

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1967 - 1968

ORDER PAPER

34TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1968

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

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By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 5) Order, 1967 (No. 44), made on the 23rd of December, 1967 and published in the Gazette on the 30th of December, 1967. (C.Ex. 5^{IV}(7))(Circulated).
- (ii) Customs Duties (Amendment)(NO. 6) Order, 1967 (No. 45), made on the 21st of December, 1967 and published in the Gazette on the 30th of December, 1967. (G. 551⁽³⁰⁾B)(Circulated).

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. Assembly to resume consideration in Committee of Supply of the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1968, totalling \$122,164,015. (See Motion at Appendix to Order Paper for sitting on 4th January, 1968).

(Notice was published on 29th December, 1967).

2. The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm Customs Duties (Amendment)(No. 4) Order, 1967 (No. 42) which was made on the 12th of December, 1967, and published in the Gazette on the 16th of December, 1967.

(Notice was published on 29th December, 1967).

3. The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm Customs Duties (Amendment)(No. 7) Order, 1967 (No. 46) which was made on the 28th of December, 1967, and published in the Gazette on the 29th of December, 1967.

(Notice was published on 30th December, 1967).

4. The Minister of Labour and Social Security to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the International Labour Conference at its Fiftieth Session in Geneva during June, 1966, adopted the following Conventions and Recommendations:-

- (i) Fishermen's Competency Certificates Convention 1966 (No. 125)
- (ii) Accommodation of Crews (Fishermen) Convention 1966 (No. 126)
- (iii) Vocational Training(Fishermen) Recommendation 1966 (No. 126)
- (iv) Co-operatives (Developing Countries) Recommendation 1966 (No. 127);

AND WHEREAS Guyana, as a member of the International Labour Organisation, is required to bring these Conventions and Recommendations to the attention of the National Assembly within one year and in no case later than eighteen months;

AND WHEREAS the Conventions and Recommendations were laid in the National Assembly on the 15th of December, 1967, in Sessional Paper No. 3/1967:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National assembly adopt the conclusions contained in Sessional Paper No. 3/1967 on International Labour Conventions and Recommendations adopted on 26th June, 1966, at the Fiftieth Session of the International Labour Conference.

(Notice was published on 21st December, 1967).

BILL - Second Reading

5. The Prime Minister to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISION WITH RESPECT TO THE PENSIONABLE SERVICE OF DOCTORS THOMAS REGINALD JONES AND OVID ASHWORTH HERCULES JOHNSON.

(Bill No. 29/1967 published 16. 12. 67)

(Notice was given on 15th December, 1967).

MOTION

- # 6. The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the General Electric Company Limited and Telephone Cables Limited have agreed to enter into a contract with the Guyana Telecommunication Corporation for the supply and installation of equipment and telephone cable networks estimated to cost \$17,227,200.00;

AND WHEREAS the Midland Bank has agreed to enter into a financial agreement with the Corporation to assist the financing of the contract to the extent of 80% of the value of United Kingdom goods and services, estimated at \$12,585,600.00 by purchasing promissory notes, bearing interest at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ effected by the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS it is required that all payments due under the abovementioned contract and the abovementioned agreement should be guaranteed by the Cabinet, in accordance with section 20(1) of the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962 (No. 23) which guarantee requires the approval of the National Assembly:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly approve that the Cabinet guarantee payments to be made by the Corporation under the abovementioned contract and the abovementioned financial agreement.

(Notice was published on 10th November, 1967).

Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1967 - 1968

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 34th 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, 10TH JANUARY, 1968

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 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 Mrs. W. Gaskin, Minister of
Education
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 M.F. Singh, Minister of Works
and Hydraulics
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

(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. 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. B.H. Benn
Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. R. Chandisingh
Mr. H. J. M. Hubbard
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.
Dr. S.A. Ramjohn
Mr. E.M. Stoby
Mr. S.M. Saffee

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

Absent

Mr. D. Mahraj - on leave
Dr. Charles Jacob, Jr.
Mr. M.N. Poonai
Mr. M. Bhagwan - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

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

The Assembly agreed that Standing Order 9(1) should be suspended to enable the sitting to continue to midnight.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1968 TOTALLING \$122,164,015

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1968, totalling \$122,164,015. (See motion at Appendix to Minutes of the 29th Sitting held on the 29th of December, 1967.)

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 7 - PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS		
was passed as printed at	...	- \$ 242, 924
HEAD 8 - PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS	was passed as printed at	...
	...	- \$ 98, 570
HEAD 9 - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET	was passed as printed at	- \$ 377, 874
HEAD 10- GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE.		

This Head was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1968.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 10 - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE was passed as printed at	...	\$2,977,656
DIVISION		
V - PRIME MINISTER was passed as printed at	...	\$ 545,700
HEAD 11 - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was passed as printed at	...	\$ 192,021

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.27 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.05 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1968.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 17 - MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was passed as printed at	...	\$ 492,938
DIVISION		
X - MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was passed as printed at	...	\$ 50,000
HEAD 18 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...	\$ 251,091
HEAD 19 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.		

This Head was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for coffee.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10.23 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1968.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 19 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE
was passed as printed at ...

\$6,356,854

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12.00 midnight on a motion by the Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 11th January, 1968.

R. C. Yello

DEPUTY SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

11th January, 1968.