

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1979

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 127th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1979

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (63)

Speaker

Cde. Sese Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (46)

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 (Absent)

Senior Ministers (12)

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

Cde. S.S. Narain, 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 (Absent)

*Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)

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

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

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

Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister, Office of the Prime Minister (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. 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, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)
- 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.S. Durant, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (North West)
- * Cde. F.U.A. Campbell, M.P., Minister of State for Information, Ministry of National Development

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
- 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 (15)

- Cde. W.G. Carrington, C.C.H., M.P.
- Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, M.P. (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. C.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cde. J. Gill, M.P. (Absent)
- 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. (Absent - on leave)
- 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.
- Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, M.P.

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. (Absent)
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Opposition Chief Whip
Cde. N. Persaud, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. C. Collymore, M.P. (Absent)
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. Dindyal, M.P.
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.
Cde. P. Sukhai, 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 SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cdes. Burnham, Clarke and Thomas for that sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

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

Guyana Tourist and Workers Recreational
Facilities Development Board Order 1979
(No. 24), made under section 46 of the
Public Corporations Act, Chapter 19:05,
on the 22nd of March, 1979, and published
in the Gazette on the 24th of March, 1979.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1979

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1979.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 16	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$13,637,859
DIVISION IX -	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	380,000
HEAD 8	TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	297,219
HEAD 41	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	16,171,497
HEAD 42	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - CULTURE was <u>passed as printed</u> at...		1,386,533
HEAD 43	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - IN-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	370,081
HEAD 44	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	49,742,679
HEAD 45	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - NURSERY SCHOOLS was <u>passed as</u> <u>printed</u> at	...	8,156,000
HEAD 46	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	3,110,966
HEAD 47	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - CYRIL POTTER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	1,111,976
HEAD 48	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, GEORGETOWN was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	1,053,936
HEAD 49	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	194,755
HEAD 50	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - QUEEN'S COLLEGE was <u>passed as printed</u> at...		573,428
HEAD 51	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - BISHOPS' HIGH SCHOOL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...	460,660

HEAD 52	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - ANNA REGINA SECONDARY SCHOOL was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$.2
HEAD 53	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - BERBICE HIGH SCHOOL was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...		281,772
HEAD 54	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - NEW AMSTERDAM TECHNICAL INSTITUTE was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...		759,407
HEAD 55	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - LILIAN DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...		313,665
HEAD 56	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT UNIT was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...		874,966
HEAD 57	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - GUYANA INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...		229,703
HEAD 58	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - PROBATION AND WELFARE SERVICE was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...		863,054
HEAD 59	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - BYGEVAL/MAHAICA SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...		522,800
HEAD 60	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - ANNA REGINA SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...		734,336
HEAD 61	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - BLADEN HALL SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...		582,026
HEAD 62	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - NEW AMSTERDAM SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...		622,801
HEAD 63	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - CHRISTIANOURG/WISMAR SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...		494,031

HEAD 64	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - RUIMVELDT SECONDARY SCHOOL - MULTILATERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	560,000
HEAD 65	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - PORT KAITUMA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL (RESIDENTIAL) was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 577,700
DIVISION XXV -	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 7,543,000
DIVISION XXVII -	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE - IDA PROJECTS - SECOND EDUCATION PROJECT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at...	... 10,000,000

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.57 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.22 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1979.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 20	- MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	...\$ 3,716,921
DIVISION XI	- MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... 796,000

Assembly resumed.

The Minister of Finance reported to the Assembly that the Committee of Supply had concluded consideration and had approved of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1979.

Increases totalling \$359,166 were made to the following

Heads:

(i)	Head 1 Office of the President	-\$46,540
(ii)	Head 28 Ministry of Agriculture - Agriculture	- 47,567
(iii)	Head 30 Ministry of Agriculture - Hydraulics	- 81,684
(iv)	Head 32 Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources	-183,375

The Estimates as presented at \$620,270,952, were increased by \$359,166 and passed at \$620,630,118.

Thereafter, the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1979, was amended as follows:-

- (i) Resolve Clause: Substitution of the words "six hundred and twenty million, six hundred and thirty thousand, one hundred and eighteen dollars" for the words " six hundred and twenty million, two hundred and seventy thousand, nine hundred and fifty-two dollars".

- (ii) Schedule:
- (a) Head 1 Office of the President:
Substitution of "\$245,943" for "\$199,403".
 - (b) Head 28 Ministry of Agriculture - Agriculture:
Substitution of "\$7,833,288" for "\$7,785,721".
 - (c) Head 30 Ministry of Agriculture Hydraulics
Substitution of "\$4,189,781" for "\$4,108,097".
 - (d) Head 32 Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources:
Substitution of "\$3,008,847" for "\$2,825,472".

The motion as amended was then put and carried.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 12

On a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, and with the leave of the Speaker, Standing Order No. 12 was suspended to enable the Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives to introduce the APPROPRIATION BILL 1979 at that stage.

APPROPRIATION BILL 1979 - Bill No. 6/1979 published 29.3.79

Presentation and First Reading

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives signified Cabinet's recommendation and presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

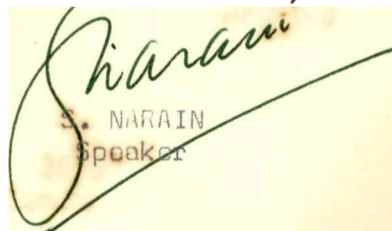
A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND OF THE SUM NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPENDITURE (NOT OTHERWISE LAWFULLY CHARGED ON THE CONSOLIDATED FUND) OF GUYANA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1979, ESTIMATES WHEREOF HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF THAT SUM FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONSTITUTION.

Second and Third Readings

On motions by the Minister of Economic Development and Co-operatives, the Bill was read a second and the third times and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.55 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 Friday, 30th March, 1979.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
30th March, 1979.