

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1976

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 103rd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1976

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

Cde. Sasa Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

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

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., M.P., Prime Minister

Deputy Prime Minister (1)

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

Senior Ministers (9)

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

\* Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives and National  
Utilisation

\* Cde. H.G. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

\* Cde. J.H. Hope, M.P., Minister of Finance

\* Cde. S.S. Naraino, J.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Housing

\* Cde. D.A. King, M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

\* Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture

\* Cde. C.L. Baird, M.P., Minister of Education and Social  
Development

\* Cde. F.R. Wills, S.C., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and  
Justice

Ministers (5)

Cde. W.G. Carrington, M.P., Minister of Labour

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

Cde. B. Ramaroop, M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and  
Leader of the House

\* Cde. O.M.R. Harper, M.P., Minister of Health

\* Cde. C.V. Mingo, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

\* Non Elected Minister

### Ministers of State (9)

- ∅ Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., M.P., Minister of State for Agriculture  
∅ Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/  
Corentyne  
∅ Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)  
# Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime  
Minister  
Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/  
Potaro)  
Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, M.P., Minister of State - Regional  
(Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)  
\*∅ Cde. W. Haynes, M.P., Minister of State for Consumer Protection  
\*∅ Cde. A. Salim, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/  
West Coast Berbice)  
\* Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional  
(North West)

### Parliamentary Secretaries (6)

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

### Other Members (19)

- Cde. L.M. Branco, M.P.  
Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P.  
Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.  
Cde. J. Gill, M.P.  
Cde. W. Hussain, M.P.  
Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh, M.P.  
Cde. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P.  
Cde. M. Nissar, M.P.  
Cde. L.E. Ramsahoye, M.P.  
Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P.  
Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.  
Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P., M.P.  
Cde. C. Sukul, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. H.A. Taylor, M.P.  
Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P.  
Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P.  
Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., M.P.

### Members of the Opposition (16)

#### (1) People's Progressive Party (14)

#### Leader of the Opposition (1)

Cde. C. Jagan, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

\* Non elected Minister

∅ Absent

# Absent on leave

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (12)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.  
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Opposition Chief Whip  
Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.  
Cde. C. Collymore, M.P.  
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P.  
Cde. L. Lalbahadur, M.P.  
Cde. B. James, M.P.  
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.  
Cde. R. Ally, M.P.  
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.  
Cde. Dindayal, M.P.  
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(2) Liberator Party (2)

# Mr. M.F. Singh, M.P.  
Mrs. E. Da Silva, M.P.

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly (F.A. Narain)  
Acting Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (A. Knight)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (i) the Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister, Cde. Nascimento,
- (ii) the Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development, Cde. Thomas,
- (iii) Cde. Belgrave, and
- (iv) Mr. M.F. Singh,

for that sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5/1976

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 5/1976

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the

∅ Absent

# Absent on leave

following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 5/1976 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 15th November, 1976, totalling \$52,904,470.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.27 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.02 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and continued consideration of the Financial Paper.

In Committee of Supply

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was still under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.05 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and continued consideration of the Financial Paper.

In Committee of Supply

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was still under consideration when the time for the adjournment of the of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 9(1)

On a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, Standing Order No. 9 (1) was suspended to enable the Assembly to sit beyond 10 o'clock that day.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and continued consideration of the Financial Paper.

The following amendments and correction to the Schedule to the Financial Paper were approved:

Amendments:

- (i) The insertion of the following as item 149 of section A (Current Estimates):

Code No            049,0001  
 Head                67 - Ministry of Health  
 Subhead            1 - Personal Emoluments  
 Voted Provision:- \$479,464  
 Previous Supplementary Provision - \$9,400  
 Supplementary Provision now sought - \$1

Notes - To provide on the Permanent Establishment Pensionable with effect from 1st November, 1976 and 1st December, 1976, inclusive, for the creation of two offices of Supernumerary Permanent Secretary on Salary range A 40.

- (ii) The reduction of the Supplementary Provision now sought at item 160 of section A (Current Estimates), by \$1.

Correction

The Supplementary Provision now sought, at item 18 of section B (Capital Estimates) was corrected to read "\$1,049,000".

The motion for the approval of the Financial Paper was then 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. 5/1976 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 15th November, 1976, totalling \$52,904,470."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12.17 a.m. on Tuesday, 30th November, 1976, 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, 9th December, 1976.

*S. Narain*  
 S. NARAIN  
 Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
 Public Buildings,  
 Georgetown,  
 3rd December, 1976