

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 29th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 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)
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture (Absent - on leave)

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 (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
The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Housing (Absent - on leave)

Ministers (6)

- The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture (Absent - on leave)
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House
The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education
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)
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)
- # 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
- 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 (10)

- Mr. J.N. Aaron
- Mrs. L.M. Branco
- Mr. M. Corrica
- Mr. E.H.A. Fowler (Absent - on leave)
- 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

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Deputy Speaker
- Mrs. E. DaSilva (Absent - on leave)

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

Non elected Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

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

- (i) Dr. Reid,
- (ii) Mr. S.S. Naraine,
- (iii) Miss Field-Ridley, and
- (iv) Mr. Fowler,

for that sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Consumption Tax (Amendment)(No. 2) Order 1974 (No. 18), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, on the 30th of January, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 31st of January, 1974.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1974

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 1/1974.

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. 1/1974 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$1,525,605 - Uncovered Advances from the Contingencies Fund in 1973.

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:

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RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with 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. 1/1974 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$1,525,605 - Uncovered Advances from the Contingencies Fund in 1973."

BILLS - Second Reading - Deferred

ITEM 2 - RICE FARMERS (SECURITY OF TENURE) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 6/1974 published 2.2.74

ITEM 4 - HOUSING OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR ESTATES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 8/1974 published 6.2.74

His Honour the Speaker informed the Assembly that it was agreed to defer the second reading of the Bills at items 2 and 4 on the Order Paper.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 3 - GEMMEL BACCHUS (WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 7/1974 published 5.2.74

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF A PENSION TO THE DEPENDANTS OF GEMMEL BACCHUS UNDER THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION ACT.

The Deputy Speaker spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Finance then replied.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

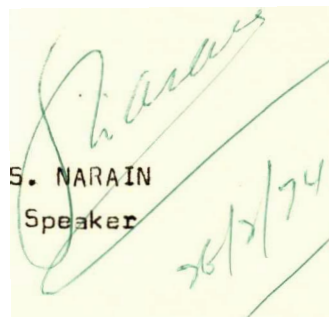
ITEM 5 - GUYANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL 1974 - Bill No. 2/1974 published 19.1.74, 26.1.74 and 2.2.74

On a motion by Miss Jaiserrisingh, the following Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GUYANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO HOLD THE PROPERTY IN GUYANA OF THE CANADIAN MISSION COUNCIL IN GUYANA AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.45 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
26/2/74

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
19th February, 1974.