

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 13th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M. .

ON

WEDNESDAY, 7TH 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 (Absent)
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
(Absent - on leave)
- # 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 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 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) (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.
 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 Mr. Hoyte for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

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

- (a) Annual Report of the Ministry of Communications for the year 1971. (C-12/4/5 III)(Circulated)
- (b) Annual Report of the Ministry of Works and Communications (Communications) for the year 1972. (C-12/4/5 III)(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 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 moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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

The Parliamentary Secretary (Agriculture), Ministry of National Development and Agriculture, and the Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

MOTIONS

ITEM 2 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 23(1)

On a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, Standing Order No. 23(1) was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve the Guyana Rice Corporation (Dissolution) Order 1973 (No. 116).

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE GUYANA RICE CORPORATION (DISSOLUTION) ORDER 1973 (NO. 116)

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 51 of the Public Corporations Ordinance 1962 (No. 23), approve the Guyana Rice Corporation (Dissolution) Order 1973 (No. 116), which was made on the 6th of October, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 13th of October, 1973.

ITEM 4 CONFIRMATION OF THE CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1973 (NO. 97)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act 1969 (No. 13), confirm the Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1973 (No. 97), which was made on the 14th of September, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 14th of September, 1973.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 5 - NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 18/1973 published 3.9.73

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

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

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Mrs. DaSilva spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Labour 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 was passed as printed.

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

Deletion of Clause 2 and the renumbering
of Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 as Clauses 2,
3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively.

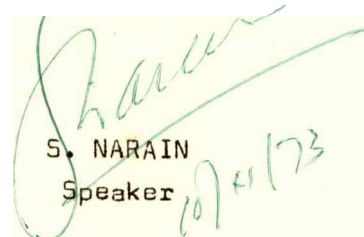
Clauses 3 to 7 (Renumbered as Clauses 2 to 6) were passed
as printed.

Assembly resumed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.40 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 10/11/73

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
10th November, 1973.