

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972 - 1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 27th 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

MONDAY, 14TH MAY, 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 (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
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House
The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Health
The Honourable D.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.D. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests
The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education (Absent - on leave)
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 (Absent)
 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. Zahæeruddeen, 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
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C. (Absent)
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker (Absent)
 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. R. Ally
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bhola Persaud (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. V. Teekah ✓

United Force (3)

- Mr. M.F. Singh
 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)
 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 SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Miss Baird from 21st April to 16th May, 1973.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS NOS. 12 AND 23

On a motion by the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, Standing Orders No. 12 - Order of Business - and No. 23 - Period of Notice - were suspended to enable a presentation to be made by the Acting Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, and a motion of thanks to be moved.

PRESENTATION OF MICROPHONE, LOUDSPEAKER AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT

His Honour the Speaker welcomed the Acting Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Klaus Scheliga, and invited him to formally make the presentation. The Acting Ambassador, on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, presented to the Parliament of Guyana a Gift of a Microphone, Loudspeaker and Recording Equipment and invited His Honour to switch on the Equipment.

His Honour thereafter invited Mr. Albrecht Hunger, the German Engineer, who had installed the Equipment in the Parliament Chamber, to explain its operation.

MOTION OF THANKS

The Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House then moved and Mr. Ram Karran seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana expresses its appreciation of, and requests that its sincere thanks be conveyed to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for presenting to the Parliament of Guyana and installing in the Parliament Chamber, the Gift of a Microphone, Loudspeaker and Recording Equipment.

Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

His Honour delivered to the Acting Ambassador a copy of the Resolution for transmission to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS

The Business of the Assembly was then resumed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONSPrivate Bill

The Clerk read a Petition presented by Mr. Van Sluytman on behalf of Rev. I. Griffith of 8 Norton Street, Wortmanville, Georgetown, and Mrs. Wilhelmina Martin of 176 James Street, Albouystown, Georgetown, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Gladdidings Assembly Guyana Mission, seeking the leave of the National Assembly to proceed with a Private Bill to incorporate the Gladdidings Assembly Guyana Mission.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture, on behalf of the Prime Minister:

(a) The Georgetown Accord - The Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community and Related Documents.

(Circulated)

(b) Guyana Forest Industries Corporation Order 1973 (No. 38), made under section 34 of the Public Corporations Ordinance 1962 (No. 23), on the 27th of April, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 5th of May, 1973.

(CMF: 26/14)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Works and Communications:

Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Board of Commissioners of the East Demerara Water Conservancy for year ending 31st December, 1972.

(DI: 23/3) (Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Finance and Trade:

Customs Duties (Carifta Rate)(Amendment) Order 1973 (No. 37), made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 26th of April, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 28th of April, 1973.

(G. 580^{VIII})(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

(1) GUYANA TIMBER EXPORT BOARD BILL 1973 - Bill No. 5/1973

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

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A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GUYANA TIMBER EXPORT BOARD AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

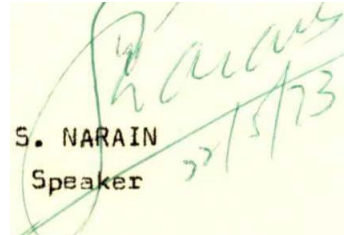
(2) MISCELLANEOUS GOVERNMENT SECURITIES BILL 1973 -
Bill No. 4/1973 published 5.5.73

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 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE OF DUPLICATES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES LOST, DESTROYED OR DEFACED AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.35 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 17th of May, 1973.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

17th May, 1973.