

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 14th 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, 15TH DECEMBER, 1972

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P., M.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
The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour and Social and 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 (Absent - on leave)
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
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 (Absent)
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
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 - on leave)
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 PETITIONS

Private Bill

The Clerk read a Petition presented by Miss Ackman, on behalf of Dr. A. Carlyle Miller, of 167 Fifth Street, Campbellville, Georgetown, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to incorporate the Guyana Missionary Baptist Church.

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

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)

Mr. Ram Karran concluded his speech.

Mr. Ambrose and Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Housing and Reconstruction 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 Housing and Reconstruction concluded his speech.

Mr. Wilson, Mr. Aaron, the Leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Business Sub-Committee of the Committee of Supply (His Honour the Speaker) reported, in accordance with

paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 64 (Business Sub-Committee), that the Business Sub-Committee met on 14th December, 1972, and passed a Resolution in terms of the matters set out in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 i.e. on the allocation of time for the consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure in Committee of Supply.

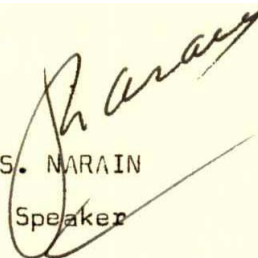
(Copies of the Resolution and of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee were circulated to Members on 14th December, 1972.)

Thereafter, on a motion by the Minister of Finance and Trade, the Committee of Supply agreed with the Business Sub-Committee in the said Resolution.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8.15 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 Monday, the 18th of December, 1972.



S. MRAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
18th December, 1972.