

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 81st Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 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

Senior Ministers (9)

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

Cde. H. Green, Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation

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

Cde. G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent - on leave)

Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture (Absent - on leave)

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

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

Ministers (5)

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

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

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

Non elected Minister

- Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) (Absent)
- 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) (Absent)
- # Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, Minister of State - Regional (North West)

Parliamentary Secretaries (8)

- Cde. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development (Absent)
- 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
- 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

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 SPEAKER(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Kennard for that day's sitting.

(ii) Welcome to the Deputy Prime Minister

The Speaker, on behalf of the Members and himself welcomed back the Deputy Prime Minister who had been absent from sittings through illness.

(iii) Hours of sitting of the Assembly

The Speaker informed the Assembly that it was agreed to sit that day from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. with a break from 5.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and then from 5.30 p.m. until such time that those Heads and Divisions of the Estimates decided upon for consideration at that sitting were completed.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONAPPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1976

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1976, totalling \$552,203,022.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 1	- OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$	132,140
DIVISION 1	- OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	29,000
HEAD 7	- PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$	779,607
HEAD 10	- OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$	1,616,193
HEAD 11	- PRIME MINISTER - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$	19,833,100
DIVISION V	- PRIME MINISTER was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$	33,965,000
HEAD 13	- MINISTRY OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$	17,530
HEAD 14	- PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$	765,905
DIVISION VIII	- PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$	5,609,620
HEAD 30	- MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$	10,041,112
DIVISION XVIII	- MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$	500,000

HEAD 35 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (Works)
was passed as printed at ... \$36,008,243

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.10 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1976.

In Committee of Supply

DIVISION XXII - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (WORKS)
was passed as printed at ... \$52,860,000

DIVISION XXIII - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (WORKS)
IBRD/IDA PROJECTS WEST COAST DEMERARA
ROAD PROJECT was passed as printed
at ... \$ 5,500,000

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (HOUSING)
was passed as printed at: ... \$ 1,381,675

DIVISION XXIV - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (HOUSING)
was passed as printed at ... 6,400,000

HEAD 37 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (COM-
MUNICATIONS) was passed as printed
... \$ 878,352

HEAD 38 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (COM-
MUNICATIONS) - POST OFFICE was passed
as printed at \$ 4,625,987

HEAD 39 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (COM-
MUNICATIONS) - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS
was passed as printed at ... \$ 4,794,766

HEAD 40 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (COM-
MUNICATIONS) - CIVIL AVIATION was
passed as printed at 1,497,716

DIVISION XXV - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (COM-
MUNICATIONS) was passed as printed
at ... \$10,626,000

HEAD 74 - MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND
NATIONAL MOBILISATION was passed
as printed at ... \$ 2,178,173

DIVISION XXX - MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND
NATIONAL MOBILISATION was passed
as printed at ... \$ 3,400,000

HEAD 75 - MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND
NATIONAL MOBILISATION LOCAL
GOVERNMENT was passed as printed
at ... \$ 3,682,007

DIVISION XXXI	- MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILISATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 4,200,000
HEAD 67	- MINISTRY OF HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,322,366
HEAD 68	- MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 5,500,168
HEAD 69	- MINISTRY OF HEALTH - BACTERIOLOGICAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,034,197
HEAD 70	- MINISTRY OF HEALTH - X-RAY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 399,999
HEAD 71	- MINISTRY OF HEALTH - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$18,291,757
HEAD 72	- MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ANALYST was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 228,222
HEAD 73	- MINISTRY OF HEALTH - PALMS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 861,302
DIVISION XXIX	- MINISTRY OF HEALTH was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 8,200,000
HEAD 20	- MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,047,250
HEAD 21	- MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$17,643,850
HEAD 22	- MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,297,429
HEAD 23	- MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,591,468
HEAD 24	- MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 885,425
HEAD 25	- MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION, IMMIGRATION, BIRTHS, ETC. was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 164,860
DIVISION XII	- MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	... \$ 5,133,000

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.30 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 Thursday, 4th December, 1975.

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