

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 66th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2. 00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 28TH 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)
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development (Absent)

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)
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)
The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance, (Absent)
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 (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 (Absent)
Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)
The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of Home Affairs

Non elected Minister

Ministers of State (9)

- The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture
(Absent - on leave)
- The Honourable D.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/
Corentyne)
- The Honourable P. Duncan, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)
- 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)

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. Chowritmootoc Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of
Education and Social Development
- Mr. R.H.D. 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 (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. K.M.E. Jonas (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. M. Nissar
- Dr. L.E. Ramsahoye
- Mr. J.G. Ramson
- Mrs. P.A. Rayman (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. (Absent)
- Mr. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.
- Mr. C. Sukul, J.P.
- Mr. H.A. Taylor (Absent)
- 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

Non elected Minister

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Mr. Carrington from 31st May to 30th June, 1975.
- (b) Mrs. Rayman for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) 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 of 1971) for quarter ended 31st March, 1975.

(G.692 II)(Circulated)

- (i) Financial Paper No. 1/1975 - Schedule of Supplementary Provisions on the Capital Estimated totalling \$17,426,800 for the period ending 30th April, 1975.

(2/5 X) (Circulated)

The Minister of Finance informed the Assembly that at the appropriate time a motion to suspend Standing Order No. 68(1) would be moved to enable the Assembly to proceed with the consideration of the Financial Paper at that sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

POLICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 24/1975

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 POLICE ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1. - SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 68 (1)

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 68 be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at its sitting on Wednesday, the 28th of May, 1975, with consideration of Financial Paper No. 1/1975.

Mrs. Da Silva spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1975

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 1/1975.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Economic Development, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1975 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates totalling \$17,426,800 for the period ending 30th April, 1975.

After consideration of the Schedule to the Financial Paper, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Economic Development the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1975 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates totalling \$17,426,800 for the period ending 30th April, 1975."

BILLS - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 3 - WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 21/1975 published 17.5.75

The Minister of Economic Development, on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION ACT.

Mrs. Da Silva spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Economic Development 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 - PRISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 23/1975 published 19.5.75

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
PRISONS 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.

ADJOURNEMENT

At 4.05 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.
2nd June, 1975