

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972 - 1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 33rd 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

WEDNESDAY, 30TH 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 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
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. Bissemer
 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. N. 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
 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 ✓
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. V. Teekah

United Force (3)

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

Independents (5)

- Mr. R.E. Cheeks
 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 SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTERMotion to Suspend Standing Order No. 9(1)

On a motion by the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, Standing Order No. 9(1) was suspended to enable the sitting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 1 - REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (ADAPTATION AND MODIFICATION OF LAWS) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 9/1973 published 26.5.73

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for 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.

The Minister of Information, Culture and Youth, Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud and Mr. Bhola Persaud spoke to the motion.

Mr. Sutton was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

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. Sutton concluded his speech.

Mr. Chandisingh 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. Sytton
Mr. Stoby	Mrs. DaSilva
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Teekah
Mr. Ambrose	Mr. Remington
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Bholu Persaud
Mr. Ramson	Mr. R. Ally
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Lall
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Hamid
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Jordan	Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Corrica	Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Dr. Jagan
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. Carrington	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Dr. Reid	
Mr. Burnham	

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed on the following division:

FOR

Mr. Durant
 Mr. Stoby
 Mrs. Branco
 Mr. Ambrose
 Mr. Cheeks
 Mr. Ramson
 Mr. Willems
 Mr. Zaheeruddeen
 Mr. Van Sluytman
 Mr. Saffee
 Mr. Jordan
 Mr. Fowler
 Mr. Corrica
 Mr. Chan-A-Sue
 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. Carrington
 Mr. Hoyte
 Mr. Kasim
 Dr. Reid
 Mr. Burnham

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AGAINST

Mr. Sutton
 Mrs. DaSilva
 Mr. Teekah
 Mr. Remington
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
 Mr. Lall
 Mr. Hamid
 Mr. Wilson
 Mr. D.C. Jagan
 Mr. Chaudhri Singh
 Mr. Ram Karan
 Dr. Jagan

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Clause 2 was passed or printed 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. Sutton
 Mrs. DaSilva
 Mr. Teekah
 Mr. Remington
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
 Mr. Lall
 Mr. Hamid
 Mr. Wilson

Carried

Forward: 11

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward: 11	11
Mr. Fowler	Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. Corrica	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Budhoo	Dr. Jagan
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. Carrington	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Dr. Reid	
Mr. Burnham	
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Clause 3 was passed as printed on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Durant	Mr. Sutton
Mr. Stoby	Mrs. DaSilva
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Teekah'
Mr. Ambrose	Mr. Remington
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Bholu Persaud
Mr. Ramson	Mr. R. Ally
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Lall
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Hamid
Mr. Jordan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. Corrica	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Budhoo	Dr. Jagan
Mr. Bissember	
Mr. Bancroft	
Miss Ackman	
Mr. Aaron	

Carried Forward: 19

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward:	19	15
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. Carrington		
Mr. Hoyte		
Mr. Kasim		
Dr. Reid		
Mr. Burnham		
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Clause 4 was passed as printed on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Durant	Mr. Sutton
Mr. Stoby	Mrs. Da Silva
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Teekah
Mrs. Ambrose	Mr. Remington
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Bholā Persaud
Mr. Emsom	Mr. Ally
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Lall
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Hamid
Mr. Jordan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. Corrica	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. Ram Karren
Mr. Budhoo	Dr. Jagan
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. Carrington	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Dr. Reid	
Mr. Burnham	
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Clause 5 was passed as printed on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Durant	Mr. Sutton
Mr. Stoby	Mrs. DaSilva
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Teekah
Mr. Ambrose	Mr. Remington
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Bholu Persaud
Mr. Ramson	Mr. R. Ally
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Lall
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Hamid
Mr. Jordan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. Corrica	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. Ram Karan
Mr. Budhoo	Dr. Jagan
Mr. Bissember	
Mr. Bancroft	
Miss Ackman	
Mr. Aaron	
Mr. Wrighte	
Mr. Thomas	
Mr. Duncan	
Mr. Joaquin	
Mr. Salim	
Mr. Haynes	
Mr. Mingo	
Mr. Clarke	
Mr. D.A. Singh	
Mr. Ramsaroop	
Miss Field-Ridley	
Mr. Carrington	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Dr. Reid	
Mr. Burnham	

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At this stage it was agreed that the proceedings on the Bill should continue without the sitting being suspended at 6.30 p.m.

Clause 6 was passed as printed on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Durant	Mr. Sutton
Mr. Stoby	Mrs. DaSilva
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Teekah
Mr. Ambrose	Mr. Remington
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Bholu Persaud
Mr. Ramson	Mr. R. Ally
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Lall

Carried

Forward: 2

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Brought Forward:	9	9
	Mr. Saffee	Mr. Hamid
	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Wilson
	Mr. Fowler	Mr. D.C. Jagan
	Mr. Corrica	Mr. Chandisingh
	Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. Ram Karan
	Mr. Budhoo	Dr. Jagan
	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. Ramaroop	
	Miss Field-Ridley	
	Mr. Carrington	
	Mr. Hoyte	
	Mr. Kasim	
	Dr. Reid	
	Mr. Burnham	
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Clause 7 was passed as printed.

Clause 8 was passed as printed on the following division:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
	Mr. Durant	Mr. Sutton
	Mr. Stoby	Mrs. DaSilva
	Mrs. Branco	Mr. Teekah
	Mr. Ambrose	Mr. Remington
	Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Bholu Persaud
	Mr. Ramson	Mr. R. Ally
	Mrs. Williams	Mr. Balchand Persaud
	Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
	Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Lall
	Mr. Saffee	Mr. Hamid
	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Wilson
	Mr. Fowler	Mr. D.C. Jagan
	Mr. Corrica	Mr. Chandisingh
	Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. Ram Karan
	Mr. Budhoo	Dr. Jagan
	Mr. Bissember	
	Mr. Bancroft	
	Miss Ackman	
	Mr. Aaron	
Carried Forward:	19	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> 15 <hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/>

AGAINST

Brought
Forward: 19

Mr. Wrights
Mr. Thomas
Mr. Duncan
Mr. Joaquin
Mr. Salim
Mr. Haynes
Mr. Mingo
Mr. Clarke
Mr. D.A. Singh
Mr. Ramasroop
Miss Field-Ridley
Mr. Carrington
Mr. Hoyte
Mr. Kasim
Dr. Reid
Mr. Burnham

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Clause 2 was passed as printed on the following division:

DECLINED TO VOTE

Mr. Durant	Mr. Sutton
Mr. Stoby	Mrs. DaSilva
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Teekah
Mr. Ambrose	Mr. Remington
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Bholu Persaud
Mr. Ramson	Mr. R. Ally
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Zahaeruddeen	Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Lall
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Hamid
Mr. Jordan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. Corrice	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Budhoo	Dr. Jagan
Mr. Bissember	
Mr. Bancfort	
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. Ramasroop	
Miss Field-Ridley	
Mr. Carrington	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Dr. Reid	
Mr. Burnham	

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Clause 10 was passed as printed on the following division

	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Mr. Durant	Mr. Sutton
Mr. Stoby	Mrs. DaSilva
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Teekah
Mr. Ambrose	Mr. Remington
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Bhola Persaud
Mr. Ramson	Mr. R. Ally
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Lall
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Hamidi
Mr. Jordan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. Corrica	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Budhoo	Dr. Jagan
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. Carrington	
Mr. Houys	
Mr. Kasim	
Dr. Reid	
Mr. Burnham	

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Clause 11 was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a report of the Bill to the Assembly by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House moved the recommittal of the Bill which was put and carried on the following division:

	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Durant	Mr. Sutton
Mr. Stoby	Mrs. DaSilva
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Teekah
Mr. Ambrose	Mr. Remington
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Bhola Persaud
Mr. Ramson	Mr. R. Ally
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud

Carried
Forward:

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AGAINST

Drought

Forward: 8

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Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Lall
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Hamid
Mr. Jordan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. Corrica	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. Ram Karren
Mr. Budhoo	Dr. Jagan
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. Carrington	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Dr. Reid	
Mr. Burnham	

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Assembly resolved itself into Committee.

In Committee

Clause 1 - On a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the following amendment was put and carried:

Substitution of the following for subsection (2):

" (2) The provisions of Part IV (sections 7, 8 and 9) shall come into operation on such date as the President may, by order, appoint. "

Clause 1 was then passed as amended.

Part II - On a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the following amendment was put and carried:

Deletion of Clauses 2 and 4, and renumbering of of Clauses 3 and 5 as Clauses 2 and 3, respectively.

Part II was then passed as amended.

Parts III and IV - The Minister of Home Affairs moved the following amendment:

Renumbering of Clauses 6 to 11, as Clauses 4 to 9, respectively.

The amendment was put and carried on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. Durant	Mrs. DaSilva
Mr. Stoby	Mr. Teekah
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Remington
Mr. Ambrose	Mr. Bholu Persaud
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. R. Ally
Mr. Ramson	Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Lall
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Hamid
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Jordan	Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Corrica	Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Dr. Jagan
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. Carrington	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Dr. Reid	
Mr. Burnham	

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Parts III and IV were then passed as amended.

Title - The title of the Bill was then amended to read as follows:

"An Act to amend the Constitution in accordance with article 73 thereof for determining the number of Ministers who may be appointed from among persons who are not elected members of the National Assembly, and for electoral purposes; 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. "

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee, on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. Durant	Mrs. DaSilva
Mr. Stoby	Mr. Teekah
Mrs. Branco	Mr. Remington
Mr. Ambrose	Mr. Bhola Persaud
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. R. Ally
Mr. Ramson	Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Lall
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Hamid
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Jordan	Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Corrica	Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Dr. Jagan
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. Carrington	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Dr. Reid	
Mr. Burnham	

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SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 7.15 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

ITEM 2 - TRAVEL VOUCHER TAX BILL 1973 - Bill No. 7/1973 published 22.5.73

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 TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION IN GUYANA OF A TAX ON TRAVEL TICKETS USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAVEL ORIGINATING FROM GUYANA.

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.

The Bill was read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 and 2 were passed as printed.

Clause 3 - The following amendments by Mrs. DaSilva were put and negatived:

(i) Insertion of the following as subsection (2):

" (2) Where the fare for the journey does not exceed \$50.00, the travel voucher tax shall not exceed \$5.00; where the fare for the journey exceeds \$50.00 but does not exceed \$100.00, the travel voucher tax shall not exceed \$10.00, and where the fare for the journey exceeds \$100.00, the travel voucher tax shall not exceed \$15.00. "

(ii) Renumbering of subsection (2) as subsection (3).

(iii) Insertion of the words ", subject to the provisions of subsection (2)," between the words "and" and "the" in the second line of subsection (2).

(iv) Renumbering of subsections (3) and (4) as subsections (4) and (5), respectively.

Clause 3 was then passed as printed.

Clauses 4 and 5 were passed as printed.

Clause 6 was passed as printed on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. Durant
 Mr. Stoby
 Mrs. Branco
 Mr. Ambrose
 Mr. Ramson
 Mrs. Willems
 Mr. Zaheeruddeen
 Mr. Van Sluytman
 Mr. Saffee
 Mr. Jordan
 Mr. Fowler
 Mr. Corrica
 Mr. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. Budhoo
 Mr. Bancroft
 Miss Ackman
 Mr. Aaron
 Mr. Wrights
 Mr. Thomas
 Mr. Duncan
 Mr. Joaquin
 Mr. Salim
 Mr. Mingo
 Mr. Clarke
 Mr. D.A. Singh
 Mr. Ramsaroop
 Miss Field-Ridley
 Mr. Carrington
 Mr. Hoyte
 Mr. Kasim
 Dr. Reid

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. D.C. Jagan
 Mr. Chandisingh
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Dr. Jagan

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Clause 7 - The following amendment by Mrs. DaSilva was put and negatived:

Deletion of the word "normally" from paragraph (iii).

Clause 7 was then passed as printed.

Clauses 8 to 11 were passed as printed.

Clause 12 - The following amendment by Mrs. DaSilva was put and negatived:

Deletion of the word "three" and substitution of the word "six".

Clause 12 was then passed as printed.

Clause 13 was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance and Trade, the Bill was read the third time and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.50 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 Friday, the 1st of June, 1973.

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