

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 40th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 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 (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

* 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. Kasin, 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)
- * The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for Home Affairs (Absent)
 - * 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)

Parliamentary Secretaries (8)

- Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing (Absent)
- 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 (Absent - on leave)
- 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. Chowritnootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of
Education
- Mr. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of
Co-operatives and National Mobilisation

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 (Absent - on leave)
- Miss S. Jaiserrisingh
- Mr. K.M.E. Jonas (Absent)
- Mr. M. Nissar
- Dr. L.E. Ransahoye
- 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. (Absent - on leave)
- 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. Burnham, Mr. Ambrose, Mr. Hussain and Mr. Sukul for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture, on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Guyana Fire and Ambulance Service for the year 1972.

(HA: 1/1/2/2)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Finance:

(i) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

(T. 6 A VI)(Circulated)

(ii) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantees of Loans (Public Corporation and Companies) Act, 1971 (No. 16 of 1971) for quarter ended 31st March, 1974.

(G. 692 II)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation at First Reading

- (1) GUYANA WATER AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974
Bill No. 24/1974 published 30.7.74

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture, on behalf of the Prime Minister, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE GUYANA WATER AUTHORITY ACT 1972.

- (2) NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SURTAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1
Bill No. 26/1974 published 7.8.74

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 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SURTAX ACT 1974.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - CHURCH OF GOD IN GUYANA (INCORPORATION) BILL 1974 -
Bill No. 19/1974 published 22.6.74, 29.6.74 and
and 6.7.74

Mr. Aaron moved the second reading of the following Private Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN GUYANA TO HOLD THE PROPERTY IN GUYANA OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE CHURCH OF GOD AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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 2 - NATIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL BILL 1974 -
Bill No. 23/1974 published 23.7.74

The Minister of Economic Development moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND INCORPORATION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Economic Development replied.

The ~~motion~~ was then put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 12 were passed as printed.

Clause 14 - The following amendments by the Leader of the Opposition were put and negatived:

- (a) Deletion of the words "an auditor appointed by the Council with the approval of the Minister" at the end of subsection (1) and substitution of the words "the Director of Audit" therefor.
- (b) Deletion of the words "auditor appointed to audit the accounts of the Council under this section" in the second and third lines of subsection (2) and substitution of the words "Director of Audit" therefor.

- (c) Deletion of the word "auditor" in the second line of subsection (3) and substitution of the words "Director of Audit" therefor.

Clause 14 was then passed as printed.

Clause 15 - The following amendment by the Leader of the Opposition was put and negatived:

- Deletion of the word "auditor" in the second line of subsection (2) and substitution of the words "Director of Audit" therefor.

Clause 15 was then passed as printed.

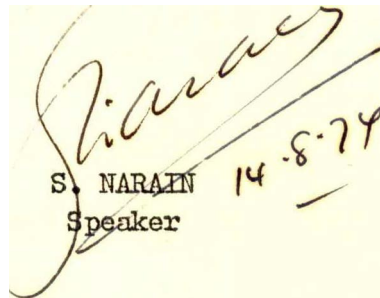
Clauses 16 to 20 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Economic Development, the Bill was read the third time and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.25 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 14-8-74

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

14th August, 1974.