

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1978

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 139th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1978

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
- \* Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent)
- \* Cde. S.S. Narain, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Transport (Absent - on leave)
- \* Cde. G.A. King, M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent - on leave)
- \* 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 (Absent)

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\* Non elected Minister

Ministers of State (9)

- Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of State - (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
- 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)
- 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)(Absent)
- \* 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. (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. (Absent)
- 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. Jagan, M.P., Leader of the Opposition (Absent)

Deputy Spoker (1)

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

\* Non elected Minister

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The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Home Affairs, gave the following reply :

ANSWER

It is not true to say that Government does not permit farmers to be armed with shot guns necessary for the protection of their crops from wild animals and birds.

All deserving cases for the issue of firearm licences to obtain shot guns receive favourable consideration, on application being made.

Supplementary questions were asked by Cde. Ally

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS                    Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 -                STATE PLANNING COMMISSION: AMENDMENT BILL 1978  
Bill No. 3/1978 published 31.1.78

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

A BILL intitled AN ACT TO AMEND THE  
STATE PLANNING COMMISSION ACT 1977.

Cde. Lal bahadur was speaking to the motion when, some  
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status: a broken SITTING

At 2.24 p.m. the Speaker suspended the sitting for a short while.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 2.33 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Lal bahadur concluded his speech.

M. Singh spoke to the motion

The Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives replied.

The motion for the second reading of the State Planning Commission (Amendment) Bill 1978, was 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 following correction was made:

Deletion of the comma after the word  
"substitution" in the new subsection (2),  
and substitution therefor of the word "or".

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Clause 2 was then passed as corrected.

Clause 3 was passed as printed.

Clause 4 - The following correction was made:

Substitution of the words  
"section 4 (2)(e); or" for the words  
"section 4(2)(f);" in the last line.

Clause 4 was then passed as corrected.

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 in Committee.

ITEM 2 - GUYANA SUGAR PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION LIMITED (DISSOLUTION)  
BILL 1977 - Bill No. 28/1977 published 17.12.77

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO DISSOLVE  
THE GUYANA SUGAR PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION  
LIMITED AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR MATTERS  
INCIDENTIAL THERETO OR CONNECTED WITH.

Cde. Ramkarran spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Agriculture replied.

The motion for the second reading of the Guyana Sugar Producers' Association Limited (Dissolution) Bill 1977 was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed with the following correction in Clause 1 - The year "1978" was substituted for the year "1977" in the Short Title.

ITEM 3 - PRODUCE PROTECTION BILL 1978 - Bill No. 4/1978 published 31.1.78

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE  
BETTER PROVISION FOR THE  
PREVENTION OF PRAEDIAL LARCENY  
AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS  
INCIDENTIAL THERETO.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud 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 4.27 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud concluded his speech.

Mr. Singh and Cde. Ramkarran spoke to the motion.

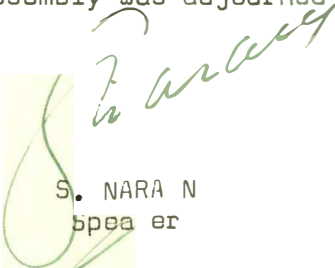
The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice replied.

The motion for the second reading of the Produce Protection Bill 1978 was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 5.46 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. NARAN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
22nd February, 1978.