

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 9th 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, 7TH DECEMBER, 1972

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speakers

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

Independents (3)

- Mr. R.E. Cheeks
 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.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance and Trade:

Estimates of the Revenues and Expenditure of Guyana
for the financial year 1973.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

MOTION TO APPROVE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1973

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance and Trade signified that the Cabinet had recommended that the Assembly should proceed upon the motion for the approval of the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1973, totalling \$277,712,944, net of appropriation-in-aid, and excluding \$41,070,930, which is chargeable by law (See Appendix).

The Minister of Finance and Trade then moved the motion and read the Budget Statement.

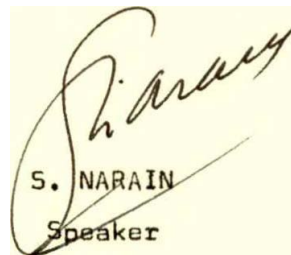
Then motion was then proposed.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance and Trade named Monday, 11th December, 1972, as the day for the resumption of the debate on the motion.

Copies of the Estimates, the motion and the Budget Speech were then circulated to the Members.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.40 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Information, Culture and Youth, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, the 11th of December, 1972.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
9th December, 1972.

APPENDIX

MOTION BY MINISTER OF FINANCE AND TRADE

WHEREAS the Constitution of Guyana requires that estimates of the revenues and expenditure of Guyana for any financial year should be laid before the National Assembly not later than sixty days after the commencement of that year;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution also provides that when the estimates of expenditure have been approved by the Assembly an Appropriation Bill shall be introduced in the Assembly providing for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet that expenditure;

AND WHEREAS estimates of revenues and expenditure of Guyana for the financial year 1973 have been prepared and laid before the Assembly on 7th December, 1972:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1973, of a total sum of two hundred and seventy seven million, seven hundred and twelve thousand, nine hundred and forty four dollars, net of appropriation-in-aid, and excluding forty one million and seventy thousand, nine hundred and thirty dollars, which is chargeable by law, as detailed therein and summarized in the undermentioned schedule, and agree that it is expedient to amend the law and to make further provision in respect of finance.

Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		AMOUNT	
			Capital	Current \$
	1	Office of the President		72,288
1		President	-	
	2	Supreme Court of Judicature		612,019
	3	Magistrates		896,974
11		Judiciary	15,000	
	4	Parliament Office		121,600
111		Parliament		
	5	Audit		494,377
	6	Ombudsman		19,955
	7	Public and Police Service Commissions		261,505
	8	Public Prosecutions		126,106
IV		Other Services not under Ministerial Control		
	9	Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		345,535
	10	Prime Minister - Guyana Defence Force		8,769,900
V		Prime Minister	807,900	
	11	Ministry of Public Affairs		
VI		Ministry of Public Affairs		
	12	Ministry of Public Corporations		10,450
VII		Ministry of Public Corporations		
	13	Public Service Ministry		409,172
VIII		Public Service Ministry	730,000	
	14	Ministry of Foreign Affairs		4,216,385
IX		Ministry of Foreign Affairs	436,000	
	15	Attorney General		272,959
	16	Attorney General - Official Receiver		99,226
	17	Attorney General - Deeds Registry		132,100
X		Attorney General		
		C/Forward	1,988,900	16,860,551

Division No (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
		B7Fwd.	1,988,900	16,860,551
	18	Ministry of Information, Culture and Youth		2,279,800
XI		Ministry of Information, Culture and Youth	1,609,000	
	19	Ministry of Home Affairs		467,136
	20	Ministry of Home Affairs - Police		8,926,256
	21	Ministry of Home Affairs - Prisons		1,228,650
	22	Ministry of Home Affairs - Fire Protection Services		1,027,684
	23	Ministry of Home Affairs - Registration and Elections		555,209
	24	Ministry of Home Affairs - Probation and Welfare Service		437,296
	25	Ministry of Home Affairs - Registration, Immigration, Births etc.		125,203
XII		Ministry of Home Affairs	1,305,900	
	26	Ministry of Local Government		864,046
XIII		Ministry of Local Government	561,500	
	27	Ministry of National Development and Agriculture		991,558
	28	Ministry of National Development and Agriculture - Agriculture		3,026,485
	29	Ministry of National Development and Agriculture - Lands		811,070
	30	Ministry of National Development and Agriculture - Interior Development		507,399
	31	Ministry of National Development and Agriculture - Land Development		1,296,863
XIV		Ministry of National Development and Agriculture	14,814,126	
XV		Ministry of National Development and Agriculture - IBRD/IDA Projects Livestock Development	1,578,803	
		C/Forward	21,858,235	39,405,206

Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
		B/Forward	21,858,235	39,405,206
	32	Ministry of Mines and Forests		1,471,719
XVI		Ministry of Mines and Forests	2,356,590	
	33	Ministry of Economic Development		1,709,394
XVII		Ministry of Economic Development	18,864,000	
	34	Ministry of Works & Communications (Communications)		399,236
	35	Ministry of Works & Communications - Post Office		3,025,868
	36	Ministry of Works & Communications - Transport and Harbours		1,893,998
	37	Ministry of Works & Communications - Civil Aviation		754,357
XVIII		Ministry of Works & Communications - Communications	4,261,319	
	38	Ministry of Works & Communications (Works)		5,826,206
	39	Ministry of Works & Communications Works - (Annually Recurrent)		9,681,754
XIX		Ministry of Works & Communications (Works)	38,883,650	
XX		Ministry of Works & Communications	4,470,000	
XXI		Ministry of Works & Communications Works, IBRD/IDA Projects	7,084,000	
XXII	Minist	Ministry of Works & Communications IBRD/IDA Projects	3,809,000	
	40	Ministry of Education		6,016,668
	41	Ministry of Education - In Service Teacher Training Programme		174,092
		C/Forward	<u>101,596,794</u>	<u>70,358,499</u>

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			Capital \$	Current \$
		B/Fwd.	101,586,794	70,358,499
	42	Ministry of Education - Primary, Multi-Lateral and Secondary Schools		17,958,667
	43	Ministry of Education - Practical Instruction Centre		784,402
	44	Ministry of Education - Government Training College Pre Service Teacher Training Programme		223,517
	45	Ministry of Education - Technical Institute Georgetown		549,761
	46	Ministry of Education - Carnegie School of Home Economics		111,609
	47	Ministry of Education Queens College		328,934
	48	Ministry of Education - Bishops High School		265,258
	49	Ministry of Education - Anna Regina Secondary School		122,335
	50	Ministry of Education Berbice High School		202,599
	51	Ministry of Education - Technical Institute New Amsterdam		289,055
XII		Ministry of Education	1,912,400	
XXIII		Ministry of Education - IBRD/IDA Projects	6,262,950	
	52	Ministry of Health		774,952
	53	Ministry of Health - Medical		3,146,117
	54	Ministry of Health - Bacteriological		434,359
	55	Ministry of Health - X-Ray		221,355
	56	Ministry of Health - Hospitals and Dispensaries etc.		8,338,859
	57	Ministry of Health - Analyst		147,655
	58	Ministry of Health - Palms		554,577
		C/Forward	109,762,144	104,812,510

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			Capital \$	Current \$
		B/Forw.	109,762,144	104,812,510
XXIV		Ministry of Health	2,373,500	
	59	Ministry of Housing and Reconstruction		1,464,045
	60	Ministry of Housing and Reconstruction - Town and Country Planning		206,187
XXV		Ministry of Housing and Reconstruction	4,075,000	
	61	Ministry of Co-operatives and Community Development		939,521
XXVI		Ministry of Co-operatives and Community Development	4,441,845	
	62	Ministry of Labour and Social Security		591,277
	63	Ministry of Labour and Social Security - Employment Exchange Service		75,312
	64	Ministry of Labour and Social Security - Social Assistance		3,790,477
XXVII		Ministry of Labour and Social Security	232,324	
	65	Ministry of Trade		3,269,305
XXVIII		Ministry of Trade		
	66	Ministry of Finance - Ministry of Finance		266,966
	67	Ministry of Finance - Accountant General		1,974,338
	68	Ministry of Finance - Customs		1,879,386
	69	Ministry of Finance Inland Revenue		2,296,107
	70	Ministry of Finance - Post Office Savings Bank		72,945
	71	Ministry of Finance - Pensions and Gratuities		888,355
	72	Ministry of Finance - Public Debt		<u>10,000</u>
		C/Forward	120,884,815	<u>122,536,731</u>

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			Capital \$	Current \$
		E/Fwd.	120,884,813	122,536,731
	73	Ministry of Finance - Revision of Wages, Salaries and Related Payments		10,000,200
XXIX		Ministry of Finance	24,291,200	
			\$145,176,013	\$132,536,931