

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972 - 1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 32nd 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, 29TH 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

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 Hon. 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

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

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. 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 (25)

- Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C. (Absent - on leave)
 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. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. Bhola Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. V. Teekah ✓

United Force (3)

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

Independents (5)

- Mr. R.E. Cheske
 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. Henzy, AMBIM, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Prime Minister:

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the
Guyana Rice Corporation for year ended 31st
August, 1970.

(GSC: 7/8/1)(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER

The Minister of Home Affairs 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 at its Sitting on the 29th of May, 1973, with the second reading and the remaining stages of the Representation of the People (Adaptation and Modification of Laws) Bill 1973 (Bill No. 9/1973 published on 26th May, 1973).

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

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

The motion was then put and carried on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. Durant
Mr. Stoby
Mrs. Branco
Mr. Ambrose
Mr. Cheeks
Mr. Ramson
Mrs. Willems
Mr. Zaheeruddeen
Mr. Van Sluytman
Mr. Saffee
Mr. Jordan
Mr. Fowler
Mr. Corrica
Mr. Chan-A-Sue

Mr. Sutton
Mrs. DaSilva
Mr. Teekah
Mr. Remington
Mr. Bholu Persaud
Mr. R. Ally
Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
Mr. M.Y. Ally
Mr. Lall
Mr. Hamid
Mr. Wilson
Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. Chandisingh

Carried

Forward:

AGAINST

Brought
Forward:

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Mr. Budhoo
Mr. Bissember
Mr. Bancroft
Miss Ackman
Mr. Aaron
Mr. Wrights
Mr. Thomas
Mr. Duncan
Mr. Joaquin
Mr. Salim
Mr. Haynes
Mr. Mingo
Mr. Clarke
Mr. D.A. Singh
Mr. Ramsaroop
Miss Field-Ridley
Mr. C rrington
Mr. Kasim
Dr. Reid
Mr. Burnham

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Mr. Ram Karan
Dr. Jagan

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BILL - Second Reading

ITEM 2 REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (ADAPTATION AND MODIFI-
CATION OF LAWS) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 9/1973 published
26.5.73

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 73 THEREOF FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE AGE OF MAJORITY FOR ELECTORAL AND OTHER PURPOSES AND FOR DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF MINISTERS WHO MAY BE APPOINTED FROM AMONG PERSONS WHO ARE NOT ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ADAPTATION AND MODIFICATION OF LAWS RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, FOR REDUCING THE AGE OF MAJORITY GENERALLY, AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Mr. D.C. Jagan spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Wilson, Mr. Teekah, Mr. R. Ally and the Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Information, Culture and Youth spoke to the motion.

Mrs. DaSilva was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER

On a motion by the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, Standing Order No. 1(1) was suspended to enable the Assembly to sit until midnight.

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the debate on Bill No. 9/1973.

Mrs. DaSilva concluded her speech.

Mr. Ram Karran and Mr. Balchand Persaud spoke to the motion.

The Leader of the Opposition was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10.15 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Leader of the Opposition concluded his speech.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Attorney-General and Mr. Stoby spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At midnight, 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 30th of May, 1973.

S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
30th May, 1973.