

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 27th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

At 2.00 P.M.

ON

TUESDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1974

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

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
(Absent)

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

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)

The Honourable P. Duncan, J.P., Minister of State - Regional
(Rupununi) (Absent - on leave)

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)
- # 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) (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 (Absent)
- 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.U. 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
- Miss S. Jaiserrisingh
- Mr. K.M.E. Jonas
- Mr. M. Nissar
- Dr. L.E. Ramsahoye
- 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 (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. M.B. Henry, AMBIM, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

- # Non elected Minister

PRAYERS

The Deputy Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

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

- (i) Mr. Burnham up to 12th February, 1974,
- (ii) Mr. Duncan up to 11th February, 1974, and
- (iii) Mr. Corbin and Mrs. Willems for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Private Bills

The Deputy Clerk read the following Petitions presented by -

- (i) Mr. Aaron on behalf of the General Missionary Superintendent of the General Board of the Foreign Missions of the Pilgrim Holiness Church Corporation seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to incorporate the Wesleyan Church.

(PARL: 3/2/2(1/1974))

- (ii) Mr. Van Sluytman on behalf of Reverend Doctor Walter Sydney Bayley of 111 Leopold Street, Werk-en-Rust, Georgetown, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to incorporate the Universal Church of Scientific Truth.

(PARL: 3/2/2(2/1974))

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE (CONTROL) BILL 1974 - Bill
No. 1/1974 published 12.1.74

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
CONTROL OF THE SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 - The following amendment by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture was put and carried:

Insertion of the words ", livestock officer or livestock assistant" immediately before the words "of the Department" in the definition of "veterinary officer".

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Clause 3 was passed as printed.

Clause 4 - The following amendment by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture was put and carried:

Substitution of the words "skeleton of the head (including the horns)" for the word "head" wherever it appears.

Clause 4 was then passed as amended.

Clause 5 was passed as printed with the following correction:

Substitution of the word "thing" for the word "things" wherever it appears.

Clause 6 was passed as printed with the following correction:

Substitution of the word "thing" for the word "things" wherever it appears.

Clauses 7 to 10 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

ITEM 2 MISCELLANEOUS (ENACTMENTS)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 -
Bill No. 3/1974 published 16.1.74

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND AND REPEAL
CERTAIN ENACTMENTS.

The Minister of Labour spoke to the motion.

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.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Labour replied on behalf of the Minister of Finance.

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 3 RENT CONTROL (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 4/1974 published 21.1.74

The Minister of Housing moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO IMPOSE CONTROLS ON RENTS.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Housing 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.

ITEM 4 GUARANTEE OF LOANS (PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND COMPANIES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 5/1974 published 21.1.74

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE GUARANTEE OF LOANS (PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND COMPANIES) ACT 1971.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance 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.

MOTIONS

ITEM 5 CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS (EXEMPTION FROM DUTIES)
(NO. 3) ORDER 1973 (NO. 165)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309. (now Customs Act, Chapter 82:01), confirm the Customs (Exemption from Duties) (No. 3) Order 1973 (No. 165), which was made on the 13th December, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 31st December, 1973.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

ITEM 6 CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (IMPOSITION)
ORDER 1973 (NO. 166)

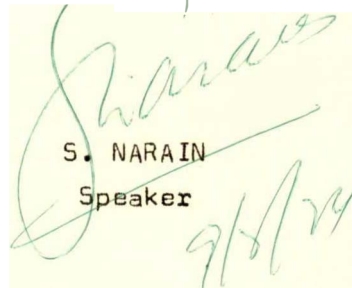
The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309 (now Customs Act, Chapter 82:01), confirm the Customs Duties (Imposition) Order 1973 (No. 166), which was made on the 13th December, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 31st December, 1973.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.10 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
9/2/74

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
7th February, 1974.