

SECOND SESSION

1967

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 19th 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

MONDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1967

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 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 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 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. W.G. Carrington
Mr. R.G. Field-Ridley
Mr. M. Kasim
Mr. D. Mahraj
Mr. T.A. Sancho
Rev. A.E. Trotman
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Mr. R. Chandisingh
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
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. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
Mr. M.N. Poonai
Dr. S.A. Ramjohn

Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. F.A. Narain
Deputy Clerk of the National
Assembly - Mr. M.B. Henry

Absent

The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister of
Agriculture and Natural Resources - on leave
The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister
for Parliamentary Affairs - 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. H. Prashad, J.P. - on leave
Mr. J.H. Thomas - on leave
Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave
Mr. A. Chase - on leave
Mr. Ram Karran - on leave
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
Mr. L. Linde
Mr. E.M. Stoby
Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. M. Bhagwan - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

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

- (i) Mr. Bissember for one month from the 12th October, 1967;
- (ii) Mr. Jordan for the period 28th October to 2nd December, 1967;
- (iii) Mr. Kasim for one month from the 6th November, 1967;
- (iv) Mr. Thomas for that sitting;
- (v) Mr. Ram Karran for one month from the 1st November, 1967; and
- (vi) Mr. Bhagwan for four months from the 4th November, 1967.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance

Loan Agreement between Guyana and the United States of America - Corentyne and West Demerara Roads - A.I.D. Loan Number 504 - L-004 (October 7, 1967).

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(G. 304 /58)(Circulated).

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTION NO. 3

Mr. Hubbard asked the Minister of Labour and Social Security the following question:

Question: Will the Minister say why Old Age Pensions and Social Assistance have not been paid to approved persons in the Bartica area including Saxacalli since last July and will he give an assurance that this omission will be corrected without delay?

The Minister of Labour and Social Security gave the following reply:-

Answer: Old Age Pensions and Public Assistance up to the period ending 30th September, 1967, have been paid to approved persons in the Bartica and Saxacalli areas.

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

On a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly decided that the proceedings on the National Registration Bill, 1967, should be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 9(2).

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

Item 1 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT)
(NO. 3) ORDER, 1967 (NO. 29)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1967 (No. 29), which was made on the 6th of October, 1967 and published in the Official Gazette on the 7th of October, 1967.

Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Benn, Mr. Luck and Mr. Khan spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried on the following division:-

FOR

Mr. Wharton
Rev. Trotman
Mr. Mahraj
Mr. Carrington
Mr. Kasim
Mr. Budhoo
Mr. Blair
Mr. Too-Chung
Mr. Joaquin
Mr. Duncan
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Bowman
Mr. deGroot
Mr. Singh
Mr. Merriman
Mr. Kendall
Mr. John
Mrs. Gaskin
Mr. Correia
Mr. Cheeks
Dr. Reid

AGAINST

Mr. Poonai
Mr. Persaud
Mr. Ally
Mr. Khan
Mr. Lall
Mr. Jagan
Mr. Luck
Mr. Hamid
Dr. Ramsahoye
Mr. Nunes
Dr. Jacob
Mr. Hubbard
Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Benn

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.38 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

BILL - Second Reading

Item 2 - NATIONAL REGISTRATION BILL, 1967 - Bill No. 21/1967
published 14.10.67

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL REGISTER, FOR THE ISSUE OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

The Minister was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.25 p.m. the sitting was resumed.


The Minister of Home Affairs concluded his speech.

Dr. Ramsahoye spoke to the motion.

Mr. Lall was speaking to the motion when the time for the adjournment of the sitting was reached.

ADJOURNMENT OF SITTING

At 10.00 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th November, 1967.



DEPUTY SPEAKER

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

7th November, 1967.