

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 19th 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, 22ND 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 (Absent)  
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 (Absent)  
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests (Absent)  
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. Narain, 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 (Absent - on leave)  
 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. (Absent)  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bhola Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. L.A. Durant  
 Mr. V. Teekah

United Force (3)

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

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. Duncan and Mr. Sutton for that day's sitting.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing the resumption of mass bombing on an unprecedented scale of North and South Vietnam by the United States of America.

His Honour the Speaker did not allow the claim as he was not satisfied that the matter qualified as one which could properly be raised on a motion for the adjournment of the Assembly.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION 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 34 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNICATIONS) was passed as printed at	399,236
HEAD 35 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS - POST OFFICE was passed as printed at	... \$ 3,025,868
HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNICATIONS) - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was passed as printed at...	\$ 1,893,998
HEAD 37 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNICATIONS) - CIVIL AVIATION was passed as printed at	... 754,357
DIVISION XVIII - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS was passed as printed at	... \$ 4,261,319
with the substitution of the follow- ing for the note to subhead 12:	
"To provide for the construction of dredging barge and 3 hopper barges."	

Assembly resumed.CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

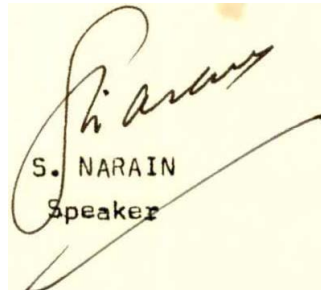
His Honour the Speaker, on behalf of the Staff of Parliament Office and himself, extended Christmas Greetings to the Members of the Assembly and their families and to the Press.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ram Karran, Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Cheeks thanked His Honour and reciprocated the Greetings to him and his family and to the Staff of Parliament Office and also extended greetings to the Press.

His Honour the Speaker, on behalf of his family, the Staff of Parliament Office, and himself, thanked the Members.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.20 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 27th of December, 1972.



S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
27th December, 1972.