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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**

14th Sitting	2 p.m.	Monday, 26th November, 1973
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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)**

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

Senior Ministers (7)

The Hon. H.D. Hoyte, S.C.,
Minster of Works and Communications **(Absent)**

*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

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

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

Ministers (6)

The Hon. W.G. Carrington,
Minister of Labour (Absent)

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

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

*The Hon. Miss C.L. Baird,
Minister of Education (Absent – on leave)

*Dr. the Hon. O. M. R. Harper,
Minister of Health (Absent)

*The Hon. G. A. King
Minister of Trade (Absent)

Ministers of State (9)

The Hon. M. Kasim, A.A.,
Minister of State for Agriculture

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

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

***Non-elected Ministers**

The Hon. C. A. Nascimento,
Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister

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

*The Hon. C.V. Mingo,
Minister of State for Home Affairs **(Absent – on leave)**

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

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

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

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

***Non-elected Ministers**

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

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

(Absent – on leave)

Mr. J. G. Ramson

Mrs. P. A. Rayman

Mr. E. M. Stoby, J.P.

(Absent)

Mr. S. H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.

Mr. C. Sukul, J.P.

Mr. H. A. Taylor

(Absent)

Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman

Mrs. L.E. Willems

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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National Assembly

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PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

LEAVE TO MEMBERS

Mr. Speaker: Leave has been granted to the Hon. Member Mr. Mingo for today's Sitting, the Hon. Member Miss Baird from the 19th November to 1st December, 1973, the Hon. Member Mr. Prashad for today's Sitting, and the Hon. Member Dr. Ramsahoye from the 17th November to 28th December, both days inclusive.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

PRIVATE BILL

UNIFICATION CHURCH

The Speaker: Hon. Member Mr. Ramson.

Mr. Ramson: Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition on behalf of Miss P.B. Burrowes of 89 Croal Street, Stabroek, Georgetown, and Miss S.A. Chapman of 72 Church Road, Subryanville, Georgetown, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a private Bill to incorporate the Unification Church.

The Speaker: Mr. Clerk, please read the Petition.

The Clerk read the Petition as follows:

“GUYANA

PETITION

To: The honourable Members of the National Assembly of Guyana.

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THE HUMBLE PETITION of Miss Pansy Barbara Burrowes of 89 Croal Street, Stabroek, Georgetown, and of Miss Sheila Avrill Chapman, of 72 Church Road, Subryanville, Georgetown, respectfully sheweth as follows:-

- 1) Your petitioners are the President and the Secretary, respectively, of the Executive Committee in Guyana of the Unification Church at 1611 Upshur Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 2001, United States of America.
- 2) The said Church was established in Guyana in 1971, with Headquarters at 89 Croal Street, Georgetown, and has a membership of 100 persons;
- 3) Church services are held regularly in hired premises at 89 Croal Street, Stabroek, Georgetown.
- 4) The Unification Church wishes to be incorporated so as to be able to acquire and dispose of property in Guyana.
- 5) Your petitioners are the Promoters of a Bill which seeks to incorporate in Guyana the Unification Church at 1611 Upshur Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 2001 United States.
- 6) Your Petitioners are desirous of having the said Bill introduced in the National Assembly and enacted by the Parliament of Guyana;

WHEREFORE Your Petitioners humbly pray that the honourable Members of the National Assembly may be pleased to allow them to proceed:

AND YOUR PETITIONERS, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed this 7th day of November, 1973.

1. (Sgd) P. Barbara Burrowes)

Petitioners

2. (Sgd) Sheila A. Chapman”.

The Speaker: In accordance with Standing Order 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:

- 1) Public Corporation (External Trade Bureau) Order 1973 (No. 53), made under section 34 of the Public Corporations Ordinance 1962 (No. 23), on the 5th of June, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 9th of June, 1973. [**The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture on behalf of the Prime Minister**]
- 2) (a) 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 September, 1973.
(b) Report of the Directors of the New Widows and Orphans’ Fund on the working of the Fund for the year 1968.
(c) Consumption Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1973 (No. 128), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act 1969 (No. 13), on the 3rd of November, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 6th of November, 1973.
(d) Ministries, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) (No.3) Order 1973 (No. 133), made under section 8 of the Ministries, Members of the House of Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance 1965 (No. 7), on the 5th of November, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 7th of November, 1973
(e) Financial Paper No. 5/1973- Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st October, 1973, totaling \$15,976,436.
[The Minister of Finance]

In terms of Standing Order No. 68(1), the Minister of Finance named Wednesday, 28th November, 1973, as the day for consideration of the Financial Paper in Committee of Supply.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS- FIRST READING

The following Bills were introduced and read the First time:

- 1) Caribbean Investment Corporation Bill 1973.
- 2) Tax (Amendment) Bill 1973. [**The Minister of Finance.**]

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, “That this Assembly do now adjourn until Wednesday, 28th November, 1973, at 2. p.m. [**Mr. Ramsaroop**]

Adjourned accordingly at 2.15 p.m.
