

**THE  
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

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**PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA UNDER THE  
CONSTITUTION OF GUYANA**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sitting**

**2 p.m.**

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1973**

**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Speaker**

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P.

**Members of the Government - People's National Congress (49)**

The Hon. L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C.,  
Prime Minister

**(Absent – on leave)**

Dr. the Hon. P.A. Reid,  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of  
National Development and Agriculture

**(Absent)**

**Senior Ministers (7)**

The Hon. H.D. Hoyte, S.C.,  
Minster of Works and Communications

\*The Hon. S.S. Ramphal, S.C.,  
Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Justice

**(Absent)**

\*The Hon. H Green,  
Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation

**(Absent)**

**\*Non-elected Ministers**

\*The Hon. H.O. Jack,  
Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)

\*The Hon. F.E. Hope,  
Minister of Finance (Absent)

\*Dr. the Hon. K.F.S. King,  
Minister of Economic Development (Absent)

\*The Hon. S.S. Naraine, A.A.,  
Minister of Housing

### **Ministers (5)**

The Hon. W.G. Carrington,  
Minister of Labour

The Hon. Miss S.M. Field-Ridley,  
Minister of Information and Culture

The Hon. B. Ramsaroop,  
Minister of Parliamentary Affairs  
and Leader of the House

\*The Hon. Miss C.L. Baird,  
Minister of Education (Absent)

\*Dr. the Hon. O. M. R. Harper,  
Minister of Health

### **Ministers of State (9)**

The Hon. M. Kasim, A.A.,  
Minister of State for Agriculture (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. O.E. Clarke,  
Minister of State – Regional  
(East Berbice/Corentyne)

The Hon. P. Duncan, J.P.,  
Minister of State – Regional (Rupununi)

The Hon. C. A. Nascimento,  
Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent – on leave)

### **\*Non-elected Ministers**

Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.  
Minister of State – Regional (Essequibo  
Coast/West Demerara)

\*The Hon. C.V. Mingo,  
Minister of State for Home Affairs

\*The Hon. W. Haynes,  
Minister of State – Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro) **(Absent – on leave)**

\*The Hon. A. Salim,  
Minister of State - Regional  
(East Demerara/West Coast Berbice) **(Absent)**

\*The Hon. F. U. A. Carmichael,  
Minister of State – Regional (North West)

### **Parliamentary Secretaries (8)**

Mr. J.R. Thomas  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing

Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works  
and Communications

Miss M.M. Ackman,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister,  
and Government Whip

Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
Parliamentary Secretary (Agriculture),  
Ministry of National Development and Agriculture

Mr. K. B. Bancroft,  
Parliamentary Secretary (Hinterland),  
Ministry of National Development and Agriculture

Mr. S. Prashad,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives  
And National Mobilisation

Mr. J. P. Chowritmootoo,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education

### **\*Non-elected Ministers**

Mr. R. H. O. Corbin,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of  
Co-operatives and National Mobilisation

**Other Members (18)**

Mr. J.N. Aaron  
Mrs. L. M. Branco  
Mr. M. Corrica  
Mr. E.H.A. Fowler  
Miss J. Gill  
Mr. W. Hussain  
Miss S. Jaiserrisingh  
Mr. K. M. E. Jonas  
Mr. M. Nissar  
Dr. L. E. Ramsahoye  
Mr. J. G. Ramson  
Mrs. P. A. Rayman  
Mr. E. M. Stoby, J.P.  
Mr. S. H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.  
Mr. C. Sukul, J.P.  
Mr. H. A. Taylor  
Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman  
Mrs. L.E. Willems

**(Absent – on leave)**

**Members of the Opposition**

**Liberty Party (2)**

Mr. M. F. Singh, Deputy Speaker  
Mrs. E. DaSilva

**OFFICERS**

Clerk of the National Assembly – Mr. F.A. Narain  
Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly – Mr. M. B. Henry, AMBIM.

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**PRAYERS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

**LEAVE TO MEMBERS**

**The Speaker:** Leave has been granted to the hon. Prime Minister from 3rd September, to 29th September, 1973; to the hon. Member Mr. Kasim from 6th September, to 15th October, 1973; to hon. Member Mr. Nascimento from 6th September to 15th October, 1973; to hon. Member Mr. Jonas to 3rd October, 1973, and to hon. Member Mr. Haynes for today's sitting.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

**PRIVATE BILLS**

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**The Speaker:** Hon. Member Mr. Aaron.

**Mr. Aaron:** Mr. Speaker, I beg to present a Petition on behalf of Dr. Claude H. Denbow of 67 Second Avenue, Subryanville, Georgetown, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to amend the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1955 (No. 25).

**The Speaker:** The Clerk will now read the Petition.

*The Clerk read the Petition as follows:*

“Guyana

**PETITION**

To: His Honour the Speaker and the Honourable Members of the National Assembly

The Humble petition of Dr. Claude Hicks Denbow of 67 Second Avenue, Subryanville, East Coast, Demerara, respectfully sheweth:

1. That your Petitioner is a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Guyana and himself a Doctor of Dental Surgery.

2. That the said Church was incorporated in Guyana, then British Guiana, by virtue to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1955 (No. 25), and is an affiliate of the Parent Church in or of Ethiopia.

3. That your Petitioner is the Promoter of a Bill which seeks to amend the said Ordinance No. 25 of 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance) in order to allow for developments subsequent to the said Ordinance coming into force.

4. That the Objects of the Hill are *inter alia* as follows:

- (a) to give statutory recognition to the fact that the Church in Guyana is an affiliate of the Parent Church in or of Ethiopia.
- (b) to modify by way of addition from three (3) to nine (9) the number of persons who constitute the Board of Trustees.
- (c) to state in general terms the authority of the Board and the manner in which the said church in Guyana is to be administered.
- (d) to modify Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance where necessary in order to interpret appropriately the entire body of legislation affecting the said Church.

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5. That your Petitioner therefore requests permission to have the Bill introduced in the National Assembly and enacted by the Parliament of Guyana.
6. That a copy of the said Bill is annexed hereto.

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays that the Honourable Members of the National Assembly may be pleased to allow the Promoter to proceed.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

(sgd.) Claude H.A. Denbow

Petitioner

Dated the 23rd day of August, 1973.”

**The Speaker:** In accordance with Standing Order No. 57(4), I will now put the Question.

*Question –*

“That the Promoter be allowed to proceed”,  
*put and agreed to.*

**The Speaker:** The Promoter may proceed accordingly.

**THE DEMERARA MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY LIMITED**

**The Speaker:** Hon. Member Mrs. Williams.

**Mrs. Williams:** Sir, I would like to present a Petition on behalf of the Demerara Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to amend the Demerara Mutual Life Assurance Society Ordinance, Chapter 211.

**The Speaker:** The Clerk will read the Petition.

*The Clerk read the Petition as follows:*

“Guyana

### PETITION

To the Hon. Members of the National Assembly

The humble petition of The Demerara Mutual Life Assurance Limited of Robb Street and Avenue of the Republic, Georgetown, respectfully sheweth:-

1. That your petitioner is a Society incorporated by the Demerara Mutual Life Assurance Society Ordinance, Chapter 211.
2. That your petitioner is desirous of promoting a Bill to amend Sections 2 and 8 to repeal and re-enact Sections 5, 10, 11 and 22 of the said Ordinance.
3. That the objects and reasons of the aforesaid Bill are primarily:
  - (a) To enable the Society to engage a person as an actuary other than a person possessing the qualifications prescribed by the rules of the Board of Trade for actuaries in any part of the United Kingdom.
  - (b) To widen the powers of the Society *inter alia* by empowering the Society to reassure, counter assure and to acquire and undertake the whole or any part of the business property or liabilities of any Life Assurance Company wheresoever situate as set out in the amendment of Section 11 of the draft Bill attached, and



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(c) To enable the Society to declare differential rates of bonus in territories in which it operates.

4. The amendments to the aforementioned Sections of the Ordinance were approved by the Society's Board of Directors and passed by Special Resolution of the members at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 2nd May, 1972.

5. That a copy of the aforesaid Bill is hereto attached and marked "A".

Your petitioner respectfully requests that the National Assembly be pleased to permit the introduction of the aforesaid Bill in the National Assembly and to pass the same.

Wherefore your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1972

Chairman	(sgd)	B.A. Gonsalves
Director	(sgd)	A.R. Davis
Director	(sgd)	Peter W. Tang
General Manager/ Secretary	(sgd)	Hugh K. George"

**The Speaker:** In accordance with Standing Order No. 57(4), I will now put the Question.

*Question –*

“That the Promoters be allowed to proceed”,  
*put and agreed to.*

**The Speaker:** The Promoters may proceed accordingly.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS**

The following Papers were laid:

- (i) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 1973 (No. 88), made under the Ministers, Members of the House of assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance, 1965 (No. 7 of 1965), on the 22nd of August, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 25th of August, 1973.
- (ii) Report of the Director of Audit on the accounts of the Trotman Trust Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1971.
- (iii) Purchase Tax (Motor Cars) (Amendment) Order 1973 (No. 89), made under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, on the 25th of August, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 28th of August, 1973.
- (iv) Purchase Tax (Motor Cars) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1973 (No. 96), made under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, on the 7th of September, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 8th of September, 1973.
- (v) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporation and Companies) Act, 1971 (No. 16 of 1971) for quarter ended 30th June, 1973. [**The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister of Finance**]

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS – FIRST READING

The following Bill was introduced and read the First time:

Miscellaneous Enactments (Amendment) Bill 1973

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**BILL – SECOND READING**

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL**

A Bill intituled:

“An Act to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act, 1969.”

**[The Minister of Labour]**

**The Speaker:** Hon. Minister of Labour.

**The Minister of Labour** (Mr. Carrington): Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the Opposition, I beg to defer consideration of the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 1973

*Bill, by leave, deferred.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolved,** “That this Assembly do now adjourn to a date to be fixed.” **[Mr. Ramsaroop]**

**Adjourned accordingly at 2.25 p.m.**

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