

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972 - 1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 34th 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

FRIDAY, 1ST JUNE, 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 M.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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)  
 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. Zahæeruddeen, J.P.  
 Mrs. L.E. Willems  
 Mr. J.G. Ramson

Members of the Opposition (23)People's Progressive Party (13)

- Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition (Absent)  
 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. Bholia Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. V. Teekah (Absent) ✕

United Force (3)

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

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

His Honour the Speaker apologised for the late commencement of the sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (a) Election (Amendment) Regulations 1973, made under section 3 of the Representation of the People (Adaptation and Modification of Laws) Act 1968 (No. 16), and published in the Gazette on the 1st of June, 1973.

(Circulated)

- (b) National Registration (Residents)(Amendment) Regulations 1973, made under section 19 of the National Registration Act 1967 (No. 24), and published in the Gazette on the 1st of June, 1973.

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- (c) National Registration (Amendment)(No. 2) Regulations 1973, made under section 19 of the National Registration Act 1967 (No. 24), and published in the Gazette on the 1st of June, 1973.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Finance and Trade:

- (a) Public Corporations (Guyana Co-operative Mortgage Finance Bank) Order 1973 (No. 44), made under section 34 of the Public Corporations Ordinance 1962 (No. 23), on the 21st of May, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 22nd of May, 1973.

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- (b) Public Corporations (Guyana Agricultural Co-operative Development Bank) Order 1973 (No. 45), made under section 34 of the Public Corporations Ordinance 1962 (No. 23), on the 21st of May, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 22nd of May, 1973.

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- (c) Public Corporations (Guyana Agricultural Co-operative Development Bank)(Amendment) Order 1973 (No. 48), made under section 34 of the Public Corporations Ordinance 1962 (No. 23), on the 25th of May, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 26th of May, 1973.

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(d) Public Corporations (Guyana Co-operative Mortgage Finance Bank) (Amendment) Order 1973 (No. 49), made under section 34 of the Public Corporations Ordinance 1962 (No. 23), on the 25th of May, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 26th of May, 1973.

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(e) Financial Paper No. 4/1973 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st May, 1973, totalling \$3,528,765.

(2/5<sup>VII</sup>) (Circulated)

In terms of Standing Order No. 68(1), the Minister of Finance and Trade named Monday, 4th June, 1973, as the day for consideration of the Financial Paper in Committee of Supply.

(3) By Mr. Ram Karran, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee:

Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Accounts of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year 1967.

(PARL:5/6/B/2)(Circulated)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

### Presentation and First Reading

#### INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 1973 - Bill No. 10/1973 published 1.6.73

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 AMEND THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE.

## PUBLIC BUSINESS

### BILL - Second and Third Readings

#### ITEM 1 PUBLIC LOAN BILL 1973 - Bill No. 8/1973 published 24.5.73

The Minister of Finance and Trade moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AUTHORISE THE RAISING OF LOANS IN GUYANA NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS IN THE AGGREGATE FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Mr. Ram Kassar and Mr. Sutton 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 and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

#### MOTIONS

##### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 23(3)

On a motion by the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, Standing Order No. 23(3) was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed with Item 2 on the Order Paper.

##### ITEM 2 MOTION TO APPROVE REMISSION OF STAMP DUTY ON PRIVATE BILL

Mr. Bissember moved and Miss Ackman seconded the following motion which was put and carried:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Standing Order No. 57(5)(b) of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly, and of section 9(33) of the Tax Ordinance, Chapter 298, the Promoters of the Private Bill to amend the Assemblies of God (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1958, paid to the Accountant General the prescribed stamp duty of \$100.00;

AND WHEREAS the Bill was enacted by Parliament on the 9th of March, 1973;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with section 9(33) of the Tax Ordinance, Chapter 298, the National Assembly may remit payment of the stamp duty:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the remission to the Promoters of the Assemblies of God (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill 1973, of the stamp duty of \$100.00 paid to the Accountant General in respect of the Bill.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 3.25 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 Monday, the 4th of June, 1973.

S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
4th June, 1973.