

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1977

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 132nd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

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THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 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 (Absent - on leave)

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

Ministers (4)

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

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

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

Ministers of State (9)

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

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

- * Non Elected Minister

- Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)
- Cde. K.B. Bancroft, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro)(Absent)
- Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of State Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)(Absent - on leave)
- 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 (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)(Absent)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

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* Non elected Minister

Other Members (12)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Opposition Chief Whip (Absent)
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.
Cde. R. Ally, M.P.
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.
Cde. Dindayal, M.P.
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) Liberatory 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (i) Cdes. Burnham, Clarke and Chowritmootoo for that day's sitting; and
- (ii) Cde. Carrington for the period 15th to 17th November, 1977.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

External Loans (Limitation Increase) Order 1977
(No. 93), made under section 3(7) of the
External Loans Act, Chapter 74:08, on the
11th of November, 1977, and published in the
Gazette on the 12th of November, 1977.

(Circulated)

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - NATIONAL PARKS COMMISSION BILL 1977 - Bill No. 23/1977
published 29.10.77

The Minister of Works and Transport moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL PARKS COMMISSION, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Mr. Singh spoke to the motion.

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 Minister of Works and Transport moved the following amendment which was put and carried:

Substitution of the words "public works" for the words "physical planning" in the definition of "the Minister" in subsection (1).

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 3 to 15 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Works and Transport, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended.

ITEM 2 - STATE PLANNING COMMISSION BILL 1977 - Bill No. 24/1977
published 9.11.77

The Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Cde. N. Persaud, Mrs. ~~Da~~ Silva and Cde. Lalbahadur spoke to the motion.

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SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.03 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.45 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Singh spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives 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

Clauses 1 to 15 were passed with the following corrections to -

(i) Clause 7

The word "is" was inserted between the words "interest" and "vested" in the ninth line of subsection (1);

(ii) Clause 9

The word "supply" was substituted for the word "apply" in the third line of subsection (1);

(iii) Clause 15

The word "of" between the words "purpose" and "all" in the second line was deleted.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives, the Bill was read the third time and passed as corrected.

MOTIONITEM 3 - AFFIRMATION OF EXTERNAL LOANS (LIMITATION INCREASE) ORDER 1977 (No. 93)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 3(7) of the External Loans Act, Chapter 74:08, affirm the External Loans (Limitation Increase) Order 1977 (No. 93), which was made on the 11th of November, 1977, and published in the Gazette on the 12th of November, 1977.

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Cde. N. Persaud 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.

Cde. N. Persaud concluded his speech.

The Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.57 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
12/12/77
S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

12th December, 1977.