

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 12th 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

THURSDAY, 13TH MARCH, 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, Deputy
Prime Minister and Minister of
Finance.

The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister
of Agriculture and Natural
Resources.

The Honourable M. Kasim, Minister of
Communications.

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 M.W. Carter, Minister
of Information.

The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister
without Portfolio.

Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot,
Minister of Health.

(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. 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. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bhola Persaud
 Mr. I. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

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

Absent

The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, Minister of Home Affairs
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C., Attorney-General and Minister of State
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works and Hydraulics
 Mr. W. Haynes, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Hydraulics
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks
 Mrs. E. DaSilva

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTION

Item 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1969

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1969 totalling \$146,698,155 (excluding \$20,567,751 which is chargeable by law). (See motion at Appendix to Minutes of Thursday, 6th March, 1969).

The Minister of Housing and Reconstruction 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 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.34 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Dr. Jagan concluded his speech.

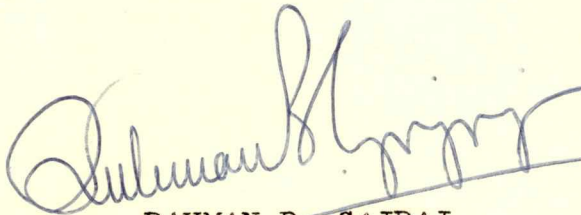
Thereafter, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance replied.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS

Before the adjournment was taken, His Honour the Speaker congratulated the Members who made their maiden speeches in the Assembly during the debate on the Governor-General's Address and on the Budget Speech.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.50 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 17th March, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

17th March, 1969