

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 61st Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1975

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sees 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, D.E., S.C., Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development (Absent - on leave)

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 (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 (Absent)
- 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 C.V. Mingo, Minister of Home Affairs (Absent)

- 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
 The Honourable M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) (Absent)
 The Honourable K.B. Fancroft, 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) (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 (Absent)
 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
 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 (Absent - on leave)
 Dr. L.E. Ramsahoye
 Mr. J.G. Ramson
 Mrs. P.A. Rayman
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.. (Absent)
 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 -

- (i) Dr. Reid and Mr. Duncan for that day's sitting, and
- (ii) Mr. Nissar for one month from 22nd March, 1975.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

TRADE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 13/1975
published 22.3.75

The Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection, on behalf of the Government presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
TRADE ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTION

Item 1. - CONFIRMATION OF THE PURCHASE TAX (MOTOR CARS) (AMENDMENT)
ORDER 1975 (NO. 23)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in accordance with section 5A of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 51:02, confirm the Purchase Tax (Motor Cars) (Amendment) Order 1975 (No.23), which was made on the 1st of March, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 3rd of March, 1975.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

BILLS Second and Third Readings

Item 2 KURU KURU CO-OPERATIVE COLLEGE BILL 1975 - Bill No. 11/1975
published 5.3.75

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
ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE
KURU KURU CO-OPERATIVE COLLEGE AND FOR
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Mrs. Da Silva 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.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 12 were passed as printed.

Clause 13: The following amendment by the Leader of the Opposition was put and carried:

Substitution of the following for subsection (2):

"(2) The Minister shall, as soon as practicable after the submission to him of the aforesaid reports and statement of accounts, cause a copy thereof to be laid before the National Assembly."

Clause 13 was then passed as amended.

Clause 14 was passed as printed.

Clause 15: The following amendment by the Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation was put and carried:

Insertion of the words "consumption tax," after the words "customs duty;"

Clause 15 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 16 and 17 were passed as printed.

The Schedule was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

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

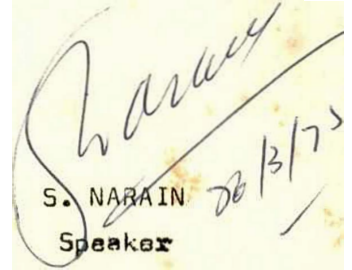
A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE
GLADTIDINGS ASSEMBLY GUYANA MISSION.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.00 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, 3rd April, 1975.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely "S. Narain", is written over a rectangular stamp. The stamp contains the text "S. NARAIN" and "Speaker" in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the stamp, the date "26/3/75" is handwritten.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
26th March, 1975.