

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 64th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MAY, 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

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 - on leave)

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

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

Ministers (6)

The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour

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 (Absent)

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

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)

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

Non elected Minister

- 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. 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) (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 (Absent)
- Mr. S. Prashad, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation
- Mr. J.P. Chowritmootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Social Development (Absent)
- Mr. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)

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
- 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 (Absent - on leave)
- Mrs. E. Da Silva

OFFICER

- Mr. M.B. Henry, AMBIM, Acting 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 Mr. Burnham, Mr. Green, Miss Field-Ridley and Mr. Duncan for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC

- (1) By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Thirteenth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Guyana Electricity Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1975.

(GSC: 5/8/1)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation:

Rose Hall Town (Constitution)(Amendment) Order 1975 (No. 44), made under section 33 of the Municipal and District Councils Act, Chapter 28:01, on the 24th of April, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 10th of May, 1975.

(LG: 11/4/1)(Circulated)

- (3) By the Minister of Finance:

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), and remained in force at 31st December, 1974.

(G. 692 II)(Circulated)

- (4) By the Minister of Works and Housing:

- (i) Post Office (Overtime)(Amendment) Regulations 1975(No.2), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on the 10th of April, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 12th of April, 1975.

(AD: 47/9)(Circulated)

- (ii) British Postal Order Regulations 1975(No.7), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on the 2nd of May, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 10th of May, 1975.

(AD: 29/3/1 II)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

- (1) WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION (AMENDMENT)
BILL 1975 - Bill No. 21/1975 published
17.5.75

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 AMEND
 THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION
 ACT.

- (2) VESTING OF PROPERTY (ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE)
BILL 1975 - Bill No. 22/1975 published 17.5.75

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR
 THE TRANSFER AND VESTING OF PROPERTY
 PURCHASED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF
 OF THE STATE.

- (3) PRISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 23/1975
published 19.5.75

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
 PRISONS ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third Readings

- ITEM 1 - BAUXITE NATIONALISATION (MODIFICATION) BILL 1975 -
Bill No. 20/1975

The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MODIFY THE
 BAUXITE NATIONALISATION ACT 1971
 CONSEQUENT ON THE INCORPORATION OF
 THE BERBICE MINING ENTERPRISE LIMITED.

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.

ITEM 2 CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY (INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 16/1975 published 12.4.75, 19.4.75 and 26.4.75

Mrs. Branco moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the second reading of the following Private Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 3 CHURCH OF CHRIST (INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 17/1975 published 12.4.75, 19.4.75 and 26.4.75

Mr. Corrica moved and Mr. Sukhu seconded the second reading of the following Private Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN GUYANA AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 4 UNIVERSAL CHURCH OF SCIENTIFIC TRUTH (INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 18/1975 published 12.4.75, 19.4.75 and 26.4.75

Mr. Van Sluytman moved and Mr. Hussain seconded the second reading of the following Private Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH OF SCIENTIFIC TRUTH IN GUYANA AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 5 SEA DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 19/1975 published 15.4.75

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE SEA DEFENCE ACT.

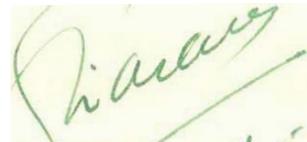
Mrs. DaSilva spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.10 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 Friday, the 23rd of May, 1975.



S. NARAIN
Speaker 23/5/75

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
23rd May, 1975