

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1967 - 1968

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 38th Sitting of the National Assembly of Guyana under the Constitution of Guyana, held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

TUESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1968

PRESENT:

His Honour the Deputy Speaker, Mr. R.C. Tello - In the Chair

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.,  
Prime Minister  
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Minister of  
Finance  
The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister for  
Parliamentary Affairs  
The Honourable R.E. Cheeks, Minister of  
Local Government  
The Honourable E.F. Correia, Minister of  
Communications  
The Honourable Mrs. W. Gaskin, Minister of  
Education  
The Honourable L. John, Minister of Home  
Affairs  
The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister of  
Agriculture and Natural Resources  
The Honourable W.O.R. Kendall, C.B.E., J.P.,  
Minister of Health and Housing  
The Honourable C.A. Merriman, J.P., Minister  
of Labour and Social Security  
The Honourable M.F. Singh, Minister of Works  
and Hydraulics  
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of  
Information  
The Honourable H.C. Spence, Minister of Trade

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. D.B. deGroot, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Mr. G. Bowman, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Mr. O.E. Clarke, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Local Government  
Mr. J.G. Joaquin, O.B.E., J.P., Parliamentary  
Secretary, Ministry of Works and Hydraulics  
Mr. C.V. Too-Chung, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Finance



(iii) Other Members

Mr. P.S. d'Aguiar  
Mr. W.A. Blair  
Mr. J. Budhoo  
Mr. M. Kasim  
Mr. W.G. Carrington  
Mr. R.G.B. Field-Ridley  
Mr. T.A. Sancho  
Mr. J.H. Thomas  
Rev. A.B. Trotman  
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition  
Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition

Mr. A. Chase  
Mr. B.H. Benn  
Mr. Ram Karran  
Mr. R. Chandisingh  
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard  
Dr. Charles Jacob, Jr.  
Mr. C.V. Nunes  
Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye  
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
Mr. M. Hamid, J.P.  
Mr. J.R.S. Luck  
Mr. D.C. Jagan  
Mr. H. Lall  
Mr. M. Khan, J.P.  
Mr. Y. Ally  
Mr. L. Linde  
Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.  
Mr. M.N. Poonai  
Dr. S.A. Ramjohn  
Mr. E.M. Stoby  
Mr. S.M. Saffee

Clerk of the National Assembly  
Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

- Mr. F.A. Narain  
- Mr. M.B. Henry

Absent

The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C.,  
Attorney-General and Minister of State  
Mr. D. Mahraj - on leave  
Mr. H. Prashad, J.P.  
Mr. M. Bhagwan - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Education

- (1) Memorandum by the Minister of Education  
on Education Policy (January 4th, 1968)  
(Sessional Paper No. 1/1968).

(No. 1/34/165, (Circulated).



- (2) Report of the UNESCO Educational Survey Mission to British Guiana, Briguid (4 November 1962 to 28 March 1963) (C.L. Germanacos, H. Wander, G.S. Congrove).  
(No. TJ 1/53/19/3)(Circulated).
- (3) UNESCO Planning Recommendations 1966 - 71 (24th July 1964 - 22nd December, 1964) (Norman B. Larby).  
(No. TJ 1/53/19/3)(Circulated).
- (4) Guyana Teacher Training (January - December 1965) (E. Eidualino).  
(No. TJ 1/53/19/3)(Circulated).

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs moved the suspension of Standing Order No. 9 to enable the Assembly to sit continuously past midnight if necessary, so as to complete consideration of the 1968 Estimates of Expenditure, or if the proceedings on the Estimates were concluded before 10.00 p.m. to sit until midnight to consider the other items on the Order Paper.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion which was put and carried on the following division:-

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Wharton	Dr. Ramjohn
Rev. Trotman	Mr. Poonai
Mr. Thomas	Mr. Persaud
Mr. Sancho	Mr. Linde
Mr. Field-Ridley	Mr. Ally
Mr. Carrington	Mr. Khan
Mr. Kasim	Mr. Lall
Mr. Budhoo	Mr. Jagan
Mr. Blair	Mr. Hamid
Mr. Joaquin	Dr. Ramsahoye
Mr. Duncan	Mr. Nunes
Mr. Clarke	Mr. Hubbard
Mr. Bowman	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. deGroot	Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Singh	Dr. Jagan
Mr. Merriman	
Mr. Kendall	
Mr. Jordan	
Mrs. Gaskin	
Mr. Correia	
Mr. Cheeks	
Mr. Bissember	
Dr. Reid	



PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR  
THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1968 TOTTALLING \$122,164,015

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1968, totalling \$122,164,015. (See motion at Appendix to Minutes of the 29th Sitting held on the 29th of December, 1967.)

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 49 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as  
printed at ... \$ 525,852

HEAD 50 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL.

This Head was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1968.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 50 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL -  
was passed as printed at ... \$ 2,189,260

HEAD 51 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - BACTERIOLOGICAL -  
was passed as printed at ... \$ 274,987

HEAD 52 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - X-RAY - was  
passed as printed at ... \$ 144,834

HEAD 53 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - HOSPITALS AND  
DISPENSARIES, ETC. - was passed as  
printed at ... \$ 6,524,507

HEAD 54 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ANALYST -  
was passed as printed at ... \$ 117,346

Assembly resumed.



SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.28 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.09 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1968.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 55 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - REGISTRATION, IMMIGRATION, BIRTHS, ETC. was passed as printed at	...	\$ 111,055
DIVISION- MINISTRY OF HEALTH - was passed XVIII as printed at	...	\$ 413,000
HEAD 56 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION - was passed as printed at		\$ 1,001,875
HEAD 57 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION - TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING - was passed as printed at	...	\$ 148,687
DIVISION- MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION - was passed as printed at XIX		\$ 785,000
HEAD 58 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY.		

This Head was under consideration when the time agreed for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for coffee.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10.19 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1968.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 58 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - was passed as printed at	...	\$ 415,063
HEAD 59 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE SERVICE - was passed as printed at	...	\$ 63,663



HEAD 60 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE - was passed as printed at ...	\$ 3,504,899
DIVISION- XX MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY -- was passed as printed at ...	\$ 54,000
HEAD 61 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - was passed as printed at ...	\$ 191,090
HEAD 62 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL - was passed as printed at ...	\$ 1,428,530
HEAD 63 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - CUSTOMS AND EXCISE - was passed as printed at ...	\$ 1,670,013
HEAD 64 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - INLAND REVENUE- was passed as printed at ...	\$ 1,380,793
HEAD 65 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK - was passed as printed at ...	\$ 75,323
HEAD 66 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES - was passed as printed at ...	\$ 701,713
HEAD 67 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - PUBLIC DEBT - was passed as printed at ...	\$ 450,154
DIVISION- XXI MINISTRY OF FINANCE - was passed as printed at ...	\$ 5,945,000

Assembly resumed.

The motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1968, totalling \$122,164,015, was then put and carried on the following division:-

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Mr. Wharton	Mr. Stoby	
Rev. Trotman	Dr. Ramjohn	
Mr. Thomas	Mr. Poonai	Mr. d'Aguiar
Mr. Sancho	Mr. Persaud	
Mr. Field-Ridley	Mr. Linde	
Mr. Carrington	Mr. Ally	
Mr. Kasim	Mr. Khan	
Mr. Budhoo	Mr. Lall	
Mr. Blair	Mr. Jagan	
Mr. Joaquin	Mr. Luck	
Mr. Duncan	Mr. Hamid	
Mr. Clarke	Mr. Wilson	
Mr. Bowman	Dr. Ramsahoye	
Mr. deGroot	Mr. Nunes	
Mr. Singh	Dr. Jacob	
Mr. Merriman	Mr. Hubbard	
Mr. Kendall	Mr. Chandisingh	
Mr. Jordan	Mr. Ram Karran	
Mr. John	Mr. Benn	
Mrs. Gaskin	Mr. Chase	
Mr. Correia	Dr. Jagan	
Mr. Cheeks		
Mr. Bissember		
Dr. Reid		
Mr. Burnham		
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BUSINESS FOR NEXT SITTING

The Leader of the House stated that the Appropriation Bill would be published on Wednesday, the 17th of January, 1968, and would be introduced and considered at the next sitting on Thursday, the 18th of January, 1968, together with the other items on the Order Paper.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1.20 a.m. on Wednesday, 17th January, 1968, on a motion by the Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 18th January, 1968.

  
DEPUTY SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

18th January, 1968.