

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972 - 1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 25th 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, 6TH MARCH, 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, O.E., 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  
The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of Home Affairs  
The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for the Public Service (Absent - on leave)  
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

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 (Absent - on leave) Mr. N.J. Bissember (Absent - on leave)  
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.  
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue  
 Mr. M. Corfica  
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler (Absent)  
 Mr. R.J. Jordan  
 Mr. S.M. Saffee  
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.  
 Mrs. L.E. Willems  
 Mrs. J.G. Ramson

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

- Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition (Absent)  
 Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsohoye, S.C. (Absent)  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker (Absent)  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 Mr. N.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip  
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally  
 Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P.  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bhola Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. V. Teekah ✓

United Force (3)

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

Independents (5)

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

OFFICERS

- Mr. F.A. Narain, 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 Mr. Mingo, Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Bissember for that day's sitting.

Congratulations to the Prime Minister

His Honour the Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the Assembly and himself, congratulated the Prime Minister, the Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, on his being awarded the Order of Excellence on the third anniversary of the Republic of Guyana.

The Prime Minister thanked His Honour.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets)(Amendment) Regulations 1973 (No. 1), made under section 103 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, on the 19th of February, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 24th of February, 1973.

(77/168/10)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Finance and Trade:

(a) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Transport and Harbours Department for the financial year ended 31st December, 1969.

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(b) Purchase Tax (Motor Cars) Order 1973 (No. 13) made under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, on the 15th of February, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of February, 1973.

(1/2/3/2)(Circulated)

STATEMENT BY MINISTERS

By the Minister of Home Affairs

The Minister of Home Affairs stated that by Orders and Regulations made on that day under the National Registration Act, 1967, provision was being made for bringing the central register which was last revised to 30th September, 1971, up to date, that is to 30th September, 1973, and that the revision would be carried out so as to ensure that all Guyanese fourteen years and over, whether resident in Guyana or overseas, would be entered on the register.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

EXTERNAL LOANS BILL 1973 - Bill No. 3/1973 published 28.2.73

The Minister of Finance and Trade, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT AUTHORISING THE RAISING OF LOANS OUTSIDE GUYANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER NO. 46(2) and (3)

The Minister of Finance and Trade moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That paragraphs (2) and (3) of Standing Order No. 46 be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed with the second reading and the remaining stages of the External Loans Bill 1973 (Bill No. 3/1973).

Mr. Ram Karran and Mr. M.F. Singh 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 2 - EXTERNAL LOANS BILL 1973 - Bill No. 3/1973 published 28.2.73

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT AUTHORISING THE RAISING OF LOANS OUTSIDE GUYANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA.

Mr. Ram Karran, Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Balchand Persaud spoke to the motion.

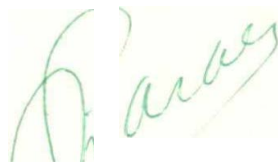
Thereafter the Minister of Finance and Trade replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read e second time and wes thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.10 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

Spe er



PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
10th March, 1973.