

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 38th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY, 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
- * 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

Ministers (6)

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

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)
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 (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)

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

- * Non elected Minister

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

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

- (i) Mr. Carrington up to 6th July, 1974, and
- (ii) Mr. King up to 28th July, 1974.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Prime Minister:

Report and Accounts of the Guyana Airways Corporation for the year 1972.

(GSC: 2/8/1)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

PENSIONS (PRESIDENT, PARLIAMENTARY AND SPECIAL OFFICES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 22/1974

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 PENSIONS (PRESIDENT, PARLIAMENTARY AND SPECIAL OFFICES) ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1974

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 2/1974.

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. 2/1974 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$41,754,520 for the period ending 15th June, 1974.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.10 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Schedule to Financial Paper No. 2/1974.

In Committee of Supply

The Schedule to Financial Paper No. 2/1974 was considered and approved.

The motion was then put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

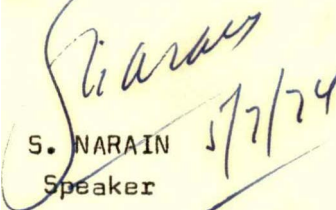
On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree 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. 2/1974 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$41,754,520 for the period ending 15th June, 1974."

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.52 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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
5th July, 1974.