

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 15th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 29TH 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 - 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 (Absent on leave)

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

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 O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health

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 U.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent - on leave)

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) (Absent - on leave)
 # 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) (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 (Absent)
 Mr. J.P. Chowritmoutoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education
 Mr. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent - on leave) ✓
 Miss S. Jaiserrisingh
 Mr. K.M.E. Jones
 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 - on leave)
 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 SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to

- (a) Mr. Burnham up to 1st December, 1973;
- (b) Mr. Hoyte, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Zaheeruddeen, Mr. Corbin and Mr. Stoby for that day's sitting; and
- (c) Mr. Hussain for two weeks from that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture, on behalf of the Prime Minister:

- (a) Twelfth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Guyana Electricity Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 1972.

(GSC: 5/8/1)(Circulated)

- (2) Audited Accounts of the Guyana State Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 1972.

(GSC: 1/8/2)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL
1973 - Bill No. 25/1973

The Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS ACT 1969 AND OTHER LAWS.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5/1973

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in 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.

Mrs. DaSilva moved the following amendment to the Schedule to the Financial Paper:

That the supplementary provision of \$2,000 for subhead 9 - Expenses, Elections Commission, of Head 19 - Ministry of Home Affairs, be left out.

The amendment was put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mrs. DaSilva
Mr. Singh

Mrs. Willems
Mr. Van Sluytman
Mr. Taylor
Mr. Sukul
Mr. Sukhu
Mrs. Rayman
Mr. Nissar
Mr. Jonas
Miss Jaiserrisingh
Miss Gill
Mr. Fowler
Mr. Corrica
Mrs. Branco
Mr. Aaron
Mr. Chowritmootoo
Mr. Bancroft
Mr. Ambrose
Miss Ackman
Mr. Wrights
Mr. Thomas
Mr. Nascimento
Mr. Duncan
Mr. Kasim
Mr. Ramsaroop
Miss Field-Ridley
Mr. Carrington

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The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

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.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of Financial Paper No. 5/1973.

In Committee of Supply

The consideration of items 109 to 120 was deferred.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when the time agreed for the adjournment was reached.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 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 Friday, the 30th of November, 1973.

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Speaker

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PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
30th November, 1973.