

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 78th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 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

Cde. P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development (Absent - on leave)

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.D. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

# Cde. F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance

# Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Works and Housing

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

# Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)

# Cde. C.L. Baird, Minister of Education and Social Development

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

Ministers (5)

Cde. W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour

Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture

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

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)

Cde. C.A. Nascimento, Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister

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

# Non elected Minister

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

Parliamentary Secretaries (8)

- Cde. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National  
 Development  
 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  
 Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the  
 Prime Minister  
 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  
 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 (Absent)  
 Cde. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

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

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Reid, Green and Ackman for that Day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Estimates of the Revenues and Expenditure for the financial year 1976.

(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONAPPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1976

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified that Cabinet had recommended that the Assembly should proceed upon the motion for the approval of the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1976, totalling \$552,203,022, net of appropriation-in-aid, and excluding \$111,741,771, which is changeable by law. (See Appendix).

The Minister of Finance then moved the motion and read the Budget Speech.

The motion was then proposed.

Thereafter, the Minister named Monday, 1st December, 1975, as the day for the resumption of the debate on the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.47 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, 1st December, 1975.

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 S. NARAIN  
 Speaker  
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PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
 Public Buildings,  
 Georgetown,  
 27th November, 1975.

WHEREAS the Constitution of Guyana requires that estimates of the revenues and expenditure of Guyana for any financial year should be laid before the National Assembly not later than sixty days after the commencement of that year;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution also provides that when the estimates of expenditure have been approved by the Assembly an Appropriation Bill shall be introduced in the Assembly providing for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet that expenditure;

AND WHEREAS estimates of revenue and expenditure of Guyana for the financial year 1976 have been prepared and laid before the Assembly on 24th November, 1975;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1976, of a total sum of five hundred and fifty-two million, two hundred and thirty thousand, and twenty-two dollars, net of appropriation-in-aid, and excluding one hundred and eleven million, seven hundred and forty-one thousand, seven hundred and seventy-one dollars, which is chargeable by law, as detailed therein and summarized in the undermentioned schedule, and agree that it is expedient to amend the law and to make further provision in respect of finance.

Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		Capital \$	Current \$
	1	Office of the President		132,140
I		President	29,000	
	2	<b>Supreme Court of Judicature</b>		<b>898,722</b>
	3	Magistrates		1,181,278
II		Judiciary		
	4	Parliament Office		213,262
III		Parliament		
	5	Audit		781,070
	6	Ombudsman		35,222
	7	Public & Police Service Commissions		779,607
	8	Teaching Service Commission		130,226
	9	Public Prosecutions		212,287
IV		Other Services not under Ministerial Control	30,000	
	10	Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		1,616,193
	11	Guyana Defence Force		19,833,100
V		Prime Minister	33,965,000	
	12	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs		21,917
VI		Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs		
	13	Ministry of Public Corporations		17,530
VII		Ministry of Public Corporations		
	14	Public Service Ministry		765,905
VIII		Public Service Ministry	5,609,629	
	15	Ministry of Foreign Affairs		10,115,408
IX		Ministry of Foreign Affairs	909,000	
	16	Attorney General		467,393
	17	Attorney General - Official Receiver		136,780
	18	Attorney General - Deeds Registry		199,940
X		Attorney General		
	19	Ministry of Information & Culture		4,562,802
XI		Ministry of Information and Culture	4,200,000	

Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)	AMOUNT	
		Capital \$	Current \$
	20		1,047,250
	21		17,643,850
	22		2,207,429
	23		1,591,468
	24		885,425
	25		164,800
XII	Ministry of Home Affairs	5,133,000	
	26		2,140,221
	27		12,704,719
	28		3,154,525
	29		3,129,897
XIII	Ministry of Agriculture	28,038,000	
XIV	Ministry of Agriculture IBRD/IDA Projects Livestock Development	2,200,000	
XV	Ministry of Agriculture IBRD/IDA Projects First Sea Defence Project		
XVI	Ministry of Agriculture IBRD/IDA Projects Second Sea Defence Project	5,000,000	
XVII	Ministry of Agriculture IBRD/IDA Projects Tapakuma Project	2,600,000	
	30		10,041,112
XVIII	Ministry of National Development	500,000	
	31		12,057,160
XIX	Ministry of Energy & Natural Resources	27,490,000	
XX	32 Ministry of Economic Development	34,400,000	2,309,503
	33		833,741
	34		900,561
XXI	Ministry of Regional Development	1,575,000	
	35		36,008,243

vision No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)	iv.	AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
XXII		Ministry of Works & Housing - (Works)	52,860,000	-
XXIII		Ministry of Works & Housing (Works) - IBRD/IDA Projects West Coast Demerara Road Project	5,500,000	-
	36	Ministry of Works and Housing - (Housing)	-	1,381,675
XXIV		Ministry of Works and Housing - Housing	6,400,000	-
	37	Ministry of Works and Housing (Communications)	-	878,352
	38	Ministry of Works and Housing (Communications) - Post Office	-	4,625,987
	39	Ministry of Works and Housing (Comms.) - Transport & Harbours Department	-	4,794,766
	40	Ministry of Works and Housing (Comms.) - Civil Aviation	-	1,497,716
XXV		Ministry of Works and Housing (Communications)	10,626,000	-
	41	Ministry of Education and Social Development	-	12,777,789
	42	Ministry of Education and Social Development - In Service Teacher Training Programme	-	362,375
	43	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Primary and Secondary Schools	-	36,227,535
	44	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Practical Instruction Centres	-	1,891,202
	45	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Government Training College Pre Service Teacher Training Programme	-	1,095,132
	46	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Technical Institute Georgetown	-	1,047,941
	47	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Carnegie School of Home Economics	-	178,730
	48	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Queens College	-	506,469
	49	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Bishops' High School	-	429,033
	50	Ministry of Education And Social Development - Anna Regina Secondary School	-	



Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)	V.	AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
	51	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Berbice High School		280,311
	52	Ministry of Education and Social Development - New Amsterdam Technical Institute		605,427
	53	Ministry of Education and Social Development - College of Education for Secondary Teachers		317,185
	54	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Curriculum Development Unit		1,267,697
	55	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Guyana Industrial Training Centre		185,410
	56	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Probation and Welfare Service		741,856
	57	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Bygeval/Maica Secondary School - Multilateral		465,406
	58	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Anna Regina Secondary School - Multilateral		679,642
	59	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Bladenhall Secondary School - Multilateral		496,740
	60	Ministry of Education and Social Development - New Amsterdam Secondary School - Multilateral		457,476
	61	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Christenbourg /Wismar Secondary School - Multilateral		377,884
	62	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Ruinveldt Secondary School - Multilateral		434,684
	63	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Port Kaituma Residential Secondary School		445,348
	64	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Kwakwani Residential Secondary School		106,001
	65	Ministry of Education and Social Development - Mabaruma Residential Secondary School		106,001
	66	Ministry of Education and Social Development - St. Ignatius Residential Secondary School		106,001
XXVI		Ministry of Education and Social Development	5,000,000	
XXVII		Ministry of Education and Social Development IBRD/IDA Projects - First Education Project	2,000,000	



Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
XXVIII		Ministry of Education and Social Development IBRD/IDA Projects Second Education Project	3,000,000	
	67	Ministry of Health	-	1,332,966
	68	Ministry of Health - Medical	-	5,500,168
	69	Ministry of Health - Bacteriological	-	1,034,197
	70	Ministry of Health - X-Ray	-	399,999
	71	Ministry of Health - Hospitals and Dispensaries	-	18,291,757
	72	Ministry of Health - Analyst	-	388,222
	73	Ministry of Health - Pathology	-	861,302
XXIX		Ministry of Health	8,200,000	-
	74	Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation	-	2,173,171
XXX		Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation	3,400,000	-
	75	Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation - Local Govt.	-	3,682,057
XXXI		Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation - Local Govt.	4,200,000	-
	76	Ministry of Labour and Social Sec- urity	-	1,117,264
	77	Ministry of Labour and Social Security - Employment Exchange Service	-	99,761
	78	Ministry of Labour and Social Security - Social Assistance	-	5,414,646
XXXII		Ministry of Labour and Social Security	80,000	-
	79	Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection	-	13,597,879
XXXIII		Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection	-	-
	80	Ministry of Finance	-	699,044
	81	Ministry of Finance - Accountant Gen'l	-	2,557,662
	82	Ministry of Finance - Customs & Excise	-	2,373,036
	83	Ministry of Finance - Inland Revenue	-	3,929,361
	84	Ministry of Finance - Pensions and Gratuities	-	2,401,931

Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		Capital	Current
			\$	\$
	85	Ministry of Finance - Public Debt	-	486,999
	86	Ministry of Finance - Revision of Wages, Salaries and Related Payments	-	20,100
	87	Ministry of Finance - Post Office Savings Bank	-	7
XXXIV		Ministry of Finance	8,900,000	-
TOTAL			<u>261,844,620</u>	<u>290,358,402</u>