

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION:

1973 - 1978

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 170th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1978

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (62)

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly  
Members of the Government - People's National Congress (45)

Prime Minister (1)

Cde. L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., M.P., Prime Minister

Deputy Prime Minister (1)

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

Senior Ministers (12)

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

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Transport

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. 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. 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)

\* Cde. V.R. Teekah, M.P., Minister of Education, Social Development and Culture

\* Cde. R.E. Jackson, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

\* Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent)

Ministers (2)

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

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

\* Non elected Minister

Ministers of State (10)

- Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)
- 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 (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)
- 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. S. Prashad, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice)
- Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture
- Cde. L.A. Durant, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (North West)

Parliamentary Secretaries (5)

- 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. M. Corrica, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education Social Development and Culture (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Consumer Protection
- Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development and Co-operatives

Other Members (14)

- Cde. W.G. Carrington, M.P.
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cde. J. Gill, M.P.
- Cde. W. Hussain, M.P.
- Cde. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P.
- Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P.
- Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
- Cde. A. Salim, 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. L.E. Willems, 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 (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent - on leave)

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. 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.  
Cde. P. Sukhai, M.P. (Absent)

(if) Liberator Party (2)

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC

By the Minister of Finance:

Amendment No. 1 to Project Loan Agreement between  
Guyana and the United States of America for  
Rice Modernization II - Dated September 30, 1978 -  
AID Project No. 504-0072; AID Loan No. 504-T-015,  
(ST: 3/2/4/8/1)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1978

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider  
Financial Paper No. 2/1978

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution,  
the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved  
the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of  
the proposals set out in Financial Paper  
No. 2/1978 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision  
on the Current and Capital Estimates for the  
period ended 15th November, 1978, totalling  
\$64,088,672.

The Financial Paper was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.13 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

In Committee of Supply

The Financial Paper was still under consideration when a suspension of the sitting was proposed.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.50 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.55 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

In Committee of Supply

After consideration of the Financial Paper was concluded, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

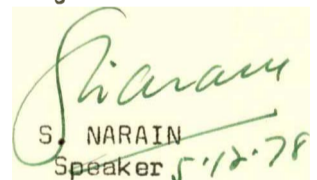
On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That ~~this National Assembly~~ agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1978 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ended 15th November, 1978, totalling \$64,088,672."

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.42 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  
Speaker 5.12.78

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown,  
5th December, 1978.