

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1977

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 117th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 1977

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, D.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, D.E., S.C., M.P., Prime Minister (Absent, on leave)

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 (Absent - on leave)

* Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation (Absent - on leave)

* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)

* Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Finance

* Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Housing

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

* Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)

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

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

Ministers (5)

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

Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, M.P., Minister of Information and Culture (Absent - on leave)

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

* Cde. D.M.R. Harper, M.P., Minister of Health

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

* Non elected Minister

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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) (Absent)
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) (Absent)
 * Cde. W. Haynes, M.P., Minister of State for Consumer Protection (Absent)
 * Cde. A. Salim, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice) (Absent)
 * 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 (Absent)
 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 (Absent - on leave)

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. (Absent)
 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)(i) People's Progressive Party (14)Leader of the Opposition (1)

Cde. C. Jagan, M.P., Leader of the Opposition (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., (Absent - on leave)

Cde. I. Basir, 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.

(ii) 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.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

TAHRIK-I-JADID AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MISSION OF GUYANA

(INCORPORATION) BILL 1976 - Bill No. 19/1976

published: Gazette - 18.12.76, 25.12.76 and 1.1.77

Newspaper: 25/12/76, 1.1.77 and 8.1.77

On a motion by Cde. Gill, seconded by Cde. Sukul, the following Private Bill was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE
INCORPORATION OF A BODY TO BE KNOWN AS
THE TAHRIK-I-JADID AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MISSION
IN GUYANA.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1977

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1977, totalling \$417,283,736.

In Committee of Supply

- HEAD 69 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as printed at ... \$ 1,442,062
- HEAD 70 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1977

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1977.

In Committee of Supply

- HEAD 70 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL was passed as printed at ... \$ 5,815,863
- HEAD 71 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - BACTERIOLOGICAL was passed as printed at ... \$ 1,012,124
- HEAD 72 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - X-RAY was passed as printed at ... \$ 412,068
- HEAD 73 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES was passed as printed at ... \$18,338,561
- HEAD 74 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ANALYST was passed as printed at ... \$ 232,500
- HEAD 75 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - PALMS was passed as printed at ... \$ 881,343
- DIVISION XXVIII - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as printed at ... \$ 4,000,000
- HEAD 21 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was passed as printed at ... \$ 823,455

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Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.37 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1977

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1977.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 22	-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$18,259,004
HEAD 23	-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,164,219
HEAD 24	-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,577,249

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.55 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, 20th January, 1977.

S. Narain
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S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
20th January, 1977