

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 11th 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

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 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  
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture  
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 (Absent)  
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 (Absent)  
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  
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  
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 (Absent)  
 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.  
 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 (Absent)  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton (Absent)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Hoyte for that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1973

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1973, totalling \$277,712,944. (See Appendix to the Minutes of 7th December, 1972)

The Deputy Speaker concluded his speech.

Dr. Ramsahoye spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Attorney-General was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

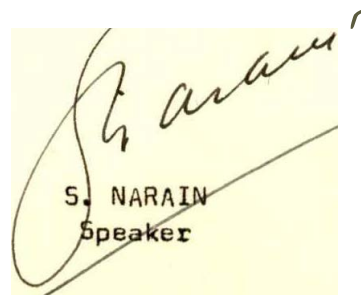
At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Attorney-General concluded his speech.

Mr. Durant, Mr. Bholu Persaud, Mrs. Willems and Mr. Stoby spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.40 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Information, Culture and Youth, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 13th of December, 1973.



S. NARAIN  
Speaker

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Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
13th December, 1972.