

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 74th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1975

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, J.P., Speaker

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (50)

Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister (2)

Cde. L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

Cde. P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development

Senior Ministers (9)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Economic Development

Cde. H. Green, Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation
(Absent - on leave)

Cde. H.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)

Cde. F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A. Minister of Works and Housing (Absent - on leave)

Cde. G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture

Cde. C.L. Baird, Minister of Education and Social Development (Absent -
on leave)

Cde. F.R. Wills, S.C., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice (Absent)

Ministers (5)

Cde. W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour (Absent - on leave)

Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture (Absent -
on leave)

Cde. B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader
of the House

Cde. O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)

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

Ministers of State (9)

Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture

Cde. O.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/
Corentyne)

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

Cde. C.A. Nascimento, Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister
(Absent - on leave)

Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo
Coast/West Demerara) (Absent - on leave)

Cde. K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro) (Absent)

- # Cde. W. Haynes, Minister of State for Consumer Protection
(Absent - on leave)
- # Cde. A. Salim, Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice) (Absent)
- # Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, Minister of State - Regional (North West) (Absent)

Parliamentary Secretaries (8)

- Cde. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing
- Cde. M.M. Ackman, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, and Government Chief Whip (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. E.L. Ambrose, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. S. Prashad, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation
- Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Social Development (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. M. Corrica, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, Deputy Speaker

Other Members (16)

- Cde. J.N. Aaron
- Cde. L.M. Branco
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler
- Cde. J. Gill
- Cde. W. Hussain (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. K.M.E. Jonas (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. M. Nissar
- Cde. L.E. Ramsahoye
- Cde. J.G. Ramson
- Cde. P.A. Rayman
- Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
- Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.
- Cde. C. Sukul, J.P.
- Cde. H.A. Taylor
- Cde. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition
- Mrs. E. Da Silva

OFFICERS

- Clerk of the National Assembly (F.A. Narain)
- Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (M.B. Henry, AMBIE)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (i) Cdes. Burnham, Green, Naraine, Baird, Carrington, Field-Ridley, Mingo, Duncan, Zaheeruddeen, Thomas, Ackman, Chowritmootoo and Corbin for that day's sitting;
- (ii) Cde. Haynes for three months from 9th September, 1975, and,
- (iii) Cde. Hussain from 22nd September to 4th October 1975.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

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

- (a) Auditor's Report and Final Accounts of the Guyana Forest Industries Corporation for period 1st June, 1973 to 31st December, 1973.
(GSC: 22/8/1)(Circulated)
- (b) Accounts of the Guyana Development Corporation for the years 1970, 1971 and 1972.
(GSC: 4/6/1)(Circulated)
- (c) Audited Accounts of the Guyana Marketing Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 1969.
(GSC: 8/8/1)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Finance:

Financial Paper No. 4/1975 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$75,589,809 for the period ending 31st August, 1975.

(2/5^X)(Circulated)

In accordance with Standing Order No 68 (1), the Minister named Monday the 29th of September, 1975, as the day for consideration of the Financial Paper in Committee of Supply.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS Second Reading - DeferredITEM 1 DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 29/1975
published 26.7.75

At the request of the Leader of the Opposition, consideration of the second reading of the following Bill was deferred:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND
THE DEFENCE ACT.

ITEM 2 STATE ENTERPRISES (GUARANTEE) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 -
Bill No. 31/1975 published 17.9.75

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
STATE ENTERPRISES (GUARANTEE) ACT
1974.

The Leader of the Opposition and Mrs. Da Silva spoke to the motion.

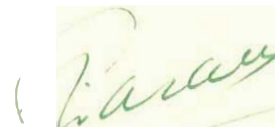
Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The question 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 2.57 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 Monday the 29th of September, 1975.



S. Narain
Speaker

27.9.75

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
27th September, 1975.