAIN  
 Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
 Public Buildings,  
 Georgetown.  
 1st August, 1972.