

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 16th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 30TH 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 Honourables 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

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

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

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 - on leave)
 # The Honourable A. Salim, Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice) (Absent)
 # 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 (Absent)
 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. Chowritmootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education
 Mr. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation (Absent)

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. Jonas
 Mr. M. Nissar
 Dr. L.E. Ramsahoye (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. J.G. Ramson
 Mrs. P.A. Royman
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. (Absent)
 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 and Mr. Haynes for that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5/1973

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of 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.

In Committee of Supply

Item 118 of Section A of the Schedule to the Financial Paper was corrected to read as follows:

"Subhead 44 - (New) Contribution to Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences."

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.

The following corrections to Section B of the Schedule to the Financial Paper were made:

(i) Item 15 was corrected to read as follows:
"Subhead 37 - Purchase of Equipment."

(ii) Item 16 was corrected to read as follows:
"Subhead 41 - Purchase of Furniture."

After consideration of the Schedule to the Financial Paper, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"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."

ITEM 2 CONFIRMATION OF CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2)
ORDER 1973 (NO. 128)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act 1969 (No. 13), confirm the Consumption Tax (Amendment)(No. 2) Order 1973 (No. 128), which was made on the 3rd of November, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 6th of November, 1973.

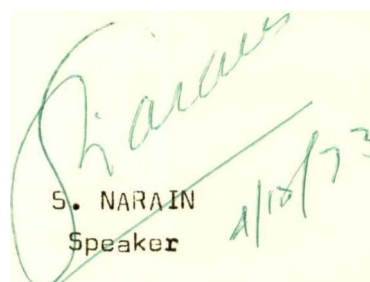
The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
4th December, 1973.