

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 10th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1973

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (50)

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

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.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)
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 (6)

- The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture (Absent - on leave)
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 D.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)
The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade (Absent)

Ministers of State (9)

- The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture (Absent)
The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne)
The Honourable P. Duncan, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)

Non elected Minister

- 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)

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 (Absent)
 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(i) Appointment of Minister of Trade

His Honour the Speaker announced that he had been informed that Mr. George Anderson King, who was not an elected Member of the National Assembly, had been appointed to be a Minister and had been designated Minister of Trade, with effect from the 5th of October, 1973; and, in accordance with article 34(6) of the Constitution, Mr. King had become a Member of the National Assembly.

(ii) Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Burnham and to Miss Field-Ridley for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONSPrivate Bills

The Clerk read Petitions presented by -

- (1) Mr. Aaron, on behalf of the Missionary Board of the Church of God of Anderson, Indiana, U.S.A., seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to incorporate the Church of God in Guyana.
(PARL: 3/2/2(4/1972))
- (2) Mr. Fowler, on behalf of the Hand-in-Hand Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to amend the Hand-in-Hand Fire Insurance Company Ordinance, Chapter 208.
(PARL: 3/2/2(1/1966))
- (3) Miss Jaiserrisingh, on behalf of the Canadian Mission Council in Guyana, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to incorporate the Guyana Presbyterian Church.
(PARL: 3/2/2(2/1972))
- (4) Mrs. Willems, on behalf of the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to amend the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Fire Insurance Company Ordinance, Chapter 210.
(PARL: 3/2/2(6/1969))
- (5) Mr. Van Sluytman, on behalf of Rev. Richard I. Griffith of 8 Norton Street, Wortmanville, Georgetown, and Mrs. Wilhelmina Martin of 176 James Street, Albouystown, Georgetown, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to incorporate the Gladtidings Assembly Guyana Mission.
(PARL: 3/2/2(3/1972))

- (6) Mr. Sukul, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to amend the Evangelical Lutheran Church (Incorporation) Ordinance, Chapter 225.

(PARL: 3/2/2(1/1970))

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Works and Communications:

Report of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year ended 31st December, 1972.

(C-12/4/7 III)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

GUYANA RICE BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 20/1973 published 11.10.73

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture, on behalf of the Prime Minister, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE RICE MARKETING ORDINANCE.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 MISCELLANEOUS ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 19/1973 published 19.9.73

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN ENACTMENTS.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clause 1 - The following amendment by the Minister of Finance was put and carried:

Renumbering of clause 1(1) as clause 1 and deletion of subsection (2).

Clause 1 was then passed as amended.

Clause 2 - The following amendment by the Minister of Finance was put and carried:

Substitution of the words "until the 31st December, 1973" for the words "for a period of three consecutive months after the commencement of this Act".

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Clause 3 was passed as printed.

The Schedule was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

MOTIONS

ITEM 2 - CONFIRMATION OF THE PURCHASE TAX (MOTOR CARS)(AMENDMENT) ORDER 1973 (No. 89)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 5A(5) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, confirm the Purchase Tax (Motor Cars)(Amendment) Order 1973 (No. 89), which was made on the 25th August, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 28th August, 1973.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ITEM 3 - CONFIRMATION OF THE PURCHASE TAX (MOTOR CARS)(AMENDMENT) (No. 2) ORDER 1973 (No. 96)

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 5A(5) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, confirm the Purchase Tax (Motor Cars)(Amendment)(No. 2) Order 1973 (No. 96), which was made on the 7th September, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 8th September, 1973.

BILL - Second Reading - Deferred

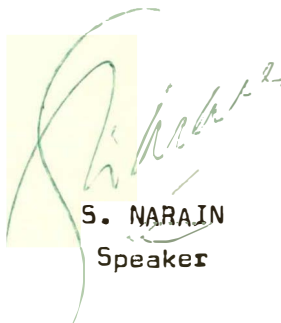
ITEM 4 - NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL
1973 - Bill No. 18/1973 published 3.9.73

On a motion by the Minister of Labour, consideration of the second reading of the following Bill was deferred:

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.55 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.

15th October, 1973.