

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971 - 1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 51st 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

THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH, 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 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. 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
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip
 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. 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 L.F.S. Burnham, S.C.,
 Prime Minister
 The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of
 Communications - on leave
 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. N.J. Bissember
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. L.A. Durant - on leave
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to

- (a) Mr. Kasim for one month from 15th March, 1972, and
- (b) Mr. Lall for two months from 13th March, 1972.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture on behalf of the Prime Minister:

(a) National Working Hours Commission Report.
(Circulated)

(b) Public Corporations Order, 1972 (No. 28), made under section 2C(4) of the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962 (No. 23), on the 21st of March, 1972, and published on the 25th of March, 1972.

(PC-6/1)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Finance:

Reports of the Directors of the New Widows and Orphans' Fund on the Working of the Fund for the years 1965 and 1966.

(G,105/54 III)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation of First Reading

GUYANA WATER AUTHORITY BILL 1972 - Bill No. 2/1972

The Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GUYANA WATER AUTHORITY AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION ON THE EXEMPTION OF GUYANA MORTGAGE FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, FROM PROPERTY TAX

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

WHEREAS by Agreement of 11th July, 1968, between the Government of Guyana, the Commonwealth Development Corporation and the Guyana Mortgage Finance Company, Limited, the said Corporation and the said Company agreed to provide financing for housing development in Guyana;

AND WHEREAS under the terms of the said Agreement the Government agreed to take such action as may be necessary to enable the Guyana Mortgage Finance Company, Limited, to be exempted from the application of the Property Tax Ordinance 1962;

AND WHEREAS paragraph (w) of section 6 of the said Ordinance authorises the National Assembly, by resolution, to exempt from the provision. of the said Ordinance any person or authority other than those specified in the said section 6:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That in pursuance of the said Agreement and of the aforesaid provision of the said Ordinance, the Guyana Mortgage Finance Company, Limited, shall be exempt from the provisions of the said Ordinance with effect from 11th July, 1968.

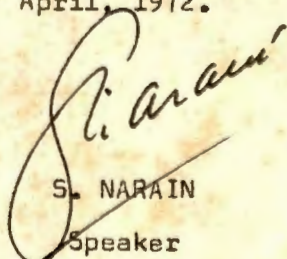
Mr. Sutton, Mr. Chandisingh and Dr. Ramsahoye spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.00 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 Tuesday, the 4th of April, 1972.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
4th April, 1972.