

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 37th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 28TH 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 (50)

Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister (2)

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., Prime Minister
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 (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 - on leave)
 - * The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance
 - * Dr. the Honourable K.F.S. King, Minister of Economic Development (Absent)
 - * The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Housing (Absent)

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)
 - * Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health
 - * The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection
(Absent)

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

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, MBIM, 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. Hoyte, Mr. Jack, Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Chowritmootoo for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Financial Paper No. 2/1974 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$41,754,520 for the period ending 15th June, 1974.

(2/5 VIII)(Circulated)

In terms of Standing Order No. 68(1), the Minister of Finance named Wednesday, 3rd July, 1974, as the day for consideration of the Financial Paper in Committee of Supply.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - CANE FARMERS REHABILITATION FUND BILL 1974 -
Bill No. 17/1974 published 20.6.74

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF CANE FARMERS OF A FUND UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CANE FARMING COMMITTEE AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

The Leader of the Opposition 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 and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 2 - NATIONAL CANE FARMING COMMITTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1
Bill No. 18/1974 published 20.6.74

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL CANE FARMING COMMITTEE ACT.

The Leader of the Opposition 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 and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed with the following correction:

Substitution of the word "Farmers" for the word "Farmers'" in the new paragraph (f) at paragraph (b) of clause 2.

ITEM 3 SUGAR LEVY BILL 1974 - Bill No. 20/1974 published 20.6.74

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

The Minister was speaking when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

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 Minister of Finance concluded his speech.

The Leader of the Opposition 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 with the following correction:

Substitution of the word "records" for "recods" in paragraph (c) of clause 7.

ITEM 4 SUGAR INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUNDS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1
Bill No. 21/1974 published 20.6.74

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

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

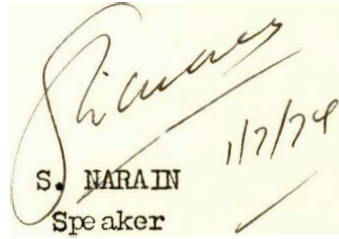
The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.40 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 Wednesday, the 3rd of July, 1974.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

1/7/74

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1st July, 1974.