

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1976

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 86th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.  
ON

THURSDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1976

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.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

# Cde. F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance (Absent - on leave)

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

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

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

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

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

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) (Absent)

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

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# Non elected Minister

- # Cde. W. Haynes, Minister of State for Consumer Protection (Absent)
- # 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)
- 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
- 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 (Absent)
- Cde. J. Gill
- Cde. W. Hussain
- Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh
- Cde. K.M.E. Jonas
- 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 - on leave)
- 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.

- # Non elected Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Reid, Green, Hope, Naraine and Taylor for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONSPrivate Bills

The Clerk read Petitions presented by -

- (i) Cde. Van Sluytman, on behalf of Mr. Henry Dolphin of 259 Forshaw Street, Georgetown, and Miss Ellen Widmer of 1 Victoria Road, Plaisance, East Coast, Demerara, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the National Spiritual Assembly of Baha'is of Guyana, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to incorporate the National Spiritual Assembly of Baha'is of Guyana.

(PARL: 3/2/2(4/1975))

- (ii) Cde. Ramson, on behalf of Rev. Wayne A. Stracener of S $\frac{1}{2}$  262 New Garden Street, Queenstown, Georgetown, and Rev. Michael C. Persaud of 88 Albert Street, Alberttown, Georgetown, Field Superintendent and District Treasurer, respectively, of the Guyana District of the Bible Missionary Church, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to incorporate the said Church.

(PARL: 3/2/2(3/1975))

The question that the Promoters be allowed to proceed was put and carried.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Prime Minister:

State Paper on Equality for Women (Sessional Paper No. 1/1976).

(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

- (i) PUBLIC HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 -  
Bill No. 1/1976 published 6.1.76

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Health, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND  
THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE.

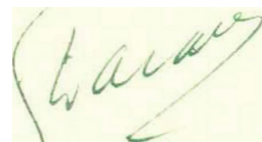
(ii) INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 -  
Bill No. 2/1976 published 10.1.76

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND  
THE INCOME TAX ACT.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.35 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.



S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

21st January, 1976.