

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 14th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 26TH 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
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 (Absent)
The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Housing

Ministers (6)

- The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour (Absent)
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture (Absent)
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House
The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education (Absent - on leave)
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
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) (Absent)
- # The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for Home Affairs
(Absent - on leave)
- # 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)(Absent)

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 - on leave)
- 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. Sukul, J.P.
- Mr. H.A. Taylor (Absent)
- 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 SPEAKERLeave

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

- (a) Miss Baird from 19th November to 1st December, 1973;
- (b) Mr. Mingo for that day's sitting;
- (c) Mr. Prashad for that day's sitting; and
- (d) Dr. Ramsahoye from 17th November to 28th December, 1973.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONSPrivate Bill

The Clerk read a Petition presented by Mr. Ramson on behalf of Miss P.B. Burrowes of 89 Croal Street, Stabroek, Georgetown, and Miss S.A. Chapman of 72 Church Road, Subryanville, Georgetown, seeking to have introduced in the **Assembly** a Private Bill to incorporate the Unification Church.

(Parl: 3/2/2(3/1973))

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture, on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Public Corporation (External Trade Bureau) Order 1973 (No. 53), made under section 34 of the Public Corporations Ordinance 1962 (No. 23), on the 5th of June, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 9th of June, 1973.

(GSC: 19/1/1)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) 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 September, 1973.

(G. 692)(Circulated)

- (b) Report of the Directors of the New Widows and Orphans' Fund on the working of the Fund for the year 1968.

(G. 105/54 IV)(Circulated)

- (c) Consumption Tax (Amendment)(No. 2) Order 1973 (No. 128), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act 1969 (No. 13), on the 3rd of November, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 6th of November, 1973.

(G. 666/1)

- (d) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments)(No. 3) Order 1973 (No. 133), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the House of Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance 1965 (No. 7), on the 5th of November, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 7th of November, 1973.

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- (e) Financial Paper No. 5/1973 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st October, 1973, totalling \$15,976,436.

(2/5 VII)(Circulated)

In accordance with Standing Order No. 68(1), the Minister of Finance named Wednesday, 28th November, 1973, as the day for consideration of the Financial Paper in Committee of Supply.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bills which were read the first time:

- (1) CARIBBEAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION BILL 1973 - Bill No. 21/1973 published 24.11.73

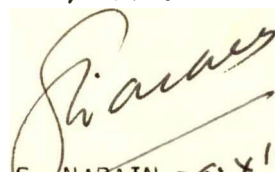
A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION BY GUYANA OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE CARIBBEAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

- (2) TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 22/1973 published 24.11.73

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTRODUCING AN EXCISE TAX ON CIDER AND TO EFFECT CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE BITTERS AND CORDIALS ORDINANCE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.15 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 28th of November, 1973.


S. NARAIN 28.11.73
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
28th November, 1973.