

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1967 - 1968

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 41st 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, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1968

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj, C.B.E., J.P.

(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
The Honourable R.E. Cheeks, Minister of Local Government
The Honourable E.F. Correia, Minister of Communications
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 S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C., Attorney-General and Minister of State
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of Information

(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. D. Mahraj
Mr. T.A. Sancho
Mr. R.C. Tello, Deputy Speaker
Rev. A.B. Trotman
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Mr. S.M. Saffee

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 - on leave
The Honourable M.F. Singh,
Minister of Works and Hydraulics
The Honourable H.C. Spence,
Minister of Trade
Mr. H. Prashad, J.P.
Mr. J.H. Thomas
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 - on leave
Dr. Charles Jacob, Jr. - on leave
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. M. Bhagwan - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS

Item 1 - ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1968 -
Bill No. 4/1968 published 12.2.68

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the following Bill was read a second time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE AND TO MAKE
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTRIC
LIGHTING ORDINANCE.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 15 were passed as printed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the following amendment to the long title of the Bill was put and carried:

Insertion of ",1957" between the words
"Ordinance" and "and" in the
first line.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

Item 2 - TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1968 -
Bill No. 5/1968 published 12.2.68

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the following BILL was read a second time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
TAX ORDINANCE

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the BILL clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 3 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

The Minister of Finance then signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved that the Bill be read the third time and passed as printed.

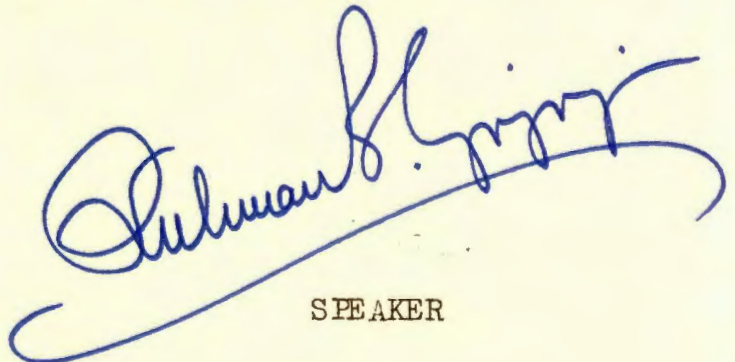
The Bill was then read the third time and passed as printed.

Item 3 - WRECKS REMOVAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1968 -
Bill No. 3/1968 published 27.1.68

On a motion by the Minister of Communications, the BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE WRECKS REMOVAL ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.29 p.m. on a motion by the Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a long horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature.

SPEAKER