

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 9th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 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 (Absent -
on leave)

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 (Absent)

The Honourable H.D. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
(Absent)

The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance (Absent)

Dr. the Honourable K.F.S. King, Minister of Economic Development
(Absent)

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
(Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent - on leave)

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 - on leave)
- # The Honourable A. Salim, Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice) (Absent)
- # 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 (Absent - on leave)
- 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

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Deputy Speaker
- Mrs. E. DaSilva

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (i) Mr. Burnham from 3rd to 29th September, 1973,
- (ii) Mr. Kasim from 6th September to 15th October, 1973,
- (iii) Mr. Nascimento from 6th September to 15th October, 1973,
- (iv) Mr. Haynes for that day's sitting, and
- (v) Mr. Jonas to 3rd October, 1973.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Private Bills

The Clerk read Petitions presented by

- (1) Mr. Aaron, on behalf of Dr. Claude H. Denbow of 67 Second Avenue, Subryanville, Georgetown, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to amend the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1955 (No. 25).
- (2) Mrs. Willems, on behalf of the Demerara Mutual Life Assurance Society, Ltd., seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to amend the Demerara Mutual Life Assurance Society Ordinance, Chapter 211.

The question that the Promoters be allowed to proceed was put and carried.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 1973 (No. 88), made under the Ministers, Members of the House of Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance 1965 (No. 7 of 1965), on the 22nd of August, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 25th of August, 1973.

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- (b) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Trotman Trust Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1971.

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- (c) Purchase Tax (Motor Cars)(Amendment) Order 1973 (No. 89), made under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, on the 25th of August, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 28th of August, 1973.

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- (d) Purchase Tax (Motor Cars)(Amendment)(No. 2) Order 1973 (No. 96), made under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, on the 7th of September, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 8th of September, 1973.

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- (e) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporation and Companies) Act 1971 (No. 16 of 1971), for quarter ended 30th June, 1973.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

MISCELLANEOUS ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 19/1973 published 19.9.73

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN ENACTMENTS.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second Reading - Deferred

NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 18/1973 published 3.9.73

The Minister of Labour informed the Assembly that it was agreed to defer consideration of the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, 1969.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.25 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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
8th October, 1973.