

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 5th Sitting of the National Assembly under the Constitution of Guyana, held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1972

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P.

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (37)

Elected Ministers (12)

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, S.C., Prime Minister (Absent)
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture (Absent - on leave)
The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture
The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Works and Communications
The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour and Social Security
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information, Culture and Youth
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House
The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Health
The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of Home Affairs
The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for the Public Service
The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of Co-operatives and Community Development
The Honourable A. Salim, Minister of Local Government

Appointed Ministers (7)

The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Attorney-General (Absent)
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Public Affairs
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests
The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education
The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance and Trade
Dr. the Honourable K.F.S. King, Minister of Economic Development (Absent)
The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Housing and Reconstruction

Parliamentary Secretaries (4)

- Mr. J.G. Joaquin, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Trade
 Mr. P. Duncan, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development and Agriculture
 Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Information, Culture and Youth
 Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Communications

Other Members (14)

- Mr. J.N. Aaron
 Miss M.M. Ackman, Government Whip
 Mr. K. Bancroft
 Mr. N.J. Bissember
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. E.F. Correia
 Mr. M. Corrica
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
 Mr. R.J. Jordan
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
 Mr. M. Zahæruddeen, J.P.
 Mrs. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition (23)People's Progressive Party (17)

- Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C. (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. (Absent)
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. L.A. Durant
 Mr. V. Teekah

United Force (3)

- Mr. M.F. Singh (Absent - on leave)
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton (Absent - on leave)

Independents (3)

- Mr. R.E. Cheeks (Absent)
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco

OFFICERS

- Mr. F.A. Narain, Clerk of the National Assembly
 Mr. M.B. Henry, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Sutton for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Private Bill

The Clerk read a Petition presented by Mr. Bissember on behalf of the Attorney and the Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Guyana, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Bill to amend the Assemblies of God (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1958 (No. 18), to provide for the controlling authority of the body to be in Guyana instead of in the United States of America.

The question that the promoters be allowed to proceed was put and carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS)
BILL 1972 - Bill No. 12/1972 published 22.11.72

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE POST-
PONEMENT OF ELECTIONS OF COUNCILLORS OF LOCAL
AUTHORITIES AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THERE-
WITH.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5/1972

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance and Trade 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. 5/1972 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st October, 1972, totalling \$7,188,422.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was then considered.

The following corrections were made to the Schedule:

CURRENT ESTIMATES

- Item 11 Substitution of "B7" for "A7" in the notes.
- Item 18 Deletion of "Grade II" from paragraph (c) of Section B of the notes.
- Item 25 (i) Insertion of "on the unfixed establishment" between "regrading" and "of" in Section B of the notes.
- (ii) Substitution of "\$62,660" for "\$67,740" under paragraph (n) of the notes.
- Item 71 Substitution of "January" for "September" in Section B of the notes.
- Item 76 Substitution of "January" for "September" in the notes.

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

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Schedule to Financial Paper No. 5/1972.

In Committee of Supply

The following corrections were made to the Schedule:

CURRENT ESTIMATES

- Item 103 Substitution of "January" for "October" in paragraph (b) of the notes.

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- Item 123 (i) Substitution of the following for paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of Section A of the notes:
- " (d) two posts of Class I Clerk on the A25 salary scale;
 - (e) eleven posts of Class II Clerk on the A32 salary scale;
 - (f) twelve posts of ~~Stenotypist~~ and Typist/Clerk on the A32 salary scale; "
- (ii) Substitution of the following for paragraphs (i), (j) and (k) of Section B of the notes:
- " (i) three posts of Class I Clerk on the A25 salary scale;
 - (j) four posts of Class II Clerk on the A32 salary scale;
 - (k) one post of ~~Stenotypist~~ and Typist/Clerk on the A32 salary scale; "
- (iii) Substitution of "165,502" for "\$190,786" in paragraph (y) of Section B of the notes.

CAPITAL ESTIMATES

- Item 5 Substitution of "58,653.02" for "\$58,654" in the notes.

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

Assembly resumed.

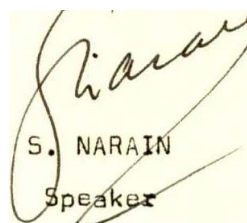
On a motion by the Minister of Finance and Trade the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

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. 5/1972 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st October, 1972, totalling \$7,188,422."

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.12 p.m., on a motion by the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 24th of November, 1972.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
24th November, 1972.