

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1967 - 1968

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 57th 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, 25TH JULY, 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 C.M.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

(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. 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. S.M. Saffee  
 Mr. R.C. Tello, Deputy Speaker  
 Rev. A.B. Trotman  
 Mr. H.M.S. Wharton, J.P.  
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Mr. A. Chase  
 Mr. B.H. Benn  
 Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard  
 Mr. M. Hamid, J.P.  
 Mr. H. Lall  
 Mr. M. Khan, J.P.  
 Mr. Y. Ally  
 Mr. L. Linde  
 Mr. M.N. Poonai

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 E.F. Correia,  
 Minister of Communications  
 The Honourable Mrs. W. Gaskin,  
 Minister of Education - on leave  
 The Honourable M.F. Singh,  
 Minister of Works and Hydraulics - on leave  
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C.,  
 Attorney-General and Minister of  
 State  
 The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister  
 of Information  
 The Honourable H.C. Spence, Minister  
 of Trade  
 Mr. J.G. Joaquin, O.B.E., J.P.,  
 Parliamentary Secretary,  
 Ministry of Works and  
 Hydraulics - on leave  
 Mr. P.S. d'Aguiar  
 Mr. R.G.B. Field-Ridley - on leave  
 Mr. D. Mahraj  
 Mr. H. Prashad, J.P. - on leave  
 Mr. T.A. Sancho  
 Mr. J.H. Thomas  
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the  
 Opposition  
 Dr. Charles Jacob, Jr.  
 Mr. C.V. Nunes - on leave  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye - on leave  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson - on leave  
 Mr. J.R.S. Luck  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan  
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.  
 Dr. S.A. Ramjohn - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

His Honour the Speaker announced that -

Leave

(i) leave had been granted to:-

- (a) Mr. Burnham for the period 18th to 31st July, 1968;
- (b) Mrs. Gaskin and Mr. Singh for that day's sitting; and
- (c) Mr. Field-Ridley for eight weeks from 17th July, 1968;

Letter of Thanks

(ii) a letter had been received from Miss Ambrozone Robertson, sister of the late George Lacey Robertson, expressing her profound gratitude and those of her relatives for the condolences expressed in the Resolution passed by the National Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

By Mr. Zaheeruddeen

The presentation of a Petition on behalf of Mr. Mohamed Sherrief Baksh of Rosignol Village, West Bank, Berbice, and Mr. Mohamed Yussuf Khan of Alexander Village, East Bank, Demerara, seeking permission to introduce in the Assembly a Private Bill to incorporate the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission in Guyana was deferred at the request of Mr. Zaheeruddeen.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONS

Item 1 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) ORDER, 1968 (NO. 31)

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, 1968 (No. 31), which was made on the 1st of July, 1968, and published in the Gazette on the 6th of July, 1968.

Mr. Hubbard spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Finance replied.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

Item 2 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT)  
(NO. 4) ORDER, 1968 (NO. 32)

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. 4) Order, 1968, (No. 32), which was made on the 1st of July, 1968, and published in the Gazette on the 6th of July, 1968.

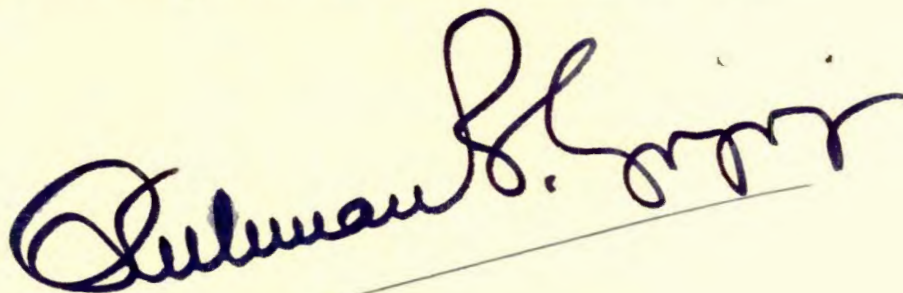
Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Finance replied.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.24 p.m. on a motion by the Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

6th August, 1968.