

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 48th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 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 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  
# The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Works and Housing  
# The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent- on leave)  
# 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 D.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 (Absent)

# Non elected Minister

The Honourable M. Zaheerudden, 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)

# The Honourable F.U.A. Carmichael, Minister of State - Regional  
(North West)

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 (Absent-on leave)

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 (Absent) ✓

Mr. M. Nissar

Dr. L.E. Ramsahoye (Absent)

Mr. J.G. Ramson

Mrs. P.A. Rayman

Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.

Mr. 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. Da Silva ✓

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. King from 8th to 23rd December, 1974 and
- (b) Mr. Corbin for that day's sitting.

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

- (a) Estimates of the Revenues and Expenditure of Guyana for the financial year 1975.
- (b) Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1974 (No. 142), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, on the 31st of October, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 9th of November, 1974.

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(2) By the Minister of Works and Housing:

British Postal Orders (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (No. 15), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on the 28th of October, 1974, and published in the Gazette on the 2nd November, 1974.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingPOST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK(DISSOLUTION) BILL 1974 -  
Bill No. 38/1974

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 PROVIDE FOR  
THE DISSOLUTION OF THE POST OFFICE  
SAVINGS BANK AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED  
THEREWITH.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONAPPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1975

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified that Cabinet had recommended that the Assembly should proceed upon the motion for the approval of the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1975, totalling \$458,687,527, net of appropriation-in-aid, and excluding \$72,501,451, which is chargeable by law. (See Appendix).

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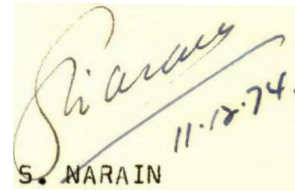
The Minister of Finance then moved the motion and ~~read~~ the Budget Speech.

The motion was then proposed.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance named Thursday, 12th December, 1974, as the day for the resumption of the debate on the motion.

ADJOURNEMENT

At 3.55 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 Thursday, 12th December, 1974.



S. NARAIN  
11.12.74.

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

11th December, 1974.

APPENDIX

MOTION BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

WHEREAS the Constitution of Guyana requires that estimates of the revenues and expenditure of Guyana for any financial year should be laid before the National Assembly not later than sixty days after the commencement of that year;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution also provides that when the estimates of expenditure have been approved by the Assembly an Appropriation Bill shall be introduced in the Assembly providing for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet that expenditure;

AND WHEREAS estimates of revenues and expenditure of Guyana for the financial year 1975 have been prepared and laid before the Assembly on 9th December, 1974;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1975, of a total sum of four hundred and fifty eight million, six hundred and eighty seven thousand, five hundred and twenty seven dollars, net of appropriation-in-aid, and excluding seventy two million, five hundred and one thousand, four hundred and fifty one dollars, which is chargeable by law, as detailed therein and summarised in the undermentioned schedule, and agree that it is expedient to amend the law and to make further provision in respect of finance.

Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
	1	Office of the President	-	121,328
I		President	-	-
	2	Supreme Court of Judicature	-	824,536
	3	Magistrates	-	1,130,677
II		Judiciary	-	-
	4	Parliament Office	-	197,471
III		Parliament	-	-
	5	Audit	-	721,623
	6	Ombudsman	-	29,605
	7	Public and Police Service Commissions	-	774,020
	8	Public Prosecutions	-	188,661
IV		Other Services not under Ministerial Control	31,000	-
	9	Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	1,502,550
	10	Guyana Defence Force	-	17,193,725
V		Prime Minister	13,301,000	-
	11	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs	-	20,872
VI		Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs	-	-
	12	Ministry of Public Corporations	-	17,530
VII		Ministry of Public Corporations	-	-
	13	Public Service Ministry	-	570,592
VIII		Public Service Ministry	3,756,650	-
	14	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	-	7,954,556
IX		Ministry of Foreign Affairs	665,300	-
	15	Attorney General	-	431,309

Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
XVI		Ministry of Agriculture IBRD/IDA Projects Second Sea Defence Project	7,710,000	-
XVI A		Ministry of Agriculture IBRD/IDA Projects Tapacuma Project	1,240,000	-
	29	Ministry of National Development	-	2,531,200
XVII		Ministry of National Development	500,000	-
	30	Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources	-	2,592,329
XVIII		Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources	7,868,500	-
	31	Ministry of Economic Development	-	1,684,963
	32	Ministry of Economic Development - Interior Development	-	684,276
XIX		Ministry of Economic Development	29,067,800	-
	33	Ministry of Regional Development	-	483,898
XX		Ministry of Regional Development	1,350,000	-
	34	Ministry of Works and Housing - (Works)	-	24,471,500
XXI		Ministry of Works and Housing (Works)	42,241,500	-
XXII		Ministry of Works and Housing (Works) - IBRD/IDA Projects - West Coast Demerara Road Project	3,450,000	-
	35	Ministry of Works and Housing - (Housing)	-	1,103,620
	36	Ministry of Works and Housing - Town and Country Planning	-	327,669

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Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
48		Ministry of Education and Social Development - Queens College	-	461,804
49		Ministry of Education and Social Development - Bishops High School	-	387,397
50		Ministry of Education and Social Development - Anna Regina Secondary School	-	161,177
51		Ministry of Education and Social Development - Berbice High School	-	279,365
52		Ministry of Education and Social Development - New Amsterdam Technical Institute	-	521,814
53		Ministry of Education and Social Development - College of Education for Secondary Teachers	-	286,887
54		Ministry of Education and Social Development - Curriculum Development Unit	-	889,757
55		Ministry of Education and Social Development - Guyana Industrial Training Centre	-	162,836
56		Ministry of Education and Social Development - Probation and Welfare Service	-	611,890
57		Ministry of Education and Social Development - Mahaica/Bygeval Secondary School - Multilateral	-	379,772
58		Ministry of Education and Social Development - Anna Regina Secondary School - Multilateral	-	547,592
59		Ministry of Education and Social Development - Bladenhall Secondary School - Multilateral	-	429,940
60		Ministry of Education and Social Development - New Amsterdam Secondary School - Multilateral	-	398,236



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Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
	72	Ministry of Labour and Social Security		817,729
	73	Ministry of Labour and Social Security - Employment Exchange Service		105,466
	74	Ministry of Labour and Social Security - Social Assistance		4,768,534
XXX		Ministry of Labour and Social Security	16,500	
	75	Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection		14,556,946
XXXI		Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection		
	76	Ministry of Finance		4,091,640
	77	Ministry of Finance - Accountant General		2,801,693
	78	Ministry of Finance - Customs and Excise		2,787,174
	79	Ministry of Finance - Inland Revenue		3,516,354
	80	Ministry of Finance - Post Office Savings Bank		100,514
	81	Ministry of Finance - Pensions and Gratui- ties		2,133,015
	82	Ministry of Finance - Public Debt		322,232
	83	Ministry of Finance - Revision of Wages, Salaries and Related Payments		20,100
XXXII		Ministry of Finance	30,720,000	
		TOTAL -	227,326,740	231,360,787