

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 4th 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, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1969

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj, C.B.E., J.P.

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.,
Prime Minister
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Minister
of Finance
The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister
of Agriculture and Natural
Resources
The Honourable M. Kasim, Minister of
Communications
The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, Minister
of Home Affairs
The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister
of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs
The Honourable C.M.L. John, Minister
of Local Government
The Honourable W.G. Carrington,
Minister of Labour and Social
Security
Mrs. the Honourable S.M. Patterson,
Minister of Education
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister
of Housing and Reconstruction
The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, Q.C., C.M.G.,
Attorney-General and Minister of State
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of
Information
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of
Works and Hydraulics
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister
without Portfolio

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

- Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government
Mr. J.G. Joaquin, O.B.E., J.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry
of Finance
Mr. W. Haynes, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Works and Hydraulics
Mr. A. Salim, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and Natural
Resources
Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister

(iii) Other Members

- Mr. J.N. Aaron
Miss M.M. Ackman
Mr. K. Bancroft
Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.
Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker
Mr. E.F. Correia
Mr. M. Corrica
Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
Mrs. P.A. Limerick
Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. D.A. Singh
Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
Mr. C.E. Wrights
Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

- Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. R. Chandisingh
Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.
Mr. G.H. Lall
Mr. M.Y. Ally
Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
Mr. E.M. Stoby
Mr. R. Ally
Mr. E.L. Ambrose
Mrs. L.M. Branco
Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Bholu Persaud
Mr. I. Remington, J.P.
Mr. V. Teekah
Mr. R.E. Cheeks
Mrs. E. DaSilva
Mr. M.F. Singh
Mr. J. Sutton

Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. F.A. Narain
Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. M.B. Henry

Absent

Dr. the Honourable S.E. Talbot,
Minister of Health - on leave
Mrs. R.P. Sahoye

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

His Honour the Speaker announced that he had received letters dated 21st February, 1969, from Mr. P.S. d'Aguiar and Mr. C.V. Too-Chung, resigning as Members of the National Assembly.

In accordance with article 70(1) of the Constitution as amended, he had called upon the Deputy Representative of the United Force List and was informed by him that the persons to fill the vacancies were -

Mrs. Elinor DaSilva, and

Mr. John Archibald Sutton.

OATHS

The oath of allegiance and the oath of office were made and subscribed by the following:-

Mrs. E. DaSilva, and

Mr. J.A. Sutton

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Dr. Talbot for that day's sitting.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly decided that the proceedings at that sitting should be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 9(2) and that the sitting should continue to midnight.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second Reading and CommitteeMISCELLANEOUS ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 -
Bill No. 2/1969 published on 15.2.69

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND
CERTAIN ENACTMENTS.

Mrs. Branco, Mr. Cheeks, Mr. Wilson,
Mrs. DaSilva and Mr. M.Y. Ally spoke to the motion.

Mr. Teekah 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 tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Teekah concluded his speech.

Mr. Sutton, Mr. Ambrose and Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

Mr. D. Jagan 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 8.07 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. D. Jagan concluded his speech.

The Attorney-General and Minister of State and Dr. Ramsahoye spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for coffee.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10.22 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Home Affairs replied.

The motion was put and carried on the following division:

FOR

Mr. Zaheeruddeen
 Mr. Wrights
 Mr. Van Sluytman
 Mr. Singh
 Mr. Saffee
 Mrs. Limerick
 Mr. Fowler
 Mr. Corriea
 Mr. Correia
 Mr. Clarke
 Mr. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. Buhdoe
 Mr. Bancroft
 Miss Ackman
 Mr. Aaron
 Mr. Thomas
 Mr. Salim
 Mr. Haynes
 Mr. Joaquin
 Mr. Duncan
 Mr. Ramsaroop
 Mrs. Patterson
 Mr. Carrington
 Mr. John
 Mr. Bissember
 Mr. Hoyte
 Mr. Kasim
 Mr. Jordan
 Dr. Reid

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AGAINST

Mr. Sutton
 Mr. Singh
 Mrs. DaSilva
 Mr. Cheeks
 Mr. Teekah
 Mr. Remington
 Mr. Bhola Persaud
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mrs. Branco
 Mr. Ambrose
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. Stoby
 Mr. R.D. Persaud
 Mr. Lall
 Mr. Hamid
 Mr. Wilson
 Mr. D. Jagan
 Dr. Ramsahoye
 Mr. Chandisingh
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Dr. Jagan

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The Bill was then read a second time.

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

In CommitteeClause 1

The following amendments by the Minister of Home Affairs were put and carried:

- (a) Insertion of the words "and commencement" in the marginal note;
- (b) Renumbering of Clause 1 as subsection (1) and the addition of the following subsection as subsection (2):

" (2) The amendment to paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 9 of the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1966, by this Act shall come into operation at the same time as the said section 9 comes into operation."

The Clause was then passed as amended.

Clause 2 was passed as printed.

Schedule

The following amendment by the Minister of Home Affairs to the proposed Section 5A in the Immigration Ordinance, Chapter 98, was put and carried:

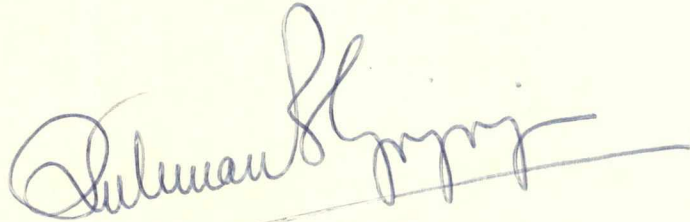
Insertion of "(together with a concise statement of the grounds for the imposition of the restrictions, so however, that no defect of any kind in such statement shall invalidate the directions)" between the words "writing" and "shall" in subsection (2).

The Schedule was still under consideration when the time for the adjournment of the Assembly was reached.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12 midnight, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th February, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

25th February, 1969