

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 17th 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

WEDNESDAY, 20TH 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 (Absent)
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 (Absent - on leave)
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 (Absent - on leave)
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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)
The Honourable H.U. 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

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. Logan, 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. (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
 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 PETITIONSPrivate Bill

The Clerk read a Petition presented by Mr. Saffee on behalf of the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Limited, of 27, 28 and 29 Robb and Hincks Streets, Georgetown, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to amend the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Fire Insurance Company Ordinance, Chapter 210.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingTAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1972 -- Bill No. 14/1972

The Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Trade, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX
ORDINANCE.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSMOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1973

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of 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 32 - MINISTRY OF MINES AND FORESTS was
passed as printed at \$ 1,471,719
with the following changes at
subhead 1:

- (1) Amendment of item (2) to read two (2) posts of Principal Assistant Secretaries instead of one (1) post of Principal Assistant Secretary.
- (2) Amendment of item (3) to read three (3) posts of Assistant Secretaries instead of two (2) posts of Assistant Secretaries.
- (3) Amendment of item (4) to read two (2) posts of Economists instead of one (1) post of Economist.
- (4) Amendment of total Establishment 1973 to read "309" instead of "306".

DIVISION XVI - MINISTRY OF MINES AND FORESTS

was passed as printed at

₹ 2,356,590

HEAD 14 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was

recommitted on a motion by the Minister
of Foreign Affairs and Attorney-General.

The following amendments by the Minister
of Foreign Affairs and Attorney-General were
put and carried:

- (1) Insertion of a new item (18) after item (17)
to read

4 Principal Foreign Service Officers
F6: ₹30,961, with consequential
changes in the numbering of sub-
sequent items.

- (2) Amendment of old item (18) now item (19)
to read 7 instead of 9 in 1973 Establish-
ment: ₹72,240 instead of ₹92,880 in
1973 Estimates.

- (3) Amendment of Total Personal Emoluments in
1973 Estimates to read ₹2,288,506 instead
of "₹2,278,185".

- (4) Amendment of Total Establishment 1973 to
read "133" instead of "131".

- (5) Amendment of Grand Total: Head 14 in 1973
Estimates to read ₹4,226,706.

At this stage consideration of the Estimates was suspended
to enable the Committee to proceed with the motion to approve
Financial Paper No. 6/1972.

ITEM 2 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 6/1972

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the
Minister of Finance and Trade signified the Cabinet's recommenda-
tion and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve
of the proposal set out in Financial Paper
No. 6/1972 - Schedule of Supplementary
Provision on the Capital Estimates for the
period ending 15th December, 1972, totalling
₹1,069,058.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper 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 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Schedule to Financial Paper No. 6/1972.

In Committee of Supply

After consideration of the Schedule to the Financial Paper the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance and Trade the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposal set out in Financial Paper No. 6/1972 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Capital Estimates for the period ending 15th December, 1972, totalling \$1,069,058."

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1973

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1973.

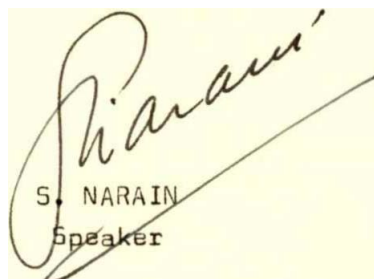
In Committee of Supply

HEAD 27 - MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE was passed as printed at... \$ 991,558

HEAD 28 - MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE - AGRICULTURE was passed as printed at \$ 3,026,485

Assembly resumed.ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 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 21st of December, 1972.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
21st December, 1972.