

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1976

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 94th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 5TH MAY, 1976

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., 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. 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 (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

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 (Absent)

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)

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

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

* 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)

* Non elected Minister

Parliamentary Secretaries (6)

- Cde. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development (Absent)
- Cde. M.M. Ackman, C.C.H., 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. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)
- Cde. M. Corrica, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

Other Members (18)

- Cde. L.M. Franco
- Cde. E.M. Bynoe
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler
- Cde. J. Gill
- Cde. W. Hussain
- Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh
- Cde. K.M.E. Jonas (Absent)
- 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 (Absent)
- Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P.
- Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

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

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) Appointment of a Minister of State

The Speaker announced that he had been informed that Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, who was a Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Social Development, had been appointed a Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) with effect from 1st May, 1976.

On behalf of Members and himself, he extended congratulations and best wishes to Cde. Chowritmootoo.

(ii) Welcome to Assistant Secretary-General of the CPA

The Speaker informed Members that the Assistant Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Mr. Palitha Weerasingh, was on a visit to Guyana in connection with the arrangements for the 12th Caribbean Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

The Speaker, on behalf of Members and himself, extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Weerasingh who was present at the sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance

Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, Chapter 77:01, for the quarter ended 31st March, 1976.

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PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1976

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 1/1976.

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. 1/1976 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund on the Current and Capital Estimates during 1975, totalling \$7,240,612.

At 4.10 p.m., the Financial Paper was under consideration when the proceedings were interrupted to enable the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House to move the suspension of Standing Order No. 9.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9

On a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, Standing Order No. 9 was suspended to enable the sitting to continue without interruption.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE FINANCIAL PAPER

The Committee continued consideration of the Financial Paper.

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. 1/1976 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund on the Current and Capital Estimates during 1975, totalling \$7,240,612."

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1976

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 2/1976.

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. 2/1976 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund on the Current and Capital Estimates during 1976, totalling \$2,185,032.

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. 2/1976 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund on the Current and Capital Estimates during 1976, totalling \$2,185,032."

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1976

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 3/1976.

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. 3/1976 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current Estimates for the period ending 30th April, 1976, totalling \$3,000,005.

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

Assembly resumed.

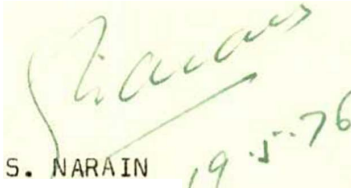
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ADJOURNMENT

At 4.50 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
19.5.76

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
19th May, 1976.