

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1978

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 147th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 10TH MARCH, 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 (49)

Prime Minister (1)

L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., M.P., Prime Minister (Absent)

Deputy Prime Minister (1)

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

Senior Ministers (8)

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

- * Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Health, Housing and Labour
- * Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)
- * Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent)
- * 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)
- * Cde. M. Shahabuddeen, C.C.H., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Justice

Ministers (5)

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)
- * Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent - on leave)

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

- * 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)
- Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) (Absent)
- 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)

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 (Absent)

Other Members (21)

- Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P. (Absent)
- 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. (Absent)
- Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- 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. (Absent)
- Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, M.P.

(Members of the Opposition (15)

(i) People's Progressive Party (14)

Leader of the Opposition (1)

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

Deputy Speaker (1)

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

* Non elected Minister

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.
Cde. R. Ally, M.P.
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.
Cde. Dindayal, M.P.
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) Liberator Party (1)

Mr. M. F. Singh, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

OFFICERS

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

PRAYERS -

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Kasim and Mr. Singh for that sitting.

(ii) Death of Mrs. Elinor Da Silva

The Speaker informed Members that Mrs. Da Silva had died earlier that day.

Due to the absence from that sitting of Mr. Singh, Leader of the Party of which Mrs. Da Silva was a member, a Motion of Condolence was deferred to the next sitting on Monday, 13th March, 1978.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Denial of Outbreak of Cholera

The Minister of Health, Housing and Labour made a Statement in which he informed the Assembly that there was no outbreak of cholera in Guyana.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - RESUMPTION OF APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1978

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1978, totalling \$476,515,775.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 35	MINISTRY OF HOUSING was passed as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,547,924
DIVISION XXI	MINISTRY OF HOUSING was passed as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,450,000
HEAD 69	- MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as printed at	... \$ 1,702,124
HEAD 70	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL was passed as printed at	... \$ 6,218,810
HEAD 71	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - PATHOLOG- ICAL was passed as printed at	... \$ 1,053,593
HEAD 72	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - RADIOLOGICAL was passed as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 412,012
HEAD 73	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES was under consideration when the time... for the suspension of the sitting was reached.	

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.07 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

RESUMPTION OF APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1978

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1978.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 73	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES was passed as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 23,136,916
HEAD 74	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ANALYST was passed as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 343,476
HEAD 75	MINISTRY OF HEALTH - PALMS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 990,490
DIVISION XXVIII -	MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,100,000
HEAD 76	MINISTRY OF LABOUR was passed as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 1,045,931
HEAD 77	MINISTRY OF LABOUR - EMPLOY- MENT EXCHANGE SERVICE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 118,464

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HEAD 78

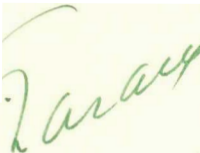

MINISTRY OF LABOUR - SOCIAL
ASSISTANCE was passed as printed
at

... \$ 5,844,026

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.47 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 Monday, 13th March, 1978.

S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

11th March, 1978