

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 44th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 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)
Dr. the Hon. 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
* The Honourable S.S. Naraine, J.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 (Absent - on leave)
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture (Absent - on leave)
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)

Ministers of State (10)

- 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 - 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) (Absent - on leave)
- The Honourable K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/
Potaro) (Absent - on leave)
- * The Honourable C.V. Mingó, Minister of State for Home Affairs (Absent)
- * The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State for Consumer Protection
(Absent)
- * The Honourable A. Salin, 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.B. 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 (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. J.P. Chowritnootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of
Education and Social Development (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime
Minister

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (17)

- Mr. J.N. Aaron
- Mrs. L.M. Branco (Absent - on leave)
- 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 (Absent on leave)
- Mr. J.G. Ramson
- Mrs. P.A. Rayman (Absent)
- 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. Willens (Absent)

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

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

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 -

- (a) Mr. Carrington up to 5th November, 1974;
- (b) Miss Field-Ridley for six weeks from 18th October, 1974;
- (c) Mr. Bancroft up to 8th November, 1974;
- (d) Dr. Ransahoye up to 25th October, 1974, and
- (e) Mr. Duncan, Mr. Zaheeruddeen, Mr. Prashad, Mr. Chowritnootoo, Mrs. Branco and Mrs. DaSilva for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Customs (Exemption from Duties) Order 1974 (No. 124), made under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, on the 21st of September, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 3rd of October, 1974.
(F 34/1)(Circulated)
- (b) Purchase Tax (Motor Cars) Order 1974 (No. 125), made under section 5A of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 51:02, on the 21st of September, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 3rd of October, 1974.
(F 34/1)(Circulated)
- (c) Consumption Tax (Motor Vehicles)(Exemption) Order 1974 (No.126), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, on the 21st of September, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 3rd of October, 1974.
(F 34/1)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Agriculture:

- State Lands (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (No. 11), made under section 17 of the State Lands Act, Chapter 62:01, on the 19th of August, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 28th of September, 1974.
(DL: 1230/56)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

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

- (1) STATE ENTERPRISES (GUARANTEE) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 35/1974 published 17.10.74

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO IMPOSE A CHARGE ON THE CONSOLIDATED FUND FOR THE REPAYMENT OF MONIES BY THE GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO WITH FINANCIAL AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND TO AMEND THE GUARANTEE OF LOANS (PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND COMPANIES) ACT 1971.

- (2) CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 36/1974 published 21.10.74

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - NEW AMSTERDAM TOWN COUNCIL (APPRAISEMENT) BILL
Bill No. 32/1974 published 7.10.74

The Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAKING OF APPRAISEMENTS IN THE TOWN OF NEW AMSTERDAM PURSUANT TO THE CONTINUANCE IN OPERATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NEW AMSTERDAM TOWN COUNCIL ORDINANCE.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation 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 - STAMP DUTIES (MANAGEMENT) (AMENDMENT) BILL 4 -
Bill No. 34/1974 published 7.10.74

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 STAMP DUTIES (MANAGEMENT) ACT.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter 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.

MOTIONS

ITEM 3 - CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS (EXEMPTION FROM DUTIES) ORDER 1974 (No. 124)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 9 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirm the Customs (Exemption from Duties) Order 1974 (No. 124), which was made on the 21st of September, 1974, and was published in the Gazette on the 3rd of October, 1974.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ITEM 4 - CONFIRMATION OF THE PURCHASE TAX MOTOR CARS ORDER 1974 (No. 125)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 5A(5) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 51:02, confirm the Purchase Tax (Motor Cars) Order 1974 (No. 125), which was made on the 21st of September, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 3rd of October, 1974.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ITEM 5 - CONFIRMATION OF THE CONSUMPTION TAX (EXEMPTION) ORDER 1974 (No. 126) MOTOR VEHICLES

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, confirm the Consumption Tax (Motor Vehicles)(Exemption) Order 1974 (No. 126), which was made on the 21st of September, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 3rd of October, 1974.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

ITEM 6 - 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 23rd of October, 1974, with the second reading and the remaining stages of the STATE ENTERPRISES (GUARANTEE) BILL 1974 (Bill No. 35/1974 published 17th October, 1974).

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 7- - STATE ENTERPRISES (GUARANTEE) BILL 1974 - Bill No. 35/1974 published 17.10.74

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 CHARGE ON THE CONSOLIDATED FUND FOR THE REPAYMENT OF MONIES BY THE GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO WITH FINANCIAL AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND TO AMEND THE GUARANTEE OF LOANS (PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND COMPANIES) ACT 1971.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

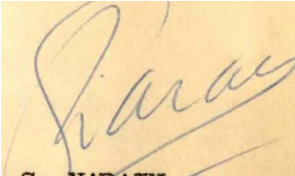
Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.40 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.
25th October, 1974.