THE

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

3rdSitting Thursday, 2nd August, 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)

Elected Ministers

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)

*Non-elected Minister

*The Hon. H Green,

Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation

(Absent)

*The Hon. H.O. Jack,

Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

*The Hon. F.E. Hope,

Minister of Finance

*Dr. the Hon. K.F.S. King,

Minister of Economic Development

*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

(Absent – on leave)

*The Hon. Miss C.L. Baird,

Minister of Education

*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

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)

*The Hon. C.V. Mingo,

Minister of State for Home Affairs

*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)

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)

Members of the Opposition

Liberty Party (2)

Dr. G. Kumar (Absent)

Mr. M. F. Singh, Deputy Speaker

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly – Mr. F.A. Narain

Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly – Mr. M.B. Henry, **AMBIM**.

The National Assembly met at 2 p.m.

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair.]

2.10 p.m.

PRAYERS

OATHS

The oath of office was made and subscribed by:

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

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

Mr. R. H. O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary,

Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW MEMBERS

The Speaker: Hon. Members, may I congratulate you on your appointment to the National Assembly of Guyana.

LEAVE

Leave has been granted to the Hon. Prime Minister to the 13th August, 1973, and to the Hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House to the same date.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS – FIST READING

The following Bills were introduced and read the First time:

Trade (Amendment) Bill 1973 – Bill No. 14/1973.

[The Minister of Information and Culture]

Pounds (Amendment) Bill 1973 – Bill No. 15/1973. [The Minister of State (Home Affairs)]

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, "That this Assembly do now adjourn until Friday, 3rd August, 1973 at 2 p.m. [Miss Field-Ridley]

Adjourned accordingly at 2.20 p.m.
