

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 36th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1974

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P.

Members of the Government - People's National Congress

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
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 (Absent)
* The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Co-operatives and National
Mobilisation (Absent)
* 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 and Social
Development (Absent - on leave)
* Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)
* The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

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 - on leave)
 - * The Honourable F.U.A. Jarmichael, 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 (Absent)
- 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 (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman, Deputy Speaker

Other Members (17)

- 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
- Mrs. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition
- 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. Duncan, Mr. Salim and Mr. Corbin for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources:

Annual Report of the Forest Department for the year 1972.

(ENR: 4/9 II)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Finance:

Loan Agreement between the Caribbean Development Bank and Guyana and the Guyana Co-operative Mortgage Finance Bank (Mortgage Finance).

Loan No. 1/OR-GU. (4/2/10)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

- (1) SUGAR LEVY BILL 1974 - Bill No. 20/1974 published 20.6.74

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO IMPOSE A LEVY ON SUGAR MANUFACTURED IN GUYANA AND EXPORTED THEREFROM AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO.

- (2) SUGAR INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUNDS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1
Bill No. 21/1974 published 20.6.74

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUGAR INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUNDS ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second and Third Readings

TAX (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 16/1974
published 11.6.74

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX ACT.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The Bill was then read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed with the following corrections:

(i) Clause 2:

Substitution of the word "persons" for the word "person" in the second line of the definition of "promoter" in paragraph (a).

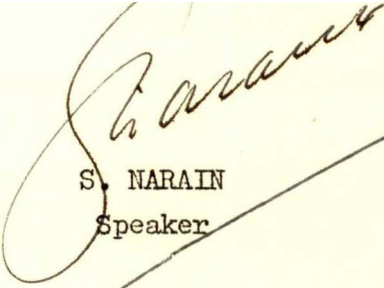
(ii) Clause 3:

(a) Substitution of the word "for" for the word "of" at the beginning of the second line of paragraph (e).

(b) Substitution of "to section 63(1)" for "section 63(1)" at the end of paragraph (e).

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.15 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 Friday, the 28th of June, 1974.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

26th June, 1974.