

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 68th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH 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
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 (Absent - on leave)

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
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. Kasin, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture
The Honourable O.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

##Non elected 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 (Absent)
- 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 (Absent - on leave)
- Mr. K.M.E. Jonas (absent - on leave)
- Mr. M. Nissar
- Dr. L.E. Ramsahoye
- Mr. J.G. Ramson (Absent)
- 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 Deputy Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Kennard up to the 30th June, 1975.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Works and Housing (Communications):

Report of the Transport and Harbours Department
for the year ended 31st December, 1973.

(C-12/4/7 IV)(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1975

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 2/1975.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, 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. 2/1975 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$3,253,355 for the period ending 31st December, 1974.

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

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance 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. 2/1975 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$3,253,355 for the period ending 31st December, 1974."

ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1975

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 3/1975.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 87 (2) of the Constitution, 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. 3/1975 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$62,283,649 for the period ending 31st May, 1975.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumedSUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of Financial Paper No 3/1975.

In Committee of Supply

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

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance 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. 3/1975 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$62,283,649 for the period ending 31st May, 1975.

- Second ReadingITEM 3 - PRISON (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 25/1975 published 31.5.75

At the request of the Minister of Home Affairs consideration of the following Bill was deferred:

A BILL intitule: AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRISON ACT.

MOTIONITEM 4 - MOTION TO AMEND STANDING ORDER NO. 35(5)

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

BE IT RESOLVED:


That Standing Order No. 35 be amended by the substitution of the following for paragraph (5):

"(5) A Member shall be referred to in the Assembly either with the title "Comrade" before his surname or official designation or as the Honourable Member, Mr....."

In accordance with Standing Order No. 82 (3) the motion was referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.20 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.



R.C. Van Sluytman,
Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
2nd July, 1975.