

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 2nd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON
MONDAY, 30TH 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 and Deputy Prime Minister (2)

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., Prime Minister
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture

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 Mobilization
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance
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. Ramsgroop, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House
The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education
Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health

Ministers of State (9)

The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State (Agriculture)
The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of State (East Berbice/Corentyne)
The Honourable P. Duncan, J.P., Minister of State (Rupununi)
The Honourable C.A. Nascimento, Minister of State (Office of the Prime Minister)

- # Non elected Minister

- The Honourable M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)
- # The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State (Internal Security)
- # The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State (Mazaruni/Potaro)
- # The Honourable A. Salim, Minister of State (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice)
- # The Honourable F.U.A. Carmichael, Minister of State (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 Chief 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 Mobilization
- Mr. J.P. Chowritmootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education (Absent)
- Mr. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilization (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.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 (Absent)
- 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

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

- # Non elected Minister

OATHS

The oath of office was made and subscribed by Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture, who was thereafter congratulated by His Honour the Speaker.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - CONFIRMATION OF TRAVEL VOUCHER TAX ORDER 1973 (No. 58)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in accordance with section 4 of the Travel Voucher Tax Act 1973 confirm the Travel Voucher Tax Order 1973 (No. 58), which was made on the 13th June, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 14th June, 1973.

ITEM 2 - SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER

At the request of the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the following motion was substituted for the motion at Item 1 on the Order Paper:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 46 be suspended to enable the Assembly to commence consideration of the second reading of the Constitution (Amendment) Bill 1973, at its sitting on the 30th of July, 1973.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House thereafter moved the substituted motion.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

BILL - Second Reading

ITEM 3 - CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 13/1973 published 28.7.73

The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources moved the second reading of the following Bill:

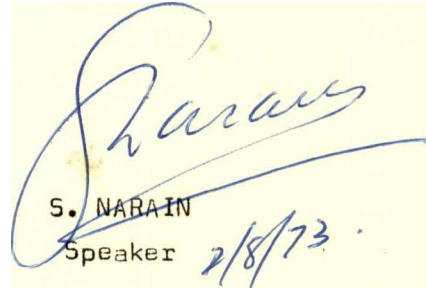
A BILL intituled AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 73 THEREOF FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE AGE OF MAJORITY FOR ELECTORAL AND OTHER PURPOSES, AND FOR ABOLISHING APPEALS AND REFERENCES TO THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

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The Deputy Speaker, Miss Jaiserrisingh and Mr. Jonas spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.10 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



S. NARAIN
Speaker 2/8/73.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1st August, 1973.