

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972 - 1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 24th 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

THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1973

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 (Absent)  
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Public Affairs  
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. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Absent)

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 (Absent)

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. 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  
 Mr. J.G. Ramson

Members of the Opposition (23)People's Progressive Party (15)

- Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition  
 Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Jr. 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  
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally  
 Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P. (Absent - on leave) ✓  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. V. Teekah (Absent) ✕

United Force (3)

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

Independents (5)

- Mr. R.E. Cheeks  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. (Absent - on leave)  
 Mr. L.A. Durant (Absent - on leave)

OFFICERS

- Mr. F.A. Narsin, Clerk of the National Assembly  
 Mr. M.B. Henry, AMBIM, 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 -

- (a) Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud for one week from 12th February, 1973, and
- (b) Mr. Stoby and Mr. Durant for that sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE

Before the commencement of Public Business, the Leader of the Opposition referred, as a matter of privilege, to the question concerning the seating in the Assembly of a Member of Parliament. He was ruled out of order on the ground that the matter was not raised as required by Standing Order No. 26.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 2.30 p.m., on account of disorder arising in the Assembly the sitting was suspended for fifteen minutes.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 2.45 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

WITHDRAWAL OF REMARKS

At the request of the Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition withdrew the unparliamentary remarks concerning the Chair which he had made before the sitting was suspended.

MOTIONS

ITEM 1      MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1973

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 1/1973.

In Committee of Supply

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1973 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision - Uncovered Advances from the Contingencies Fund in 1972, totalling \$1,818,958.

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 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of Financial Paper No. 1/1973.

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 proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1973 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision - Uncovered Advances from the Contingencies Fund in 1972, totalling \$1,818,958."

ITEM 2 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1973

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 2/1973.

In Committee of Supply

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1973 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st January, 1973, totalling \$1,280,276.

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 proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1973 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st January, 1973, totalling \$1,280,276."

ITEM 3 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS DUTIES ORDERS (NOS. 3 AND 9 OF 1973)

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

WHEREAS Government has decided to increase the export levy on shrimp exported from Guyana and at the same time to formalise the concessions to trawler owners operating out of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS in pursuance of the said decision the Minister of Finance and Trade, on the 18th of January, 1973, made the Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 1973 (No. 3), in terms of section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, which was published in the Official Gazette of Saturday, the 20th of January, 1973;

AND WHEREAS in the said Order paragraph "45" which was intended to be referred to therein was inadvertently referred to as paragraph "40";

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance and Trade, on the 26th of January, 1973, made the Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1973 (No. 9), in terms of section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, which was published in the Official Gazette of Saturday, the 27th of January, 1973, correcting the said inadvertence referred to:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm both Orders No. 3 and 9 of 1973.

Mr. Ram Karran, Mrs. DaSilva and the Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance and Trade replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

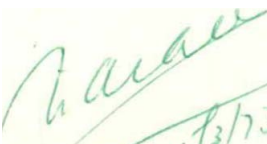
BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 4 ASSEMBLIES OF GOD (INCORPORATION)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 1/1973 published in the Gazette and in the Daily Chronicle newspaper of 20.1.73, 27.1.73 and 3.2.73

On motions by Mr. Bissember, seconded by Miss Ackman, the PRIVATE BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD (INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE, 1958 was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.00 p.m., on a motion by the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
S. NARAIN 3/3/73  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
26th February, 1973.