

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

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FIRST SESSION

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1969

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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 14th 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, 18TH 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 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, C.M.G., Q.C.,  
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.
- 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. 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. Bhola Persaud  
Mr. I. Remington, J.P.  
Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
Mr. V. Teekah  
Mrs. E. DaSilva  
Mr. M.F. Singh  
Mr. J.A. Sutton

Clerk of the National Assembly  
Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

- Mr. F.A. Narain  
- Mr. M.B. Henry

Absent

Mr. R.E. Cheeks.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSNEW AMSTERDAM TOWN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT)

BILL, 1969

The Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Minister of Local Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:-

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND  
THE NEW AMSTERDAM TOWN COUNCIL  
ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE  
BORROWING POWERS OF THE MAYOR  
AND TOWN COUNCIL OF NEW AMSTERDAM.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONItem 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1969

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration 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).

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 7	-	PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS was passed as printed at	...	\$	246,431
HEAD 9	-	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET was passed as printed at	...		448,691
HEAD 10	-	PRIME MINISTER - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE was passed as printed at	...		3,576,167
DIVISION V	-	PRIME MINISTER was passed as printed at	...		3,440,000
HEAD 11	-	PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was passed as printed at	...		239,925

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.45 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Receipt of Certificate by the Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

Before consideration of the estimates of expenditure was resumed, the Chairman announced that the Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly had received a Certificate from the House of Commons, London, in connection with his recent attachment there.

Estimates for 1969

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the estimates of expenditure for 1969.

In Committee of Supply

DIVISION VI	-	PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was passed as printed at	... \$	300,000
HEAD 13	-	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at	... 1,412,858	
HEAD 14	-	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - INTERIOR		

The Committee agreed to the following corrections to the Head:-

Subhead 1

- (i) Substitution of "\$1,680" for the figure "\$10,080" under the 1969 Estimates at item (1);
- (ii) Deletion of item (2);
- (iii) Insertion of the post "Chief Interior Development Officer" with the provision of \$8,000 for 1969, for the period 1st March to 31st December.

Grand Total

- (iv) Substitution of the figure "\$355,135" for the figure "\$355,535" for the Grand Total of the Head; and

(v) Renaming the Head as MINISTRY  
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -  
INTERIOR DEVELOPMENT.

The Head was passed as corrected at \$ 355,135

DIVISION - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC  
VIII DEVELOPMENT was passed as  
printed at ... 4,475,000

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.04 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee  
of Supply to resume consideration of the estimates  
of expenditure for 1969.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 19 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was  
passed as printed at ... \$ 621,806

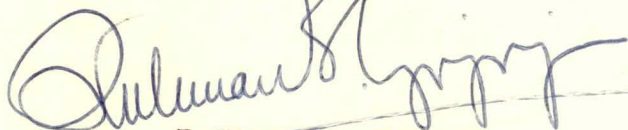
HEAD 20 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS -  
POLICE

The Head was under consideration when the  
time for the adjournment was reached.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned  
to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th March, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

19th March, 1969.