

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA.

FIRST SESSION:

1973 1978

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 149th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

TUESDAY, 14TH 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)

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
- *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. M. Shahabuddeen, C.C.H., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Justice (Absent - on leave)

Ministers (5)

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
- *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
- 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 (15)

(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

* 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. (Absent - on leave)
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.

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 Cdes. Burnham, Shahabuddeen and Mohamed for that sitting.

(ii) Sympathy on Death of Mrs. Elinor Da Silva

The Speaker informed Members that a cable had been received from the Guyana Consulate in New York expressing deep regret at the death of Mrs. Da Silva.

(iii) Donation of Blood

The Speaker reminded Members that arrangements had been made for the donation of blood to be repeated on that day

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

Statements of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, Chapter 77:01, for the quarters ended 30th September, 1977 and 31st December, 1977.

(Circulated)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERSLetter in the "Mirror" Newspaper of 10th March, 1978

The Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection made a statement in relation to a letter appearing in the "Mirror" newspaper of Friday, 10th March, 1978, under the caption "Where are the Hindu and Muslim Priests" dealing with items imported for religious purposes.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - RESUMPTION OF APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1978

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

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 79	MINISTRY OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION was <u>passed as printed at</u> ...	543,547
HEAD 27	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was <u>passed as printed at</u> ...	2,130,713

HEAD 28 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - AGRICULTURE was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.31 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 28	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - AGRICULTURE was <u>passed as printed at</u> ...	\$ 7,785,574
HEAD 29	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - LANDS AND SURVEYS was <u>passed as printed at</u> ...	2,785,817
HEAD 30	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - HYDRAULICS was <u>passed as printed at</u> ...	3,675,738

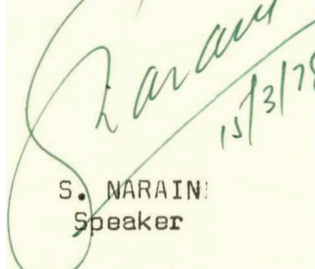
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DIVISION XIII	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$22,692,000
DIVISION XIV	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IDA PROJECTS LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 1,000,000
DIVISION XVI	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IBRD PROJECTS TAPAKUMA IRRIGATION PROJECT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 21,720,000
DIVISION XVI A	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TAPAKUMA IRRIGATION PROJECT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 6,580,000

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.14 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 Wednesday, 15th March, 1978.



S. NARAIN:
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
15th March, 1978.