

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 7th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

TUESDAY, 14TH 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)

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 Mobilisation  
# 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

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 (Absent)  
# Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health

Ministers of State (9)

- 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

- # Non elected 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) (Absent)
- # 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)

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 Mobilisation
- 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
- 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. Suku, 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

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Prime Minister:

Annual Reports and Accounts (3) of the Guyana Airways Corporation for the years 1969, 1970 and 1971.

(GSC: 2/4/5)(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and Third Readings

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

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for 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.

The Prime Minister spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried on the following division:

DECLINED TO VOTE

Mrs. Willems  
Mr. Van Sluytman  
Mr. Taylor  
Mr. Sukul  
Mr. Sukhu  
Mrs. Rayman  
Mr. Ramson  
Dr. Ramsahoye  
Mr. Nissar  
Mr. Jonas  
Miss Jaiserrisingh  
Mr. Hussain  
Miss Gill  
Mr. Fowler  
Mr. Corrica  
Mrs. Branco  
Mr. Aaron  
Mr. Corbin  
Mr. Chowritmootoo  
Mr. Prashad  
Mr. Bancroft  
Mr. Ambrose  
Miss Ackman  
Mr. Wrights  
Mr. Thomas

Mr. Singh

DECLINED TO VOTE

Brought Forward: 25

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Mr. Zaheeruddeen  
 Mr. Nascimento  
 Mr. Duncan  
 Mr. Clarke  
 Mr. Kasim  
 Mr. Ramsaroop  
 Miss Field-Ridley  
 Mr. Carrington  
 Mr. Hoyte  
 Dr. Reid  
 Mr. Burnham

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The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause:

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed on the following division:

DECLINED TO VOTE

Mrs. Willems  
 Mr. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. Taylor  
 Mr. Sukul  
 Mr. Sukhu  
 Mrs. Rayman  
 Mr. Ramson  
 Dr. Ramsahoye  
 Mr. Nissar  
 Mr. Jones  
 Miss Jaiserrisingh  
 Mr. Hussain  
 Miss Gill  
 Mr. Fowler  
 Mr. Corrica  
 Mrs. Branco  
 Mr. Aaron  
 Mr. Corbin  
 Mr. Chowritmootoo  
 Mr. Prashad  
 Mr. Bancroft  
 Mr. Ambrose  
 Miss Ackman  
 Mr. Wrights  
 Mr. Thomas  
 Mr. Zaheeruddeen  
 Mr. Nascimento  
 Mr. Duncan  
 Mr. Clarke  
 Mr. Kasim  
 Mr. Ramsaroop  
 Miss Field-Ridley  
 Mr. Carrington  
 Mr. Hoyte  
 Dr. Reid  
 Mr. Burnham

Mr. Singh

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Clause 2 was passed as printed on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. Singh  
Mrs. Willems  
Mr. Van Sluytman  
Mr. Taylor  
Mr. Sukul  
Mr. Sukhu  
Mrs. Rayman  
Mr. Ramson  
Dr. Ramsahoye  
Mr. Nissar  
Mr. Jones  
Miss Jaiserrisingh  
Mr. Hussain  
Miss Gill  
Mr. Fowler  
Mr. Corrica  
Mrs. Branco  
Mr. Aaron  
Mr. Corbin  
Mr. Chowritmootoo  
Mr. Prashad  
Mr. Bancroft  
Mr. Ambrose  
Miss Ackman  
Mr. Wrights  
Mr. Thomas  
Mr. Zaheeruddeen  
Mr. Nascimento  
Mr. Duncan  
Mr. Clarke  
Mr. Kasim  
Mr. Ramsaroop  
Miss Field-Ridley  
Mr. Carrington  
Mr. Hoyte  
Dr. Reid  
Mr. Burnham

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None

Clause 3 - The following amendment by the Minister of Energy and ~~Natural Resources~~ was put and carried:

Deletion of clause 3 and renumbering of clauses 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively.

Renumbered Clause 3 was passed as printed.

Recommittal of renumbered Clause 3

On a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the renumbered Clause 3 was recommitted.

The Clause was, thereafter, passed as printed on the following division:

AGAINST

Mrs. Willems	Mr. Singh
Mr. Van Sluytman	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Sukul	
Mr. Sukhu	
Mrs. Rayman	
Mr. Ramson	
Dr. Ramsahoye	
Mr. Nissar	
Mr. Jonas	
Miss Jaiserrisingh	
Mr. Hussain	
Miss Gill	
Mr. Fowler	
Mr. Corrica	
Mrs. Branco	
Mr. Aaron	
Mr. Corbin	
Mr. Chowritmootoo	
Mr. Prashad	
Mr. Bancroft	
Mr. Ambrose	
Miss Ackman	
Mr. Wrights	
Mr. Thomas	
Mr. Zabeeruddeen	
Mr. Nascimento	
Mr. Duncan	
Mr. Clarke	
Mr. Kasim	
Mr. Ramcaroop	
Miss Field-Ridley	
Mr. Carrington	
Mr. Hoyte	
Dr. Reid	
Mr. Burnham	

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Renumbered Clause 4 was passed as printed on the following division:

AGAINST

Mrs. Willems	Mr. Singh
Mr. Van Sluytman	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Sukul	
Mr. Sukhu	
Mrs. Rayman	
Mr. Ramson	
Dr. Ramsahoye	
Mr. Nissar	
Mr. Jonas	

Carried Forward:10

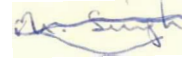
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AGAINST

Brought Forward: 10

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Miss Jaiserrisingh  
 Mr. Hussain  
 Miss Gill  
 Mr. Fowler  
 Mr. Corrica  
 Mrs. Branco  
 Mr. Aaron  
 Mr. Corbin  
 Mr. Chowritmootoo  
 Mr. Prashad  
 Mr. Bancroft  
 Mr. Ambrose  
 Miss Ackman  
 Mr. Wrights  
 Mr. Thomas  
 Mr. Zaheeruddeen  
 Mr. Nascimento  
 Mr. Duncan  
 Mr. Clarke  
 Mr. Kasim  
 Mr. Ramearoop  
 Miss Field-Ridley  
 Mr. Carrington  
 Mr. Hoyte  
 Dr. Reid  
 Mr. Burnham


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Renumbered Clause 5 was passed as printed on the following division:

FORAGAINST

Mrs. Willems  
 Mr. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. Taylor  
 Mr. Sukul  
 Mr. Sukhu  
 Mrs. Rayman  
 Mr. Ramson  
 Dr. Ramsahoye  
 Mr. Nissar  
 Mr. Jonas  
 Miss Jaiserrisingh  
 Mr. Hussain  
 Miss Gill  
 Mr. Fowler  
 Mr. Corrica  
 Mrs. Branco  
 Mr. Aaron

Mr. Singh

Carried Forward: 17

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FOR

Brought Forward: 17

Mr. Corbin  
 Mr. Chowritmootoo  
 Mr. Prashad  
 Mr. Bancroft  
 Mr. Ambrose  
 Miss Ackman  
 Mr. Wrights  
 Mr. Thomas  
 Mr. Zaheeruddeen  
 Mr. Nascimento  
 Mr. Duncan  
 Mr. Clarke  
 Mr. Kasim  
 Mr. Ramsaroop  
 Miss Field-Ridley  
 Mr. Carrington  
 Mr. Hoyte  
 Dr. Reid  
 Mr. Burnham

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AGAINST

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At this stage His Honour the Speaker announced the following consequential amendments:

In the Renumbered Clause 6 - Substitution of "5" for "6"

In the Renumbered Clause 7 - Substitution of "4" for "5"  
 wherever it appears.

Renumbered Clause 6 was passed as amended on the following division:

AGAINST

Mrs. Willems  
 Mr. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. Taylor  
 Mr. Sukul  
 Mr. Sukhu  
 Mrs. Rayman  
 Mr. Ramson  
 Dr. Ramsahoye  
 Mr. Nissar  
 Mr. Jonas  
 Miss Jaiserrisingh  
 Mr. Hussain  
 Miss Gill  
 Mr. Fowler  
 Mr. Corrica  
 Mrs. Branco  
 Mr. Aaron

Mr. Singh

Carried Forward: 17

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	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward:	17	1
Mr. Corbin		
Mr. Chowritmootoo		
Mr. Prashad		
Mr. Bancroft		
Mr. Ambrose		
Miss Ackman		
Mr. Wrights		
Mr. Thomas		
Mr. Zaheeruddeen		
Mr. Nascimento		
Mr. Duncan		
Mr. Clarke		
Mr. Kasim		
Mr. Ramsaroop		
Miss Field-Ridley		
Mr. Carrington		
Mr. Hoyte		
Dr. Reid		
Mr. Burnham		
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Renumbered Clause 7 was passed as amended on the following division:

	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Singh	
Mrs. Willems	
Mr. Van Sluytman	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Sukul	
Mr. Sukhu	
Mrs. Rayman	
Mr. Ramson	
Dr. Ramsahoye	
Mr. Nissar	
Mr. Jonas	
Miss Jaiserrisingh	
Mr. Hussain	
<del>Miss</del> Gill	
Mr. Fowler	
Mr. Corrica	
Mrs. Branco	
Mr. Aaron	
Mr. Corbin	
Mr. Chowritmootoo	
Mr. Prashad	
Mr. Bancroft	
Mr. Ambrose	
Miss Ackman	
Mr. Wrights	
Mr. Thomas	
Carried Forward:	26
	None

AGAINST

Brought Forward: 26

None

Mr. Zaheeruddeen  
 Mr. Nascimento  
 Mr. Duncan  
 Mr. Clarke  
 Mr. Kasim  
 Mr. Ramsaroop  
 Miss Field-Ridley  
 Mr. Carrington  
 Mr. Hoyte  
 Dr. Reid  
 Mr. Burnham

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None

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee on the following division:

DECLINED TO VOTE

Mrs. Willems  
 Mr. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. Taylor  
 Mr. Sukul  
 Mr. Sukhu  
 Mrs. Rayman  
 Mr. Ramson  
 Dr. Ramsahoye  
 Mr. Nissar  
 Mr. Jonas  
 Miss Jaiserrisingh  
 Mr. Hussain  
 Miss Gill  
 Mr. Fowler  
 Mr. Corrica  
 Mrs. Branco  
 Mr. Aaron  
 Mr. Corbin  
 Mr. Chowritmootoo  
 Mr. Prashad  
 Mr. Bancroft  
 Mr. Ambrose  
 Miss Ackman  
 Mr. Wrights  
 Mr. Thomas  
 Mr. Zaheeruddeen  
 Mr. Nascimento  
 Mr. Duncan  
 Mr. Clarke  
 Mr. Kasim  
 Mr. Ramsaroop  
 Miss Field-Ridley  
 Mr. Carrington  
 Mr. Hoyte  
 Dr. Reid  
 Mr. Burnham

Mr. Singh

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.35 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. NARAI  
Speaker

17/8/73

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

17th August, 1973.