

FIRST SESSION

1973 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 67th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

FRIDAY, 20 TH JUNE, 1975

With the Deputy Speaker in the Chair

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P. (Absent - on leave)

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 (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

Ministers (6)

- The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour (Absent - on leave)
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture (Absent)
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
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) (Absent)
- The Honourable C.A. Nascimento, Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)
- The Honourable M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State, - Regional (Essequiba Coast/West Demerara) (Absent)
- The Honourable K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro)
- # The Honourable M. 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
- 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

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

OFFICERS

- 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 Deputy Speaker announced that the Speaker would be away for two weeks from that sitting and had, therefore, asked to be excused from sitting during the period.

His Honour also announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Mr. Naraine and Mr. Singh for that day's sitting
- (b) Miss Jaiserrisingh and Mr. Jonas for two months from 20th June, 1975.

Letter from the Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., M.P.

His Honour read a letter from the Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice, expressing his appreciation of the message of congratulation conveyed to him by the Clerk of the National Assembly and for the sentiments expressed in the Assembly on the occasion when the motion congratulating him on his appointment as Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat was moved.

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

- (a) Financial Paper No. 2/1975 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the current and Capital Estimates totalling \$3,253,355 for the period ending 31st December, 1974.

(2/5 X)(Circulated)

- (b) Financial Paper No. 3/1975 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$62,283,649 for the period ending 31st May, 1975.

(2/5 X)(Circulated)

In terms of Standing Order 68(1), the Minister of Finance named Wednesday, 25th June, 1975 as the day for consideration of the Financial Papers in Committee of Supply.

(2) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Annual Report of the Guyana Police Force by the Commissioner of Police for the year 1973.

(P.28/1)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

PRISON (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 25/1975
published 31.5.75

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 PRISON ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL → Second and Third Readings

POLICE (AMENDMENT)(BILL 1975 - Bill No. 24/1975 published
28.5.75

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
POLICE 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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.30 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 Wednesday, 25th June, 1975.


R.C. VAN SKUYTMAN
Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
24th June, 1975