

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1977

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 123rd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 19TH MAY, 1977

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

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

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (48)

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 (8)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives

- * Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Health, Housing and Labour
- * Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
- * Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Finance
- * Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Transport
- * Cde. G.A. King, M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection
- * Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture
- * Cde. F.R. Wills, S.C., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice

Ministers (4)

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

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

- * Cde. C.V. Mingo, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs
- * Cde. V.R. Teekah, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture

Ministers of State (9)

Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne)

Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Co-operatives

Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister

* Non elected Minister

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- Cde. K.B. Bancroft, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional
(Mazaruni/Potaro)
- Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional
(Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)
- Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Health,
Housing and Labour
- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of National
Development
- * 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 (4)

- 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 Economic
Development and Co-operatives
- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education,
Social Development and Culture

Other Members (21)

- Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P.
- Cde. W.G. Carrington, M.P.
- Cde. L.A. Durant, 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. Kasim, A.A., 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., M.P.
- Cde. C. Sukul, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. H.A. Taylor, M.P.
- Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P.
- Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, M.P.

Members of the Opposition (16)

(i) People's Progressive Party (14)

Leader of the Opposition (1)

- Cde. C. Jagon, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

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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. I. Basir, M.P.
 Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P. (Absent)
 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, J.P., 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.

OATH

The Speaker informed the Assembly that he had received from Cde. William Haynes, who was declared to be an Elected Member of the National Assembly, and whose name was extracted from the People's National Congress List of Candidates, a letter dated 18th May, 1977, resigning with effect from the date of his letter.

As a seat in the National Assembly had become vacant, he had called upon the Representative of the People's National Congress List of Candidates, to further extract from the List, the name of a person who was willing to become an elected Member, to fill the vacancy, and following his call, he had been informed that the name Leonard Adolphus Durant had been extracted from the List as the person to fill the vacancy, and that Cde. Durant had been declared to be elected as a Member of the National Assembly.

As Cde. Durant was present, he then made and subscribed the Oath of Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERThanks for Sympathy on death of Cde. L.M. Branco

The Speaker informed the Assembly that a letter had been received from Cde. Barbara Denison, expressing thanks to the Members of the National Assembly for the Assembly's Resolution which had paid tribute to her mother, Cde. Lilian Maud Branco, and had extended sympathy to her on her death.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Prime Minister:

- (a) Report and Audited Accounts of the Guyana Housing Corporation for the period September 1974 to December 1975.

(GSC: 7/404/2)(Circulated)

- (b) Report and Audited Accounts of the Guyana State Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 1975.

(GSC: 1/404/2)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives:

Report of the Co-operatives Division of the Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation for the years 1970 and 1971.

(CNM: 5/1/3)(Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources:

Reports and Audited Accounts of the Guyana Timber Export Board for the years 1974 and 1975.

(ENR: 4/31)(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Pensions (President, Parliamentary and Special Offices)(Designation) Order 1977 (No. 30), made under section 2 of the Pensions (President, Parliamentary and Special Offices) Act, Chapter 27:03, on the 9th of May, 1977, and published in the Gazette on the 14th of May, 1977.

(8/1/28)(Circulated)

- (b) Loan Agreement dated 24th May, 1976, between the Government of Guyana and the Royal Bank of Canada International Limited, Libra Bank Limited, Union Commerce Bank, with Kleinwort Benson Limited as Agent.

(4/2/1/5 II)(Circulated)

- (c) Financial Agreement dated 24th May, 1976 between the Minister of Finance and Kleinwort, Benson Limited, London.

(4/2/1/5 II)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERSQuestion No. 10

Cde. Mohamed asked the Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture the following question:

QUESTION: Is the Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture aware that there is a severe lack of teachers for the 'A' level classes at the Anna Regina Multi-lateral School and will the Minister correct this situation in time to help the Sixth Form students who are taking the June 1977 G.C.E. Examination?

The Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The Minister is not aware of, nor is there a severe lack of teachers for the 'A' level classes at the Anna Regina Multilateral School.

The Sixth Form is staffed by graduates in all but one of the subjects being offered by the students taking the June 1977 G.C.E. Examinations, the exception being Biology where the teacher is a trained non-graduate with ten years teaching experience.

A Supplementary Question was asked by Cde. Mohamed.

Question No. 11

Cde. Mohamed asked the Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture the following question:

QUESTION: Is the Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture aware that there are large numbers of children of kindergarten age at Covent Garden, East Bank, Demerara, who cannot attend school at Prospect because of lack of accommodation?

Since the kindergarten at Prospect is filled to capacity, will the Minister consider establishing one for Covent Garden?

The Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The then Minister clearly stated at the time the Constitution (Amendment) Bill was being debated in 1976 that it would not be possible to accommodate all children of nursery school age immediately, and that the introduction of such education would have to be phased. I wish to state

that the need for a school at Covent Garden is being examined in the context of the needs of the whole country.

The Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture is prepared to work in co-operation with, and would welcome participation by that community, in the area under discussion, and other communities, in the establishment of nursery schools in their respective areas.

A Supplementary Question was asked by Cde. Mohamed.

Question No. 12

Cde. Ram Karan asked the Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture the following question:

QUESTION: Is the Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture aware of the fact that the Special Delegates' Conference of the Guyana Trades Union Congress at its meeting on Saturday, January 29, 1977, unanimously approved a resolution calling for the immediate employment of Guyanese Historian, Dr. Walter Rodney, at the University of Guyana?

In view of the Government's often-expressed policy of encouraging qualified Guyanese to bring home their skills and expertise and also repeated statements that its aim is socialism, does the Minister agree that it is an anomalous situation that an eminently-qualified Guyanese like Dr. Rodney, a socialist, has not been permitted for more than two years to take up the appointment of Professor of History at the University which he had been offered and had accepted?

Whatever the answer is to either of these questions, will the Minister say whether or not the decision not to employ Dr. Rodney will be re-considered as a matter of urgency?

The Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The Minister is aware of the resolution adopted at the Special Delegates' Conference of the Trades Union Congress regarding the employment of Dr. Walter Rodney at the University of Guyana.

The Minister wishes to point out that the University of Guyana Act and Statutes vest the power to make appointments in the Board of Governors of the University, with whom the General Secretary of the T.U.C. has properly raised the matter in pursuance of the resolution to which reference is made.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Readings

- (1) MARITIME BOUNDARIES BILL 1977 - Bill No. 10/1977 published 19.5.77

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE TERRITORIAL SEA, THE INTERNAL WATERS, THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND THE FISHERY ZONE OF GUYANA.

- (2) NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 - Bill No. 11/1977 published 19.5.77

The Minister of Health, Housing and Labour, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

- (3) CINEMATOGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 - Bill No. 12/1977 published 19.5.77

The Minister of Information, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE CINEMATOGRAPH ACT AND TO EFFECT A RELATED AMENDMENT TO THE ENTERTAINMENTS DUTY ACT.

- (4) CARIBBEAN FOOD CORPORATION BILL 1977 - Bill No. 13/1977 published 24.5.77

The Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO ENABLE THE IMPLEMENTATION BY GUYANA OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN FOOD CORPORATION.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third Readings

It was agreed that the Bill listed at 4 on the Order Paper be taken first.

ITEM 4 - CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 - Bill No. 7/1977
published 26.3.77

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO ALTER THE
 CONSTITUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 ARTICLE 73 THEREOF.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud was speaking to the motion when his time expired.

A motion by Cde. Ram Karran that Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud be granted an extension of time of fifteen minutes was put and carried on the following division:

FORAGAINST

Mrs. Da Silva
 Mr. Singh
 Cde. Nokta
 Cde. Dindayal
 Cde. Dalchand
 Cde. Ally
 Cde. Pasir
 Cde. Lalbahadur
 Cde. Mohamed
 Cde. Collymore
 Cde. N. Persaud
 Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud
 Cde. J. Jagan
 Cde. Ram Karran
 Cde. C. Jagan
 Cde. Zaheeruddeen
 Cde. Wrights
 Cde. Willems
 Cde. Van Sluytman
 Cde. Taylor
 Cde. Sukul
 Cde. Sukhu
 Cde. Stoby
 Cde. Rayman
 Cde. Ramson
 Cde. Ramsahoye
 Cde. Nissar
 Cde. Kasim
 Cde. Jonas
 Cde. Jaiserrisingh
 Cde. Hussain
 Cde. Gill
 Cde. Fowler
 Cde. Durant
 Cde. Carrington
 Cde. Bynoe
 Cde. Corrica
 Cde. Prashad
 Cde. Ambrose
 Cde. Ackman

Carried Forward: 40

NIL

FORAGAINST

Brought Forward: 40

NIL

Cde. Corbin
 Cde. Thomas
 Cde. Chowritmootoo
 Cde. Bancroft
 Cde. Nascimento
 Cde. Duncan
 Cde. Clarke
 Cde. Ramsaroop
 Cde. Field-Ridley
 Cde. Hoyte
 Cde. Reid

51NIL

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud concluded his speech.

Mr. Singh and Cde. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

The Leader of the Opposition was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Leader of the Opposition concluded his speech.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice replied.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried on the following division:

FORAGAINSTDECLINED TO VOTE

Mrs. Da Silva
 Mr. Singh
 Cde. Zaheeruddeen
 Cde. Wrights
 Cde. Willems
 Cde. Van Sluytman
 Cde. Taylor
 Cde. Sukul
 Cde. Sukhu
 Cde. Stoby
 Cde. Rayman
 Cde. Ramson
 Cde. Ramsahoye
 Cde. Nissar
 Cde. Kasim

Cde. Nokta
 Cde. Dindayal
 Cde. Dalchand
 Cde. Ally
 Cde. Basir
 Cde. Lalbahadur
 Cde. Mohamed
 Cde. Collymore
 Cde. N. Persaud
 Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud
 Cde. J. Jagan
 Cde. Ram Karran
 Cde. C. Jagan

Carried

Forward: 15NIL13

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Brought Forward:	15	NIL	13
Cde. Jonas			
Cde. Jaiserrisingh			
Cde. Hussain			
Cde. Gill			
Cde. Fowler			
Cde. Durant			
Cde. Carrington			
Cde. Bynoe			
Cde. Corrica			
Cde. Prashad			
Cde. Ambrose			
Cde. Ackman			
Cde. Corbin			
Cde. Thomas			
Cde. Chowritmootoo			
Cde. Bancroft			
Cde. Nascimento			
Cde. Duncan			
Cde. Clarke			
Cde. Ramsaroop			
Cde. Field-Ridley			
Cde. Hoyte			
Cde. Reid			
Cde. Burnham			
	<u>39</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>13</u>

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was put and carried on the following division:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mrs. Da Silva		
Mr. Singh		
Cde. Nokta		
Cde. Dindayal		
Cde. Dalchand		
Cde. Ally		
Cde. Basir		
Cde. Lalbahadur		
Cde. Mohamed		
Cde. Collymore		
Cde. N. Persaud		
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud		
Cde. Ram Karran		
Cde. C. Jagan		
Carried Forward:	<u>14</u>	<u>NIL</u>

FORAGAINST

Brought Forward: 14

NIL

Cde. Zaheeruddeen
 Cde. Wrights
 Cde. Willems
 Cde. Van Sluytman
 Cde. Taylor
 Cde. Sukul
 Cde. Sukhu
 Cde. Stoby
 Cde. Rayman
 Cde. Ramson
 Cde. Ramsahoye
 Cde. Nissar
 Cde. Kasim
 Cde. Jonas
 Cde. Jaiserrisingh
 Cde. Hussain
 Cde. Gill
 Cde. Fowler
 Cde. Durent
 Cde. Carrington
 Cde. Bynoe
 Cde. Corrica
 Cde. Prashad
 Cde. Ambrose
 Cde. Ackman
 Cde. Corbin
 Cde. Thomas
 Cde. Chowritmootoo
 Cde. Bancroft
 Cde. Nascimento
 Cde. Duncan
 Cde. Clarke
 Cde. Ramsaroop
 Cde. Field-Ridley
 Cde. Hoyte
 Cde. Reid
 Cde. Burnham

 51

 NIL

Clause 2 was put and carried on the following division:

FORAGAINST

Mrs. Da Silva
 Mr. Singh
 Cde. Nokta
 Cde. Dindayal
 Cde. Dalchand
 Cde. Ally
 Cde. Basir
 Cde. Lalbahadur
 Cde. Mohamed
 Cde. Collymore
 Cde. N. Persaud

 Carried Forward: 11

 NIL

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward: 11	NIL
Cde. Respu Daman Pereaud	
Cde. J. Jagan	
Cde. Ram Karan	
Cde. C. Jagan	
Cde. Zaheeruddeen	
Cde. Wrights	
Cde. Willems	
Cde. Van Sluytman	
Cde. Taylor	
Cde. Sukul	
Cde. Sukhu	
Cde. Stoby	
Cde. Rayman	
Cde. Ramson	
Cde. Ramsahoye	
Cde. Nissar	
Cde. Kasim	
Cde. Jonas	
Cde. Jaiserrisingh	
Cde. Hussain	
Cde. Gill	
Cde. Fowler	
Cde. Durant	
Cde. Carrington	
Cde. Bynoe	
Cde. Corrica	
Cde. Prashad	
Cde. Ambrose	
Cde. Ackman	
Cde. Corbin	
Cde. Thomas	
Cde. Chowritmootoo	
Cde. Bancroft	
Cde. Nascimento	
Cde. Duncan	
Cde. Clarke	
Cde. Ramsaroop	
Cde. Field-Ridley	
Cde. Hoyte	
Cde. Reid	
Cde. Burnham	
<hr/> 52 <hr/>	<hr/> NIL <hr/>

Clause 3 was put and carried on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mrs. Da Silva	
Mr. Singh	
Cde. Nokta	
Cde. Dindayal	
Cde. Dalchand	
<hr/> 5 <hr/>	<hr/> NIL <hr/>
Carried Forward:	NIL

FORAGAINST

Brought Forward: 5

NIL

Cde. Ally
 Cde. Basir
 Cde. Lalbahadur
 Cde. Mohamed
 Cde. Collymore
 Cde. N. Persaud
 Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud
 Cde. J. Jagan
 Cde. Ram Karran
 Cde. C. Jagan
 Cde. Zaheeruddeen
 Cde. Wrights
 Cde. Willems
 Cde. Van Sluytman
 Cde. Taylor
 Cde. Sukul
 Cde. Sukhu
 Cde. Stoby
 Cde. Rayman
 Cde. Ramson
 Cde. Ramsahoye
 Cde. Nissar
 Cde. Kasim
 Cde. Jonas
 Cde. Jaiserrisingh
 Cde. Hussain
 Cde. Gill
 Cde. Fowler
 Cde. Durant
 Cde. Carrington
 Cde. Bynoe
 Cde. Corrica
 Cde. Prashad
 Cde. Ambrose
 Cde. Ackman
 Cde. Corbin
 Cde. Thomas
 Cde. Chowritmootoo
 Cde. Bancroft
 Cde. Nascimento
 Cde. Duncan
 Cde. Clarke
 Cde. Ramsaroop
 Cde. Field-Ridley
 Cde. Hoyte
 Cde. Reid
 Cde. Burnham

Clause 4 - The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice moved the following amendment:

Substitution of the following clause for clause 4:

- "Alteration of article 20 of the Constitution. 4. Article 20 of the Constitution is hereby altered in the following respects -
- (a) by the substitution of the following definition for the definition of the expression "disciplined force" -
- ' "disciplined force" means -
- (a) a naval, military or aid force;
- (b) a police force;
- (c) a prison service; or
- (d) a fire service; and
- (b) by the substitution of the word "attorney-at-law" for the word "advocate" in the definition of the expression "legal representative".

The amendment was put and carried on the following division

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mrs. Da Silva	
Mr. Singh	
Cde. Nokta	
Cde. Dindayal	
Cde. Dalchand	
Cde. Ally	
Cde. Basir	
Cde. Lalbahadur	
Cde. Mohamed	
Cde. Collymore	
Cde. N. Persaud	
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud	
Cde. J. Jagan	
Cde. Ram Karran	
Cde. C. Jagan	
Cde. Zaheeruddeen	
Cde. Wrights	
Cde. Willems	
Cde. Van Sluytman	
Cde. Taylor	
Cde. Sukul	
Cde. Sukhu	
Cde. Stoby	
Cde. Rayman	
Cde. Ramson	
Cde. Ramsahoye	
Cde. Nissar	
Cde. Kasim	

Carried Forward: 28

NIL

FORAGAINST

Brought Forward: 28

NIL

Cde. Jonas
 Cde. Jaiserrisingh
 Cde. Hussain
 Cde. Gill
 Cde. Fowler
 Cde. Durant
 Cde. Carrington
 Cde. Bynoe
 Cde. Corrica
 Cde. Prashad
 Cde. Ambrose
 Cde. Ackman
 Cde. Corbin
 Cde. Thomas
 Cde. Chowritmootoo
 Cde. Bancroft
 Cde. Nascimento
 Cde. Duncan
 Cde. Clarke
 Cde. Ramsaroop
 Cde. Field-Ridley
 Cde. Hoyte
 Cde. Reid
 Cde. Burnham

52NIL

Clause 4 as amended was put and carried on the following division:

FORAGAINST

Mrs. Da Silva
 Mr. Singh
 Cde. Nokta
 Cde. Dindayal
 Cde. Dalchand
 Cde. Ally
 Cde. Basir
 Cde. Lalbahadur
 Cde. Mohamed
 Cde. Collymore
 Cde. N. Persaud
 Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud
 Cde. J. Jagan
 Cde. Ram Karran
 Cde. C. Jagan
 Cde. Zaheeruddeen
 Cde. Wrights
 Cde. Willems
 Cde. Van Sluytman
 Cde. Taylor
 Cde. Sukul

Carried Forward: 21NIL

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward:	21	NIL
	Cde. Sukhu	
	Cde. Stoby	
	Cde. Rayman	
	Cde. Ramson	
	Cde. Ramsahoye	
	Cde. Nissar	
	Cde. Kasim	
	Cde. Jonas	
	Cde. Jaiserrisingh	
	Cde. Hussain	
	Cde. Gill	
	Cde. Fowler	
	Cde. Durant	
	Cde. Carrington	
	Cde. Bynoe	
	Cde. Corrica	
	Cde. Prashad	
	Cde. Ambrose	
	Cde. Ackman	
	Cde. Corbin	
	Cde. Thomas	
	Cde. Chowritmootoo	
	Cde. Bancroft	
	Cde. Nascimento	
	Cde. Duncan	
	Cde. Clarke	
	Cde. Ramsaroop	
	Cde. Field-Ridley	
	Cde. Hoyte	
	Cde. Reid	
	Cde. Burnham	
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	52	NIL
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Clause 5 was put and carried with the following division:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
	Mrs. Da Silva	
	Mr. Singh	
	Cde. Nokta	
	Cde. Dindayal	
	Cde. Dalchand	
	Cde. Ally	
	Cde. Basir	
	Cde. Lalbahadur	
	Cde. Mohamed	
	Cde. Collymore	
	Cde. N. Persaud	
	Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud	
	Cde. J. Jagan	
	Cde. Ram Karran	
	Cde. C. Jagan	
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Carried Forward:	15	NIL
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FORAGAINST

Brought Forward: 15

NIL

Cde. Zaheeruddeen
 Cde. Wrights
 Cde. Willems
 Cde. Van Sluytman
 Cde. Taylor
 Cde. Sukul
 Cde. Sukhu
 Cde. Stoby
 Cde. Rayman
 Cde. Ramson
 Cde. Ramsahoye
 Cde. Nissar
 Cde. Kasim
 Cde. Jonas
 Cde. Jaiserrisingh
 Cde. Hussain
 Cde. Gill
 Cde. Fowler
 Cde. Durant
 Cde. Carrington
 Cde. Bynoe
 Cde. Corrica
 Cde. Prashad
 Cde. Ambrose
 Cde. Ackman
 Cde. Corbin
 Cde. Thomas
 Cde. Chowritmootoo
 Cde. Bancroft
 Cde. Nascimento
 Cde. Duncan
 Cde. Clarke
 Cde. Ramsaroop
 Cde. Field-Ridley
 Cde. Hoyte
 Cde. Reid
 Cde. Burnham

52NILClause 6 was put and carried on the following division:FORAGAINST

Mrs. Da Silva
 Mr. Singh
 Cde. Nokta
 Cde. Dindayal
 Cde. Dalchand
 Cde. Ally
 Cde. Basir
 Cde. Lalbahadur
 Cde. Mohamed
 Cde. Collymore
 Cde. N. Persaud
 Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud
 Cde. J. Jagan
 Cde. C. Jagan

Carried Forward: 14NIL

FORAGAINST

Brought Forward: 14

Cde. Zaheeruddeen
 Cde. Wrights
 Cde. Willems
 Cde. Van Sluytman
 Cde. Taylor
 Cde. Sukul
 Cde. Sukhu
 Cde. Stoby
 Cde. Rayman
 Cde. Ramson
 Cde. Ramsahoye
 Cde. Nissar
 Cde. Kasim
 Cde. Jonas
 Cde. Jaiserrisingh
 Cde. Hussain
 Cde. Gill
 Cde. Fowler
 Cde. Durant
 Cde. Carrington
 Cde. Bynoe
 Cde. Corrica
 Cde. Prashad
 Cde. Ambrose
 Cde. Ackman
 Cde. Corbin
 Cde. Thomas
 Cde. Chowritmootoo
 Cde. Bancroft
 Cde. Nascimento
 Cde. Duncan
 Cde. Clarke
 Cde. Ramsaroop
 Cde. Field-Ridley
 Cde. Hoyte
 Cde. Reid
 Cde. Burnham

51NILClause 7 was put and carried on the following division:FORAGAINST

Mrs. Da Silva
 Mr. Singh
 Cde. Zaheeruddeen
 Cde. Wrights
 Cde. Willems
 Cde. Van Sluytman
 Cde. Taylor
 Cde. Sukul
 Cde. Sukhu
 Cde. Stoby

Cde. Nokta
 Cde. Dindayal
 Cde. Dalchand
 Cde. Ally
 Cde. Basir
 Cde. Lalbahadur
 Cde. Mohamed
 Cde. Collymore
 Cde. N. Persaud
 Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud

Carried Forward: 1010

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward: 10	10
Cde. Rayman	Cde. J. Jagan
Cde. Ramson	Cde. Ram Karran
Cde. Ramsahoye	Cde. C. Jagan
Cde. Nissar	
Cde. Kasim	
Cde. Jonas	
Cde. Jaiserrisingh	
Cde. Hussain	
Cde. Gill	
Cde. Fowler	
Cde. Durant	
Cde. Carrington	
Cde. Bynoe	
Cde. Corica	
Cde. Prashad	
Cde. Ambrose	
Cde. Ackman	
Cde. Corbin	
Cde. Thomas	
Cde. Chowritmootoo	
Cde. Bancroft	
Cde. Nascimento	
Cde. Duncan	
Cde. Clarke	
Cde. Ramsaroop	
Cde. Field-Ridley	
Cde. Hoyte	
Cde. Reid	
Cde. Burnham	
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Clause 8 was put and carried on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mrs. Da Silva	
Mr. Singh	
Cde. Nokta	
Cde. Dindayal	
Cde. Dalchand	
Cde. Ally	
Cde. Basir	
Cde. Lalbahadur	
Cde. Mohamed	
Cde. Collymore	
Cde. N. Persaud	
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud	
Cde. J. Jagan	
Cde. Ram Karran	
Cde. C. Jagan	
Cde. Zaheeruddeen	
Cde. Wrights	
Cde. Willems	
Cde. Van Sluytman	
Cde. Taylor	
Cde. Sukul	
<hr/> 21 <hr/>	<hr/> NIL <hr/>
Carried Forward:	

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward:	21	NIL
	Cde. Sukhu	
	Cde. Stoby	
	Cde. Rayman	
	Cde. Ramson	
	Cde. Ramsahoye	
	Cde. Nissar	
	Cde. Kasim	
	Cde. Jonas	
	Cde. Jaiserrisingh	
	Cde. Hussain	
	Cde. Gill	
	Cde. Fowler	
	Cde. Durant	
	Cde. Carrington	
	Cde. Bynoe	
	Cde. Corriea	
	Cde. Prashad	
	Cde. Ambrose	
	Cde. Ackman	
	Cde. Corbin	
	Cde. Thomas	
	Cde. Chowritmootoo	
	Cde. Bancroft	
	Cde. Nascimento	
	Cde. Duncan	
	Cde. Clarke	
	Cde. Ramsaroop	
	Cde. Field-Ridley	
	Cde. Hoyte	
	Cde. Reid	
	Cde. Burnham	
	<hr/> 52 <hr/>	<hr/> NIL <hr/>

Clause 9 was put and carried on the following division:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
	Mrs. Da Silva	
	Mr. Singh	
	Cde. Nokta	
	Cde. Dindayal	
	Cde. Dalchand	
	Cde. Ally	
	Cde. Basir	
	Cde. Lalbahadur	
	Cde. Mohamed	
	Cde. Collymore	
	Cde. N. Persaud	
	Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud	
	Cde. J. Jagan	
	Cde. Ram Karran	
	Cde. C. Jagan	
Carried Forward:	<hr/> 15 <hr/>	<hr/> NIL <hr/>

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward:	15	NIL
	Cde. Zaheeruddeen Cde. Wrights Cde. Willems Cde. Van Sluytman Cde. Taylor Cde. Sukul Cde. Sukhu Cde. Stobyn Cde. Rayman Cde. Ramson Cde. Ramsahoye Cde. Nissar Cde. Kasim Cde. Jonas Cde. Jaiserrisingh Cde. Hussain Cde. Gill Cde. Fowler Cde. Durant Cde. Carrington Cde. Bynoe Cde. Corrica Cde. Prashad Cde. Ambrose Cde. Ackman Cde. Corbin Cde. Thomas Cde. Chowritmootoo Cde. Bancroft Cde. Nascimento Cde. Duncan Cde. Clarke Cde. Ramsaroop Cde. Field-Ridley Cde. Hoyte Cde. Reid Cde. Burnham	
	<u>52</u>	<u>NIL</u>

Clause 10 was put and carried on the following division:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
	Mrs. Da Silva Mr. Singh Cde. Nokta Cde. Dindayal Cde. Dalchand Cde. Ally Cde. Basir Cde. Mohamed Cde. Collymore Cde. N. Persaud Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud	
Carried Forward:	<u>11</u>	<u>NIL</u>

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward:	11	NIL

Cde. J. Jagan
 Cde. Ram Karran
 Cde. C. Jagan
 Cde. Zaheeruddeen
 Cde. Wrights
 Cde. Willems
 Cde. Van Sluytman
 Cde. Taylor
 Cde. Sukul
 Cde. Sukhu
 Cde. Stoby
 Cde. Rayman
 Cde. Ramson
 Cde. Ramsahoye
 Cde. Nissar
 Cde. Kasim
 Cde. Jonas
 Cde. Jaiserrisingh
 Cde. Hussain
 Cde. Gill
 Cde. Fowler
 Cde. Durant
 Cde. Carrington
 Cde. Bynoe
 Cde. Corrica
 Cde. Prashad
 Cde. Ambrose
 Cde. Ackman
 Cde. Corbin
 Cde. Thomas
 Cde. Chowritmootoo
 Cde. Bancroft
 Cde. Nascimento
 Cde. Duncan
 Cde. Clarke
 Cde. Ramsaroop
 Cde. Field-Ridley
 Cde. Hoyte
 Cde. Reid
 Cde. Burnham

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 NIL

The question that the Bill be reported to the Assembly was put and carried on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Mrs. Da Silva		Cde. Nokta
Mr. Singh		Cde. Dindayal
Cde. Zaheeruddeen		Cde. Ally
Cde. Wrights		Cde. Basir
Cde. Willems		Cde. Lalbahadur
Cde. Van Sluytman		Cde. Mohamed
Carried		
Forward: 6	NIL	6

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Brought Forward	6	NIL	6
Cde. Taylor			Cde. Collymore
Cde. Sukul			Cde. N. Persaud
Cde. Sukhu			Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud
Cde. Stoby			Cde. J. Jagan
Cde. Rayman			Cde. Ram Karran
Cde. Ramson			Cde. C. Jagan
Cde. Ramsahoye			
Cde. Nissar			
Cde. Kasim			
Cde. Jonas			
Cde. Jaiserrisingh			
Cde. Hussain			
Cde. Gill			
Cde. Fowler			
Cde. Durant			
Cde. Carrington			
Cde. Bynoe			
Cde. Corrica			
Cde. Prashad			
Cde. Ambrose			
Cde. Ackman			
Cde. Corbin			
Cde. Thomas			
Cde. Chowritmootoo			
Cde. Bancroft			
Cde. Nascimento			
Cde. Duncan			
Cde. Clarke			
Cde. Ramsaroop			
Cde. Field-Ridley			
Cde. Hoyte			
Cde. Reid			
Cde. Burnham			
	<u>39</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>12</u>

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended on the following division:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Mrs. Da Silva			Cde. Nokta
Mr. Singh			Cde. Dindayal
Cde. Zaheeruddeen			Cde. Dalchand
Cde. Wrights			Cde. Ally
Cde. Willems			Cde. Basir
Cde. Van Sluytman			Cde. Lalbahadur
Carried Forward	<u>6</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>6</u>

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Carried		
Forward: 6	NIL	6
Cde. Taylor		Cde. Mohamed
Cde. Sukul		Cde. Collymore
Cde. Sukhu		Cde. N. Persaud
Cde. Stoby		Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud
Cde. Rayman		Cde. J. Jagan
Cde. Ramson		Cde. Ram Karran
Cde. Ramsahoye		Cde. C. Jagan
Cde. Nissar		
Cde. Kasim		
Cde. Jonas		
Cde. Jaiserrisingh		
Cde. Hussain		
Cde. Gill		
Cde. Fowler		
Cde. Durant		
Cde. Carrington		
Cde. Bynoe		
Cde. Corrica		
Cde. Prashad		
Cde. Ambrose		
Cde. Ackman		
Cde. Corbin		
Cde. Thomas		
Cde. Chowritmootoo		
Cde. Bancroft		
Cde. Nascimento		
Cde. Duncan		
Cde. Clarke		
Cde. Ramsaroop		
Cde. Field Ridley		
Cde. Hoyte		
Cde. Reid		
Cde. Burnham		
<u>39</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>13</u>

ITEM 1 - SUGAR INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUNDS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 -
Bill No. 5/1977 published 5.2.77

The Prime Minister moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE
 SUGAR INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUNDS ACT.

The Deputy Speaker was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(2)

On a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House Standing Order No. 9(2) was suspended to permit the sitting to continue without being suspended at 6.30 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker concluded his speech.

Cde. Dalchand, Mrs. Da Silva, Cde. Lalbahadur and the Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

The Prime Minister replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee.

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 - The Prime Minister moved the following amendments:

(i) To the proposed section 8(1):

- (a) Deletion of the word "and" at the end of paragraph (b);
- (b) Relettering of paragraph (c) as paragraph (d); and
- (c) Insertion of the following paragraph as paragraph (c) -

"(c) not less than two but not more than three persons nominated collectively by the trade unions concerned in the welfare of labour workers in the sugar industry; and"

(ii) To the proposed section 8(2):

- (a) Substitution of the words "one person who is a farmer" for the words "two persons who are farmers" appearing in paragraph (b);
- (b) Substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (c) -

"(c) not less than two but not more than three persons nominated collectively by the trade unions concerned in the welfare of labour workers in the sugar industry; and "

The Deputy Speaker moved the following amendment. :

To the proposed section 8(2):

Deletion of paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d), and substitution of the following therefor:

- " (a) one cane farmer within the meaning of the National Cane Farming Committee Act;
- (b) six persons nominated by the three Trade Unions concerned with the welfare of labour workers in the sugar industry to be nominated from among their membership;
- and
- (c) one public officer.

The Chairman shall be elected from among the members. "

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud moved the following amendment:

To the proposed section 8(1):

Substitution of the words "three representatives named by the recognised unions in the sugar industry" for the words "two public officers" appearing in paragraph (c).

The amendments by Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and by the Deputy Speaker were put and negatived.

The amendments by the Prime Minister were put and carried.

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Prime Minister the Bill was then read the third time and passed as amended.

ITEM 2 - HOUSING OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR ESTATES (AMENDMENT) BILL
1977 - Bill No. 4/1977 published 5.2.77

The Minister of Health, Housing and Labour moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE HOUSING
OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR ESTATES ACT.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 - The Deputy Speaker moved the following amendment which was put and negatived:

Addition of the following proviso after paragraph (g) in the definition of "labour worker":

"Provided that if any labour worker included in the provisions of paragraphs (a) to (g) is employed by any organisation other than an exporter, the fund shall be reimbursed the same extent as the value of the benefit extended to such labour worker."

The Minister of Health, Housing and Labour moved the following amendment which was put and carried:

Insertion of the words "or any duly registered sicknurse and dispenser employed by an exporter" immediately after the word "distillery" in ~~paragraph~~ paragraph (d) of the definition of "labour worker" in the proposed section 2 of the Principal Act.

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Health, Housing and Labour the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended.

ITEM 3 - MISCELLANEOUS ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 - Bill 9/1977
published 16.4.77

The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN ENACTMENTS.

The motion was put and carried:

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 was passed as printed.

Clause 3 was passed as printed.

SCHEDULE - Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud moved the following amendments which were put and carried:

1. LANDS DEPARTMENT ACT.
Deletion of the inverted commas appearing at the end of the proposed subsection (5) of section 10 to the Lands Department Act and addition immediately thereafter of the following subsection as subsection (6):

' (6) The provisions of subsections (2) to (5) inclusive shall in so far as they apply to a representative of a trade union or an official apply mutatis mutandis to a Member of the National Assembly for the purposes of the exercise by him of the privileges and powers conferred by subsection 2(a) upon such a representative or official." '

2. STATE LANDS ACT.

Deletion of the inverted commas appearing at the end of the proposed section 37A(4) to the State Lands Act and addition immediately thereafter of the following subsection as subsection (5):

' (5) The provisions of subsections (1) to (4) inclusive shall in so far as they apply to a representative of a trade union or an official apply mutatis mutandis to a Member of the National Assembly for the purposes of the exercise by him of the privileges and powers conferred by subsection 1(a) upon such a representative or official." '

3. FORESTS ACT.

Deletion of the inverted commas appearing at the end of the proposed section 40A(4) to the Forests Act and addition immediately thereafter of the following subsection as subsection (5):

' (5) The provisions of subsection (1) to (4) inclusive shall in so far as they apply to a representative of a trade union or an official apply mutatis mutandis to a Member of the National Assembly for the purposes of the exercise by him of the privileges and powers conferred by subsection 1(a) upon such a representative or official." '

The SCHEDULE was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources the Bill was then read the third time and passed as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.17 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

30.5.77