

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 60th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1975

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

Senior Ministers (8)

The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Economic Development (Absent)

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

The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Works and Housing (Absent-
on leave)

The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

The Honourable G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)

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 (Absent)

Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health

The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of Home Affairs

Ministers of State (9)

The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture
(Absent- on leave)

The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/
Corentyne) (Absent- on leave)

Non elected Minister

The Honourable P. Duncan, J.P., Minister of State - Regional
(Rupununi)

The Honourable C.A. Naecimento, Minister of State, Office of the
Prime Minister

The Honourable M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State - Regional
(Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) (Absent)

The Honourable K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/
Potaro)

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) (Absent)

Parliamentary Secretaries (7)

Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and
Housing (Absent.)

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

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

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. 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. Burnham up to 28th March, 1975,
- (b) Mr. Naraine up to 1st April, 1975, and
- (c) Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Branco for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETCBy the Minister of Finance:

Purchase Tax (Motor Cars) (Amendment) Order 1975 (No. 23), made under section 5A of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 51:02, on the 1st of March, 1975, and published in the **Gazette on the 3rd of March, 1975.**

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

- (1) KURU KURU CO-OPERATIVE COLLEGE BILL 1975 - Bill No. 11/1975 published 5.3.75

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE KURU KURU CO-OPERATIVE COLLEGE AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

- (2) LABOUR (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 12/1975 published 15.3.75

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE LABOUR ACT.

- (3) GLADTIDINGS ASSEMBLY GUYANA MISSION (INCORPORATION) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 8/1975 published 22.2.75, 1.3.75 and 8.3.75

Mr. Van Sluytman presented the following Private Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GLADTIDINGS ASSEMBLY GUYANA MISSION.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONItem 1 - CONFIRMATION OF THE PURCHASE TAX (MOTOR VEHICLES) (EXEMPTION) ORDER 1975 (NO. 16)

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 Vehicles) (Exemption) Order 1975 (No. 16), which was made on the 6th of February, 1975 and published in the Gazette on the 15th of February, 1975.

Mrs. Da Silva spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

BILLS - Second and Third ReadingsItem 2 - GENERAL LOCAL LOAN (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 9/1975 published 1.3.75

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL LOCAL LOAN 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.

Item 3 - MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 10/1975 published 1.3.75

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT.

Mrs. Da Silva spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs 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 4 - WESLEYAN CHURCH IN GUYANA (INCORPORATION) BILL 1975-
Bill No. 2/1975 published 18.1.75, 25.1.75 and 1.2.75

Mr. Aaron moved and Mrs. Willems seconded the second reading of the following Private Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESLEYAN
CHURCH OF GUYANA TO HOLD THE PROPERTY
IN GUYANA OF THE PILGRIM HOLINESS
CHURCH 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.

MOTION

Item 5 - 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 Monday, the 17th of March, 1975, with the second reading and the remaining stages of the LABOUR (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 (Bill No. 12/1975).

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

BILL - Second and Third Readings

Item 6 - LABOUR (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 12/1975 published 15.3.75

The Minister of Labour moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE LABOUR
ACT.

The Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice) spoke to the motion.

The Leader of the Opposition was speaking to the motion when it was agreed to suspend the sitting to enable Members to consider the effect of proposed amendments to the Bill.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.20 p.m. the sitting was suspended .

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.45 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Leader of the Opposition concluded his speech.

Thereafter, the motion was 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

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2: The following amendments by the Minister of Labour were put and carried.

- (i) Insertion of the words "having retrospective effect" after the words "such other date", and deletion of the words ", not being earlier than the date on which the difference to which the award relates first arose, " in paragraph (c) of subsection (4) in the proposed new section 4.
- (ii) Deletion of the proviso to paragraph (c) of subsection (4) in the proposed new section 4.
- (iii) Renumbering of subsection (6) as subsection (7), and subsection (7) as subsection (6), in the proposed new section 4.
- (iv) Substitution of the words "subsections (5) and (6)" for the words "subsection (5)" and deletion of the words ", and in subsection (5) includes an award as varied pursuant to an order made under paragraph (c) of subsection (4)" in the renumbered subsection (7).

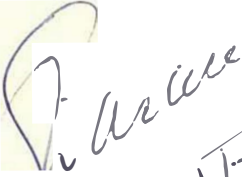
Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Labour the Bill was read the ~~third~~ time and passed as amended in Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.55 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 22/3/75

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,

22nd March, 1975.