

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 20th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 14TH 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 - 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.D. 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)
- # 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)

Non elected Minister

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- 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 (Absent - on leave)
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 (Absent - on leave)
Mr. S. Prashad, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation
Mr. J.P. Chowritmootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education
Mr. R.H.U. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation (Absent)

Other Members (18)

- Mr. J.N. Aaron (Absent)
Mrs. L.M. Branco
Mr. M. Corrica
Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
Miss J. Gill
Mr. W. Hussain (Absent)
Miss S. Jaiserrisingh
Mr. K.M.E. Jonas
Mr. M. Nissar (Absent - on leave)
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
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

Non elected Minister

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Nissar for that day's sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

GUYANA CREDIT CORPORATION (DISSOLUTION) BILL 1973
Bill No. 29/1973

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Prime Minister, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE
DISSOLUTION OF THE GUYANA CREDIT CORPORA-
TION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1974

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1974, totalling \$337,303,105. (See Appendix to the Minutes of 10th December, 1973).

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(2)

At 3.50 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, Standing Order No. 9(2) was suspended to enable the sitting to be suspended at that stage until 5.00 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3.52 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.50 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(2)

On a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, Standing Order No. 9(2) was suspended to enable the sitting to be suspended at that stage until 7.00 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.52 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 7.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1974

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 1 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT was passed as printed at	...	90,098
HEAD 2 - SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE was passed as printed at	...	\$ 753,677
HEAD 3 - MAGISTRATES was passed as printed at		\$1,041,004
HEAD 14 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...	\$6,212,938
		with the following correction:
		<u>Substitution</u> of "-400" for "400" in the last column and opposite "Code No. 004655 Official Entertainment."
DIVISION IX - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...	\$ 500,000
HEAD 6 - UMBUDSMAN was passed as printed at		29,064
		with the following correction:
		<u>Substitution</u> of "18,977" for " 19,001" in the Column "1972 Actual".
HEAD 8 - PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was passed as printed at	...	\$ 166,378
		with the following correction:
		<u>Substitution</u> of "132,072" for "132,920" opposite "Total Appropriation", in the Column "1973 Revised Estimates".

HEAD 15 - ATTORNEY GENERAL was passed as
 printed at ... \$ 382,597
 with the following corrections:

- (i) Insertion of the figure "1" opposite
 "PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS" in the
 Column "Sub-Head No."
- (ii) Substitution of "Supernumerary
 Senior Legal Adviser" in
 item (10) of subhead 1 for the
 words printed.
- (iii) Substitution of "12" for "13" at
 (c), and "15" for "16" opposite
 item (15), of subhead 1, of the
 Explanatory Notes.
- (iv) Substitution of "67,774" for "66,774"
 opposite "Total Other Charges" in
 the Column "1973 Revised Estimates".

HEAD 16 - ATTORNEY GENERAL - OFFICIAL RECEIVER
 was passed as printed at ... \$ 118,227

HEAD 17 - ATTORNEY GENERAL - DEEDS REGISTRY was
 passed as printed at ... \$ 173,918
 with the following correction:

Insertion of "90" in the last
 Column at item (9) of subhead 1.

HEAD 4 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE was passed as
 printed at ... \$ 163,380

HEAD 11 - MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
 was passed as printed at ... 20,082

HEAD 5 - AUDIT was passed as printed at ... \$ 601,568

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.25 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 Monday, the 17th of December, 1973.


 S. NARAIN
 Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
 Public Buildings,
 Georgetown.
 17th December, 1973.