

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA.

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1979

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 175th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1979

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 (Absent)

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 (Absent - on leave)

Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Transport (Absent - on leave)

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. (Absent - on leave)

*Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent)

*Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent - on leave)

*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 (Absent)

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

*Cde. J.A. Tyndall, A.A., M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

Ministers (3)

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

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

Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister, Office of the Prime Minister

* Non elected Minister

Ministers of State (9)

- Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi) (Absent)
- Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Co-operatives
- 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 (Essequiba 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. 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) (Absent)

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. (Absent - on leave)
- 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.
- 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. (Absent)
- Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, M.P. (Absent)

Members of the Opposition (16)(1) 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

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)
Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. C.C. Bolgrave, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. R. Ally, M.P.
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.
Cde. Dindoyal, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. P. Sukhai, M.P.

(ii) 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Hoyto, Jack, Kennard, Clarke and Carrington, and Mr. Singh for that sitting.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Question No. 30

Cde. Sukhai asked the Minister of Health, Housing and Labour the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister of Health, Housing and Labour say when it is proposed to allocate the house lots which have been developed by the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund at De Willem South, West Coast Demerara, in accordance with the resolution at the 1976 Biennial Conference of the TUC?

The Minister of Health, Housing and Labour gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The allocation of house lots in the De Willem South, West Coast Demerara area will commence during the current year. A list of the applicants was approved by the Ministry and these have already been forwarded some time ago to the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund Committee for the appropriate and necessary allocation.

Perhaps, since the question has been asked I can take the opportunity to state that we have made some progress on this matter. A survey plan of the area was done and that at that time created 63 lots as approved by the Central Housing and Planning Authority as far back as 1973. Those lots at the time ranged between 6,000 and 10,000 square feet each.

Subsequently, however, a decision was taken in September of 1977 that the area should be redesigned. This was as a result of representations made by some of the very persons involved. As a result, a new layout plan was prepared and this showed 24 additional lots which made the total 87. This new layout plan was approved by the Central Housing and Planning Authority on the 2nd March last year and a resurvey was done which set out the positions of the drains, roads, etc.

The Central Board of Health issued a first certificate in September of last year which will facilitate the commencement of infrastructural works for the additional lots and consequently the entire scheme.

Cde. Sukhai asked a supplementary question.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - RENT CONTROL SPECIAL PROVISIONS BILL 1979 -
Bill No. 2 1979 published 27.1.79

The Minister of Health, Housing and Labour moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION
FOR A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD
DURING WHICH RENTS WILL BE CONTROLLED
AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Cde. Collymore spoke to the motion.

The motion 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 - MEDICAL SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 1979 -
Bill No. 1 1979 published 27.1.79

The Minister of Health, Housing and Labour moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECONSTITUTING THE MEDICAL BOARD AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS PRACTISING OSTEOPATHY AND THE REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF OSTEOPATHY IN GUYANA.

Cdo. J. Jagan spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Health, Housing and Labour replied.

The motion was then 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 The Minister of Health, Housing and Labour moved the following amendment which was put and carried:

Substitution of the following clause for clause 1

"Short title. 1. This Act, which amends the Cap. 134 of Medical Service Ordinance, may be cited as the Medical Service 1953 ed. (Amendment) Act 1979."

Clause 1 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 2 to 6 were passed as printed.

Clause 7 - The Minister of Health, Housing and Labour moved that the following clause be inserted as clause 7

"Amendment of the First Schedule to the Principal Ordinance. 7. The First Schedule to the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion of the following forms as Forms 6 and 7, respectively -

FORM 6

s. 54D

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF
OSTEOPATH

It is hereby certified that _____ residing at _____
has been duly registered as entitled to practise
osteoopathy in Guyana under the provisions of the Medical Service
Ordinance.

Chairman, Medical Board.

FORM 7

s 54E

REGISTER OF OSTEOPATHS

Name	Residence	Date of registration.	Qualification

The motion was put and carried.

Clause 7 was then passed as inserted.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Health, Housing and Labour, the
Bill was read the third time and passed as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.38 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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
14th February, 1979.