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SECOND SESSION

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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 17th 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

THURSDAY, 5TH 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.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition  
Mr. A. Chase  
Mr. Ram Karran  
Mr. C.V. Nunes  
Mr. M. Hamid, J.P.  
Mr. J.R.S. Luck  
Mr. H. Lall  
Mr. M. Khan, J.P.  
Mr. Y. Ally  
Mr. L. Linde  
Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.

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  
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. R. Chandisingh  
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard  
Dr. Charles Jacob, Jr.  
Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye  
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
Mr. D. Jagan  
Mr. M. Poonai  
Dr. S.A. Ramjohn  
Mr. E.M. Stoby  
Mr. S.M. Saffee  
Mr. M. Bhagwan

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.



ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

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

- (i) Mr. Prashad for five weeks from the 6th October, 1967; and
- (ii) Mr. Chase for two months from the next sitting of the Assembly.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

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

Assembly resumed the debate on 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.

Dr. Jagan and the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, Mr. Chase replied.

The motion was then put and negatived.

GOOD WISHES TO COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION DELEGATION

His Honour the Deputy Speaker, on behalf of the Assembly, extended good wishes to the Members and Secretary of Guyana's Delegation to the Thirteenth Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Kampala, Uganda.

The Leader of the Delegation, the Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, and Mr. Chase, a Member of the Delegation, thanked His Honour the Deputy Speaker for the good wishes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.00 p.m. on a motion by the Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
DEPUTY SPEAKER

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

10th October, 1967