

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 42nd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1974

Mrs. L.E. Willems - In the Chair

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P. (Absent - on leave)

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

Senior Ministers (8)

- The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Economic Development
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
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance (Absent)
The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Works and Housing
The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection
The Honourable G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture

Ministers (5)

- 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

Ministers of State (10)

- 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 K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/
Potaro)
The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for Home Affairs
The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State for Consumer Protection
(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 (7)

- Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and
Housing
Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works
and Housing
Miss M.M. Ackman, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime
Minister, and Government Chief Whip
Mr. E.L. Ambrose, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
Mr. S. Prashad, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives
and National Mobilisation
Mr. J.P. Chowritmootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of
Education and Social Development
Mr. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime
Minister

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman, Deputy Speaker (Absent on leave)

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 (Absent)
Mrs. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition (Absent - on leave)
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

ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO PRESIDE AT THE SITTING

In accordance with Standing Order No. 4(1), Mrs. L.E. Willems, nominated by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House and seconded by the Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister and Government Chief Whip, was elected to preside at the sitting in the absence of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

The sitting of the Assembly was, thereafter, convened with Mrs. Willems in the Chair.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

The Hon. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture, made and subscribed the oath of office.

ANNOUNCEMENTSLeave

The Presiding Member announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) the Speaker for seven weeks from 24th August, 1974,
- (b) Mr. Duncan and the Deputy Speaker for that day's sitting, and
- (c) Mr. Singh up to 30th September, 1974.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Prime Minister:

Guyana Housing Corporation Order 1974 (No.101), made under section 34 of the Public Corporations Ordinance 1962 (No. 23 of 1962), on the 27th of August, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 31st of August, 1974.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Ministry of Economic Development on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Pensions (President, Parliamentary and Special Offices) (Designation) Order 1974 (No. 111), made under the Pensions (President, Parliamentary and Special Offices) Act, Chapter 27:03, on the 5th of September, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 9th of September, 1974.

(CL: 89/16^(L))(Circulated)

- (b) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies Act, 1971 (No. 16 of 1971) for quarter ended 30th June, 1974.

(G:692^{II}) (Circulated)

(c) Report of the Directors of the New Widows and Orphans' Fund on the working of the Fund for the year 1969.

(G:105/54) (Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Labour:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security for the year 1971.

(34/811^{XIII}) (Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

(1) LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 28/1974 published 9.9.74

The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT AND TO PROVIDE FOR INCIDENTAL MATTERS.

(2) PUBLIC HEALTH (SCHOOL CHILDREN) IMMUNISATION BILL 1974 - Bill No. 29/1974 published 21.9.74

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE IMMUNISATION OF PERSONS SEEKING ENTRY INTO SCHOOLS AND DAY-CARE CENTRES AGAINST CERTAIN COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

(3) LOCAL AUTHORITIES (POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 30/1974 published 21.9.74

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS) ACT 1972.

(4) BAUXITE (PRODUCTION LEVY) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 31/1974 published 24.9.74

The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A PRODUCTION LEVY ON BAUXITE AND LATERITE WON OR EXTRACTED IN GUYANA AND FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO OR CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 46(2) AND (3)

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That paragraphs (2) and (3) of Standing Order No. 46 be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at its Sitting on Wednesday, the 25th of September, 1974, with the second reading and the remaining stages of the BAUXITE (PRODUCTION LEVY) BILL 1974 (Bill No. 31/1974).

Mrs. Da Silva spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

BILL - Second and third ReadingsITEM 2 - BAUXITE (PRODUCTION LEVY) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 31/1974
published 24.9.74

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A PRODUCTION LEVY ON BAUXITE AND LATERITE WON OR EXTRACTED IN GUYANA AND FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO OR CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Mrs. Da Silva spoke to the motion.

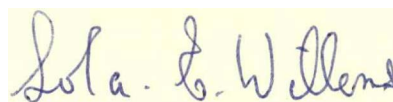
Thereafter the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources replied.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.53 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.



L.E. Willems
Presiding Member

PARLIAMENT OFFICE
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

25th September, 1974