

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 6th 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

FRIDAY, 24TH 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 (Absent - on leave)
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 - (Absent - on leave)
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 (Absent)
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 (Absent)

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 (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
 Mr. R.J. Jordan
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, 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 Karan
 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)
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

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. Hoyte, Mr. Haynes and Mr. Corrica for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Speaker (Chairman, Committee of Selection):

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Thursday, the 23rd of November, 1972.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS DUTIES (EXEMPTION FROM IMPORT DUTIES)(NO. 3) ORDER 1972 (NO. 72)

The Minister of Finance and Trade moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm the Customs Duties (Exemption from Import Duties)(No. 3) Order 1972 (No. 72), which was made on the 31st of August, 1972, and published in the Gazette on the 9th of September, 1972.

ITEM 2 MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS DUTIES (EXEMPTION FROM IMPORT DUTIES)(NO. 2) ORDER 1972 (N. 74)

The Minister of Finance and Trade moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm the Customs Duties (Exemption from Import Duties)(No. 2) Order 1972 (No. 74), which was made on the 8th of August, 1972, and published in the Gazette on the 23rd of September, 1972.

ITEM 3 MOTION TO CONFIRM CONSUMPTION TAX ORDER 1972 (NO. 82)

The Minister of Finance and Trade moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act 1969 (No. 13), confirm the Consumption Tax Order 1972 (No. 82), which was made on the 20th of October, 1972, and published in the Gazette on the 21st of October, 1972.

Mr. Ram Karran and the Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance and Trade replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ITEM 4 MOTION TO CONFIRM CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT) ORDER, NO. 2 OF 1972 (NO. 86)

The Minister of Finance and Trade moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act 1969 (No. 13), confirm the Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order, No. 2 of 1972 (No. 86), which was made on the 3rd of November, 1972, and published in the Gazette on the 4th of November, 1972.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 5 PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1972 - Bill No. 10/1972 published 15.11.72

The Minister of Mines and Forests, on behalf of the Prime Minister, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ORDINANCE 1962.

Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Mines and Forests replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was thereafter read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 was passed with the following correction:

Substitution of "(c) for "(e)" in the first line of paragraph (a).

Clause 3 - The following amendments by the Minister of ~~Mines~~ and Forests were put and carried:

- (i) Substitution of the word "any" for the word "and" immediately before the word "shares" in the third line;
- (ii) Insertion of the words "where it appears for the second time" immediately before the word "and" in the fifth line;
- (iii) Insertion of a closing bracket ')' immediately after the word "Guyana" in the last line.

Clause 3 was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Mines and Forests the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

ITEM 6 SUGAR INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUNDS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL
1972 - Bill No. 11/1972 published 15.11.72

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISION FOR THE MAKING OF DISBURSEMENTS OUT OF THE SPECIAL FUNDS ESTABLISHED BY THE SUGAR INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUNDS ORDINANCE AS EX GRATIA PAYMENT OF PENSIONS TO LABOUR WORKERS IN THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

The Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Lall spoke to the motion

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.

The Minister of Finance and Trade replied.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 was passed as printed.

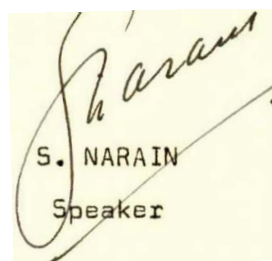
The Preamble was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance and Trade the Bill was read the third time and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.50 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 Thursday, the 30th of November, 1972.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
28th November, 1972.