

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 16th 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, 19TH 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
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 (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 (Absent)
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

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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
 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.
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. L.A. Durant (Absent)
 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1973

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1973, totalling \$277,712,944. (See Appendix to Minutes of the 7th of December, 1972)

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 20 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was passed as printed at	\$ 8,926,256
HEAD 21 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS was passed as printed at	... \$ 1,228,650
HEAD 22 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was passed as printed at	... \$ 1,027,684
HEAD 23 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.	

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 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 to resume consideration of the 1973 Estimates of Expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 23 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS was passed as printed at..	\$ 555,209
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HEAD 24 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PROBATION
AND WELFARE SERVICE was passed as
printed at 437,2

HEAD 25 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION,
IMMIGRATION, BIRTHS, ETC. was passed as
printed at 125,2

DIVISION XII - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was
passed as printed at ... \$ 1,305,9

HEAD 26 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The following amendment by Mr. Remington
was put and negatived:

Reduction of the Head by \$4,500 by leaving
out subhead 17 - Allowances to Members
of Local Government Board.

HEAD 26 was then passed at ... 864,0
with the following change at item (5)
of subhead 1:

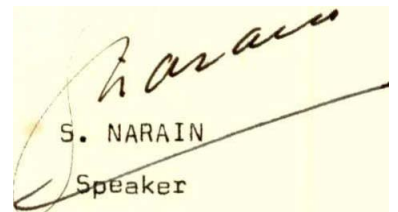
Substitution of the words "Assistant
Secretary" for the words "Executive
Officer and Secretary Local Govern-
ment Board" with effect from the
23rd of September, 1972.

DIVISION XIII - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT was
passed as printed at \$ 561,5

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.10 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 Wednesday, the 20th of December, 1972.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
20th December, 1972.