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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

1st Sitting

2 p.m.

Thursday, 26th July, 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)

Prime Minister (1)

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

Deputy Prime Minister (1)

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

(Absent)

Senior Ministers (7)

The Honourable H. D. Hoyte, S.C.,
Minister of Works and Communications

*The Honourable S. S. Ramphal, S.C.,
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice

(Absent)

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

*The Honourable H. O. Jack,
Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

*The Honourable F. E. Hope,
Minister of Finance

*Non-elected Minister

* Dr. the Honourable K. F. S. King,
Minister of Economic Development

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

(Absent)

Ministers (5)

The Honourable W. G. Carrington,
Minister of Labour

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

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

* The Honourable Miss C. L. Baird,
Minister of Education

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Minister of Health

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

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

The Honourable P. Duncan, J.P.,
Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)

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

The Honourable M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.,
Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/ West Demerara)

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

* The Honourable W. Haynes,
Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/ Potaro)

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

* The Honourable F. U. A. Carmichael,
Minister of State - Regional (North West)

* Non-elected Minister

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
Chief Whip*

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*Parliamentary Secretary, (Agriculture), Ministry of National
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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 (Absent)

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

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. F. 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

Members of the Opposition

Liberator Party (2)

Dr. G. Kumar

(Absent)

Mr. M. F. Singh, *(Deputy Speaker)*

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Miss M. C. Allicock

and

Miss N. Rahim

Mr. C. B. Cadogan.

The National Assembly met at 2 p.m.

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

2 p.m.

PROCLAMATION SUMMONING THE SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

The Clerk: Hon. Members, I will read the Proclamation summoning Parliament.

“GUYANA

PROCLAMATION

Seal No. 283/73

BY His Excellency MR. ARTHUR
CHUNG, President of Guyana
and Commander-in-Chief of
the armed forces of Guyana.

Sgd. A. Chung,
President.

WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the fifth day of June, 1973, issued under article 82 (2) of the Constitution, Parliament was dissolved with effect from Thursday, the seventh day of June, 1973;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by article 81 (1) of the Constitution that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place within Guyana and shall begin at such time (not later than four months from the end of the preceding session if Parliament has been dissolved) as the President shall appoint by proclamation:

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of article 81 (1) of the Constitution, and by virtue and in exercise of all powers enabling me in that behalf, I do hereby proclaim that a session of Parliament shall be held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, George town, Guyana, and shall begin at two o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of July, 1973.

Given under my Hand and the Seal
of Guyana at Guyana House, George
town, Guyana this
24th day of July, 1973, and in the
fourth year of the Republic.

By His Excellency's Command.

Sgd. D. A. Cameron
Secretary to the Office of the President (ag.)”

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The Clerk: I will now call the names of the persons declared elected as Members of the National Assembly in the order of their extraction from the Lists of Candidates. Will members kindly answer as their names are called.

People's National Congress

Joseph Nathaniel Aaron
Margaret Mathilda Ackman
Lealand Edgar Ambrose
Kenneth Berkeley Bancroft
Lilian Maud Branco
Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham

Winslow George Carrington
 Joshua P. Chowritmootoo
 Oscar Eleazer Clarke
 Robert Herman O. Corbin
 Malcolm Corrica
 Philip Duncan
 Shirley Merle Field-Ridley
 Eugene Hugh Allan Fowler
 Joyce Gill
 Hugh Desmond Hoyte
 Wahid Hussain
 Satti Jaiserrisingh
 Keith Maurice E. Jonas
 Mohamed Kasim
 Christopher A. Nascimento
 Mohamed Nissar
 Seeram Prashad
 Lyttleton Estil Ramsahoye
 Bishwaishwar Ramsaroop
 Joseph Ganga Ramson
 Philomena Rayman
 Ptolemy Alexander Reid
 Eugene Martin Stoby
 Sydney Hansel Sukhu
 Chandricka Sukul
 Hugh Anthony Taylor
 Jeffrey Ronald Thomas
 Ralph C. Van Sluytman
 Lola Eileen Willems
 Conrad Egerton Wrights
 M. Zaheeruddeen

Liberator Party

Ganraj Kumar
 Marcellus Feilden Singh

As their names were called, the Members answered, with the exception of the following, who were absent:

Mr. J. P. Chowritmootoo
 Mr. R. H. O. Corbin
 Dr. P. A. Reid
 Dr. G. Kumar

The Clerk: I will now call the names of the Ministers who are not elected Members of the National Assembly.

Hon. S. S. Ramphal, S.C.
 Hon. H. Green
 Hon. H. O. Jack

Hon. F. E. Hope
Dr. the Hon. K. F. S. King
Hon. S. S. Naraine, A.A.
Hon. Miss C. L. Baird
Dr. the Hon. O. M. R. Harper
Hon. C. V. Mingo
Hon. W. Haynes
Hon. A. Salim
Hon. F. U. A. Carmichael

As their names were called the Ministers answered, with the exception of the following, who were absent:

Hon. S. S. Ramphal, S.C.
Hon. S. S. Naraine, A.A.

Election of Speaker

The Clerk: Hon. Members, your first duty under the Constitution is to elect a person to be the Speaker of the National Assembly. I therefore invite nominations for the office of Speaker.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House (Mr. Ramsaroop): I beg to nominate Mr. Sase Narain to fill the post of Speaker.

The Minister of Information and Culture (Miss Field-Ridley) *seconded*.

The Clerk: The hon. Member Mr. Ramsaroop has proposed Mr. Sase Narain and the hon. Member Miss Field-Ridley has seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations I declare Mr. Sase Narain duly elected Speaker of the National Assembly. [*Applause*]

Will the Proposer and the Secunder of Mr. Sase Narain kindly escort him to the Chair.

[*The hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House and the hon. Minister of Information and Culture escorted His Honour the Speaker to the Chair.*] Mr. Speaker bowed to the Assembly and said: "Hon. Members, please be seated."

[*Mr. Speaker in the Chair*]

Election of Deputy Speaker

The Speaker: Hon. Members, your immediate duty under the Constitution is to elect a Member of the National Assembly to be Deputy Speaker. I therefore invite nominations for the office of Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Ramsaroop: I beg to nominate Mr. Marcellus Feilden Singh as a fit and proper person for the post of Deputy Speaker.

Miss Field-Ridley *seconded*.

The Speaker: The hon. Member Mr. Feilden Singh has been proposed by the hon. Member Mr. Ramsaroop and seconded by the hon. Member Miss Field-Ridley. There being no other nominations I do declare the hon. Member Mr. Feilden Singh duly elected Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly. [*Applause.*]

OATHS

Mr. Speaker: The oaths will now be administered by the Clerk.

The oath of office was made and subscribed by the following:

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

Mr. M. F. Singh, *Deputy Speaker*

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

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

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

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. 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*

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

The Hon. M. Kasim, A.A., *Minister of State (Agriculture)*

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

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

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

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 Mr. C. Sukul
 Mr. H. A. Taylor
 Mr. R. C. Van Sluytman
 Mrs. L. E. Willems

[Prayers]

The Clerk read prayers.

2.40 p.m.

Congratulations to the Speaker and Deputy Speaker

The Prime Minister (Mr. Burnham): Mr. Speaker, permit me, before we proceed with the regular business of the House, on behalf of the Government Benches to offer you congratulations upon your election to the high office of Speaker. This election of Your Honour today is in fact what in other circumstances would be described as a re-election and to my mind it is indicative of the high esteem in which you were held by the Members of the House over whom you presided as Speaker for, I think, about three years. Your chairmanship was of the highest order, your impartiality palpable and your quickness of wit and erudition recognisable by all who stopped to think.

May I wish for you a successful term of office as Speaker of the House. In fact, it would appear to me that unless something fortuitously, fortunately or unfortunately were to occur, we shall have you as Speaker of this House for another five years.

Best wishes to you, sir, and we would also ask you to convey our good wishes to what is, I am not sure with accuracy, described as your better half, but without whose support I am certain you would not have been able to execute your duties in the way you did in the past years and without whose further help and support I do not think you would be able to give of your excellent best.

Your Honour, while I, on behalf of my colleagues, congratulate you, with your permission, sir, I would take this opportunity of congratulating the non-Mr. Marcellus Feilden Singh upon his elevation to the responsible post and office of Deputy Speaker. He and I have never seen eye to eye so far as political ideology is concerned. He and I have just finished what I have elsewhere described as a very lively political campaign preceding the elections, the results of which are to be seen here in Parliament today.

But differences, so far as political ideology is concerned, do not prevent me, especially under our system, from recognising that he has in the past brought to

this House a sincerity and a frankness which are admirable. Even though sometimes I have thought that he is sincere in the wrong cause, I would never prevent myself from admiring that sincerity. I have no doubt that with his professional background and the experience which he has had in this House and his ability and sterling qualities he will perform very well indeed in the office of Deputy Speaker. In the circumstances, I should like to say to my colleague, the hon. Member Mr. Marcellus Feilden Singh, congratulations for a successful and happy term of office and may he continue to be one whom I can admire in spite of political differences [*Applause.*]

Mr. Singh: Mr. Speaker, I should like to thank the hon. Prime Minister for his very kind remarks. In fact, I should like to thank all of the Members of this House for having elected me as Deputy Speaker. I regard this post as a very serious obligation placed upon my shoulders to uphold the highest position of parliamentary democracy in this honourable House. Whenever I am called upon to perform the duties of Deputy Speaker I pledge that I shall perform them fairly and impartially.

I should like to make a few additional remarks with Your Honour's permission. There has been a lot of speculation as to whether or not I would take my seat in the House today. The fact that I have taken this seat does not at all mean that I have deviated one bit from what I have said before. I reaffirm all that I have said before. I would stand by all my convictions expressed in and out of this House.

My hon. colleague and I came into this House because over 9,000 people that we know of voted for us. Most of these votes were from recognised U.F. strongholds. I have a sacred obligation to represent these people. They must not be deprived of a voice in public affairs. [*Applause.*]

It is the duty of an Opposition to keep the Government on its toes. What I can say in Parliament, the criticisms I can make here, I cannot possibly say them outside without perhaps offending against our present libel laws. [*Applause.*]

2.50 p.m.

You see, Mr. Speaker, there are some times when, even though things are true, unless you have the concrete evidence, unless the evidence is forthcoming to prove it in a court of law, no matter how much truth there is in it, you will still be offending against the laws. But in this honourable House, you must voice your criticisms, you must voice your fears, you must inform the Government when you think it is treading on dangerous ground. You must criticise it when it is doing what you consider to be wrong. That is what my party stands for.

The United Force joined with the Anti-Discrimination Movement, in an equal partnership in the Liberator Party, to contest the last election, and one of the conditions of that partnership was that I, as U.F. leader, should be the List Representative to name members of Parliament. Following on the elections, the United Force executive gave me a clear mandate to sit in Parliament. I have done so today in accordance with the wishes of the United Force executive, and I shall speak out freely and forcibly, guided by the principles for which my party stands. Thank you, sir. [*Applause.*]

The Speaker: Hon. Members, it is my first duty to thank you as the representatives of the people, for the confidence which you have shown in me in entrusting to me the task of guiding your deliberations once more.

As I speak, I am, of course, aware of that parliamentary tradition within which we operate, that the Speaker should not speak. However, at this inauguration of a new Parliament, I feel there is no impropriety in departing from the tradition, albeit briefly.

First, we naturally tend to see party politics in terms of the success or defeat of one or other party. However, in the General Election which has just ended, something far more important has happened. We have witnessed the triumph of the people of this country. I mean by this that we have seen the clear emergence of politics of issues, that the people have approached the election and given their support in terms of the issues and the platforms which were put before them. I venture to think that gone are the days when ethnic considerations or a creed or geography played a decisive role in the pattern of voting. The electorate has now demonstrated its growing maturity and that is why I see in the election, not the victory of one party but a victory and triumph of our people.

Secondly, there is a great temptation for us who sit in Parliament to see the democratic process wholly in terms of what we do or say. Any arrangement or machinery which enhances the contact of Parliament with the people must count as a significant advance of parliamentary democracy. I see in the creation of the regional ministries such an arrangement. I welcome it and will follow the development of the concept with interest.

At this moment of beginning, when the slate is still clean, so to speak, it may also be of value to reflect on the task ahead. The last Parliament saw through the end of the beginning. The foundations of the Co-op Republic were laid. It will be our task to build on those foundations. We have ready to hand the second development plan. It is within this framework we seek to discover and to harness the resources of this country in creating a better way of life for our people.

It is against this background that I will seek to guide your deliberations in the months and years ahead. I will look to you for your help and insight and assistance as we tackle the great tasks entrusted to us by the people of this beloved country.

It is also with extreme pleasure that I congratulate each and every one of you who has been named on the list of your party to be Members of Parliament and look forward for your co-operation. To you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I extend warm congratulations on the honour conferred on you, and I am sure I will receive every assistance from you. To you, hon. Member Mr. L. F. S. Burnham, on being selected once again as Prime Minister to lead the destiny of this dear land of Guyana. May your efforts be crowned with success and God speed. Thank you. [*Applause.*]

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Appointment of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries

The Speaker: Hon. Members, I have been advised that the following appointments have been made:

Prime Minister

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

Deputy Prime Minister

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

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

Leave to Member

Leave has been granted to Dr. the Hon. P. A. Reid for today's Sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

The following Papers were laid:

(1) By the hon. Prime Minister:

- (a) Report on the Operation of the Guyana Credit Corporation for the year ended 30th June, 1971.
- (b) National Registration (Residents) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1973 (No. 15), made under section 19 of the National Registration Act, 1967 (No. 24 of 1967), on the 16th of July, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 21st of July, 1973.
- (c) Election (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1973 (No. 9), made under section 3 of the Representation of the People (Adaptation and Modification of Laws) Act, 1968 (No. 16 of 1968), on the 7th June, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 11th June, 1973.
- (d) Election (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1973 (No. 13), made under the Representation of the People (Adaptation and Modification of Laws) Act 1968 (No. 16 of 1968), on the 12th of July, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 12th July, 1973.
- (e) Election (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1973 (No. 14), made under the Representation of the People (Adaptation and Modification of Laws) Act 1968 (No. 16 of 1968), on the 14th July, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 14th July, 1973.

(2) By the hon. Minister of Finance:

- (a) Travel Voucher Tax Order 1973 (No. 58), made under the Travel Voucher Tax Act 1973 (No. 10 of 1973) on the 13th June, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 14th June, 1973.
- (b) Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Order 1973 (No. 70), made under the Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Ordinance 1962 (No. 26 of 1962), on the 10th of July, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 21st of July, 1973.
- (c) Constitutional Offices (Holders Allowances) Order 1973 (No. 71), made under the Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Ordinance 1962 (No. 26 of 1962), on the 10th of July, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 21st of July, 1973.

3.05 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS — FIRST READING

The following Bill was introduced and read the First time:

Constitution (Amendment) Bill — [*The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources.*]

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Appointment of Selection Committee

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House proposed that the following Members be nominated as members of the Committee of Selection

with His Honour the Speaker as Chairman:

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

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

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

Miss S. Jaiserrisingh

Mr. R. C. Van Sluytman

Mrs. L. E. Willems

Mr. Carrington *seconded*.

Question put and agreed to.

The Speaker: Before the Adjournment is taken I should like to invite all hon. Members and their guests to partake in drinks.

Business of Next Sitting

Mr. Ramsaroop: Before the formal adjournment I wish to indicate to this House that on Monday, 30th July, it is proposed that the Constitution (Amendment) Bill shall be taken to its finality.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, "That this Assembly do stand adjourned to Monday, 30th July, 1973 at 2 p.m. [Mr. Ramsaroop.]

Adjourned accordingly at 3.05 p.m.