

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 17th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 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
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 (Absent)
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 (Absent - on leave)
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) (Absent)
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
The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro) (Absent)
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)

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 (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. Rayman
Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
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 Mr. Ramsaroop for that day's sitting.

Leave to Clerk to attend Court

His Honour the Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk had received a subpoena from the Court requesting him to attend the High Court of the Supreme Court of Judicature in connection with the case between Dr. Ganraj Kumar, Plaintiff, and Mr. Marcellus Feilden Singh and Mrs. Elinor DaSilva, Defendants, to give evidence on behalf of the Plaintiff and to produce the Minutes of the National Assembly of **25th and 30th July**, and 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 10th and 14th August, 1973, and other documents relating to the case.

Leave was granted by the Assembly for the Clerk to attend the Court and to produce the documents requested.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Economic Development, on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Customs (Exemption from Duties) Order 1973 (No. 136), made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 11th of November, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of November, 1973.

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- (ii) Financial Paper No. 6/1973 - Statement of amounts withdrawn from the Consolidated Fund under article 112(3) of the Constitution totalling \$23,110,708, for the period ending 17th October, 1973.

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In terms of Standing Order 68(1), the Minister of Economic Development named Monday, the 10th of December, 1973, as the day for consideration of the Financial Paper in Committee of Supply.

- (iii) Agreement entered into on the 30th of June, 1973, between the Government of Guyana and the Guyana Public Service Association, the Federated Union of Government Employees, the Clerical and Commercial Workers' Union, the Guyana Labour Union, the Pilots' Association, and the Guyana Teachers' Association, on the Classification and Revised Salaries and Wages Plan.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

- (1) GUYANA TIMBER EXPORT BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 26/1973 published 5.12.73
- (2) TIMBER MARKETING BILL 1973 - Bill No. 27/1973

The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bills which were read the first time:

- (i) A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE GUYANA TIMBER EXPORT BOARD ACT 1973.
- (ii) A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF THE SALE AND USE OF TIMBER AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 1 CARIBBEAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION BILL 1973 - Bill No. 21/1973 published 24.11.73

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

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.

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

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Economic Development signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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.

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The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Economic Development 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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.57 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Information and Culture, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, the 10th of December, 1973.

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Speaker

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