

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1967

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 16th 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

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1967

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Minister of Finance
The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Leader of the House)
The Honourable R.E. Cheeks, Minister of Local Government
The Honourable E.F. Correia, Minister of Communications
The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources
The Honourable L. John, Minister of Home Affairs
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 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, Ministry of Education
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. W.A. Blair
Mr. J. Budhoo
Mr. M. Kasim
Mr. W.G. Carrington
Mr. R.G. Field-Ridley
Mr. D. Mahraj
Mr. H. Prashad, J.P.
Mr. T.A. Sancho
Mr. J.H. Thomas
Rev. A.B. Trotman
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton, J.F.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
Mr. A. Chase
Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. R. Chandisingh
Dr. Charles Jacob, Jr.
Mr. C.V. Nunes
Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
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
Mr. M. Bhagwan

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, Q.C.,
Prime Minister - on leave
The Honourable Mrs. W. Gaskin,
Minister of Education -
The Honourable W.O.R. Kendall, C.B.E., J.P.,
Minister of Health - on leave
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister
of Information - on leave
The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C.,
Attorney-General and Minister of State
Mr. P.S. d'Aguiar
Mr. B.H. Benn - on leave
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

OATHS

The Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office were made and subscribed by the Honourable Hilbert Cedric Spence, Minister of Trade.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:-

- (i) Mr. Burnham for that day's sitting;
- (ii) Mr. Kendall for the period the 1st to 18th October, 1967; and
- (iii) Mr. Carter for the period the 2nd October to the 15th November, 1967.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTION NO. 2

Dr. Jagan asked the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

Question: Will the Government state the number of Guyanese, aged 21 and over, living abroad, in each of the following countries:

The United Kingdom, Eire, Canada, the United States of America, India, Pakistan, the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Madeira, Portugal, Nigeria, Ghana, Tanzania, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, Antigua, other British Caribbean Islands, the Netherlands, West Indies, the French West Indies, Surinam, French Guiana, Venezuela, and any other overseas territory in which Guyanese may be resident.

The Minister of Home Affairs gave the following reply:

Answer: At this stage it is not possible to say the number of Guyanese aged 21 and over living abroad in the countries mentioned.

Supplementary questions were asked by Mr. Chase, Mr. Luck and Dr. Jagan.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

Item 1 - MOTION BY MR. CHASE IN CONNECTION WITH THE
REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF
JURISTS

Mr. Chase moved the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly condemn the Government for its failure to implement the recommendations contained in the report of the International Commission of Jurists with respect to recruitment to the Police Force in 1966.

Mr. Persaud seconded the motion and reserved the right to speak at a later stage.

Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Mr. Persaud was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.33 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Persaud concluded his speech.

Mr. Luck and the Minister of Home Affairs spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.32 p.m. on a motion by the Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 5th October, 1967.


DEPUTY SPEAKER

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

5th October, 1967