

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 12th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

TUESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 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  
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  
# 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 (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  
# Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)  
# The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade

Ministers of State (9)

- The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture  
The Honourable D.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 - on leave)
- # 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.
- 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

OATHS

The oath of office was made and subscribed by the Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade, who was thereafter welcomed and congratulated by His Honour the Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

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

- (i) Miss Field-Ridley from 6th to 16th November, 1973, and
- (ii) Mr. Haynes for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Private Bills

The Clerk read Petitions presented by -

- (1) Mr. Aaron, on behalf of the Methodist Missionary Trust Association, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to incorporate the Guyana Methodist Trust.  
(PARL: 3/2/2(1/1971))
- (2) Mr. Corrica, on behalf of the Right Reverend Bishop Ferdinand Furry of 107 Eccles, East Bank, Demerara, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to incorporate the Guyana West Evangelist Pilgrim Faith Church (Jordan Foundation).  
(PARL: 3/2/1(2/1973))

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister of Works and Communications:

Reports of the Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply for the years 1970 and 1971.

(P 700/80/6)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1973 (No. 97), made under the Consumption Tax Act, 1969 (No. 13), on the 14th of September, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 14th of September, 1973.

(G. 669 II)(Circulated)

- (b) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments)(No. 2) Order 1973 (No. 125), made under the Ministers, Members of the House of Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance 1965 (No. 7), on the 26th of October, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 27th of October, 1973.

(Circulated)

#### STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

##### By the Prime Minister

The Prime Minister made a statement on the grave fuel crisis facing the world as a result of the Middle East War, among other factors, and sought the co-operation of individual citizens to conserve the use of oil and fuel.

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### MOTIONS

##### ITEM 1 - SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 23(3)

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

**That paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 23** be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed, at its Sitting on Tuesday, the 6th of November, 1973, upon the motion, notice of which was published on the 30th of October, 1973, in Notice Paper No. 8, seeking approval of the Government's Policy adumbrated in the President's Address.

##### ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mr. Stoby moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the Government's policy adumbrated in the President's Address for the present Session of Parliament which was made to the Assembly on Monday, the 29th of October, 1973.

Mrs. Willems seconded the motion.

Mrs. DaSilva and the Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, spoke to the motion.

#### SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.55 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Deputy Speaker and the Prime Minister spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.17 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 7th of November, 1973.

  
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Speaker 7 11 73

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
7th November, 1973.