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ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA UNDER THE
CONSTITUTION OF GUYANA**

76th Sitting

2:05 p.m.

Friday, 31st October, 1975

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

SPEAKER

Cde. Sase Narain, J.P., Speaker,

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT

PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (50)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. L.F.S. Burnham, O.E, S.C.,
Prime Minister

(Absent)

Deputy Prime Minister (1)

Cde. P.A. Reid
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development

(Absent)

Senior Ministers (8)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C.,
Minister of Economic Development

(Absent)

*Cde. H. Green, Minister of Cooperatives and National Mobilisation	(Absent)
* Cde. H.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources	(Absent)
* Cde. F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance	
* Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Works and Housing	(Absent)
* Cde. G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection	(Absent)
* Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture	(Absent- on leave)
*Cde. C.L. Baird, Minister of Education and Social Development	(Absent)
*Cde. F.R. Wills, S.C., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice	

Ministers (5)

Cde. W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour	(Absent)
Cde. Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture	
Cde. B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House	(Absent- on leave)
*Cde. O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health	(Absent)
*Cde. C.V. Mingo, Minister of Home Affairs	(Absent)

***Non-elected Ministers**

Ministers of State (9)

Cde. M. Kasim, A.A.,
Minister of State for Agriculture

Cde. O.E. Clarke
Minister of State – Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne) **(Absent – on leave)**

The Hon. P. Duncan, J.P.,
Minister of State – Regional (Rupununi) **(Absent – on leave)**

Cde. C.A. Nascimento,
Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister **(Absent)**

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

Cde. K.B. Bancroft,
Minister of State – Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro)

*Cde. W. Haynes,
Minister of State for Consumer Protection **(Absent-on leave)**

*Cde. A. Salim,
Minister of State – Regional
East Demerara/West Coast Berbice **(Absent)**

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

Parliamentary Secretaries (8)

Cde. J.R. Thomas,
Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Works and Housing **(Absent)**

Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary
Ministry of Works and Housing

Cde. M.M. Ackman
Parliamentary Secretary
Office of the Prime Minister, and Government Chief Whip **(Absent- on leave)**

***Non-elected Ministers**

Cde. E. L. Ambrose
Parliamentary Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture

(Absent)

Cde. S. Prashad
Parliamentary Secretary
Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation

Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo
Parliamentary Secretary
Ministry of Education and Social Development

Cde. R.H.O Corbin
Parliamentary Secretary
Office of the Prime Minister

Cde. M. Corrica,
Parliamentary Secretary
Office of the Prime Minister

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. R. C. Van Sluytman, Deputy Speaker

(Absent)

Other Members (17)

Cde. J.N. Aaron
Cde. L.M. Branco
Cde. M. Corrica
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler
Cde. J. Gill

Cde. W. Hussain
Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh

(Absent – on leave)

Cde. K.M.E. Jonas
Cde. M. Nissar

(Absent – on leave)

Cde. L.E. Ramsahoye
Cde. J.G. Ramson

(Absent)

Cde. P.A. Rayman

Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P.

(Absent)

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

Cde. C. Sukul, J.P.

(Absent)

Cde. H.A. Taylor

(Absent)

Cde. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition – Liberator Party (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition

Mrs. E. DaSilva

(Absent – on leave)

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER****Leave to Members**

The Speaker: Leave has been granted to the Cde. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Cde. Ramsaroop, Cde. Ackman, Hon. Member Mrs. DaSilva, to the 15th November, 1975, and Cdes. Kennard, Clarke and Duncan for today's Sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

The following Papers were laid:

1. State paper on Policy on utilising the Forest Resources. [**The Minister of Information and Culture on behalf of the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources**]

2. (a) Agreement made on 12th June, 1975 between the Government of Canada and the Government of Guyana in connection with a development loan for the purchase of water well-drilling equipment.

(b) Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 1975 (No. 90) made under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, on the 29th of September, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 4th of October, 1975. [**The Minister of Finance**]

3. Enactments (amendment) Order 1975 (No. 88) made under section 3 of the Interpretation and General clauses (Amendment) Act 1975, on the 23rd of September, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 27th of October, 1975. [**The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice**]

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS – FIRST READING

The following Bill was introduced and read the First time:

Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 1975 [**The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice**]

PUBLIC BUSINESS**MOTION****CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT)****ORDER 1975**

Be it resolved:

“That this National Assembly in terms of Section 9 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirm the Customs Duties (amendment) Order 1975 (No. 90), which was made on the 29th of September, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 4th October, 1975.” [**The Minister of Finance**]

The Speaker: Cde. Minister of Finance.

The Minister of Finance (Cde. Hope): Cde. Speaker, in moving the adoption of the Motion standing in my name, I wish merely to explain that what we are dealing with in this Motion is a simple amendment to a Note under Chapter 29 of the Common External Tariff. Under the **CARICOM** Treaty any alterations or suspension to the common External Tariff on any item has to be decided by the Council of ministers. The Council of ministers thought that the Note 1 (c)(v) Chapter 21 of the Common External tariff needed to be amended by the addition of certain words. Those words are “other steroids used primarily as hormones.” Consequently, by

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this Order that amendment was made to Chapter 29 and we are asking Parliament today to confirm that Order.

With that information I would like formally to move the Motion standing in my name.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Singh): Mr. Speaker, we would like to support the Motion before the House.

Question put, and agreed to.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, “That this Assembly do now adjourn to Thursday 6th of November, 1975 at 2 o’clock.” [The Minister of Information and Culture on behalf of the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House]

Adjourned accordingly at 2:14 p.m.
