

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 1978

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 159th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 22ND MAY, 1978

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (66)

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)

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 (Absent - on leave)
- \* Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Health, Housing and Labour (Absent - on leave)
  - \* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent - on leave)
  - \* 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.M., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)
  - \* Cde. M. Shahabuddeen, C.C.H., S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Justice (Absent)

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 - on leave)
  - \* Cde. V.R. Teekah, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture (Absent - on leave)
  - \* 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/Corntyne) (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Co-operatives

\*Non disclosed

- Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)
- 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)
- 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 - on leave)
- \* 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. Hussein, M.P.
- Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., M.P.
- Cde. M. Nissar, M.P.
- Cde. L.E. Rainsahoye, M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P.
- Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
- Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., M.P. (Absent)
- 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. (Absent)
- Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P.
- Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, M.P. (Absent)

#### 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

\* 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. (Absent)  
 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 (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P.  
 Mr. M.A. Abraham, 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 SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Hoyte, Green, Jack, Mingo, Teekah, Clarke, Corbin and Carrington for that sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House,  
on behalf of the Minister of Health, Housing and Labour:

International Labour Conventions and Recommendations adopted at the 54th, 55th, 56th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st and 62nd Sessions of the International Labour Conference, held in Geneva between June, 1970 and June, 1976. together with the Conclusions thereon (State Paper No. 2 of 1978).

(23/2<sup>II</sup>)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

TAX (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1978 - Bill No. 13/1978  
published 20. 5.78

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

ITEM 1. - WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 - Bill No.10/1978 published 8.5.78

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE  
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

Cde. Rām Karran spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Finance replied.

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

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

ITEM 2 - SHIPPING CASUALTIES (INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 - Bill No. 11/1978 published 8.5.78

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE  
SHIPPING CASUALTIES (INVESTIGATION  
AND PREVENTION) ACT.

Cdes. Ram Karran and Nokta and Mr. Singh spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Works and Transport replied.

The motion for the second reading of the Bill 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 2.47 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*  
20.5.78  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
24th May, 1978.

