

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 17th 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, 21ST MARCH, 1969

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

- 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. Bissemer, 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.
- 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. E.H.A. Fowler
Mrs. P.A. Limerick
Mr. S.M. Saffee
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. 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
Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
Mr. V. Teekah
Mrs. E. DaSilva
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 L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.,
Prime Minister.
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.
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without
Portfolio.
Mr. M. Corrica - on leave
Mr. D.A. Singh - on leave
Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. E.M. Stoby
Mr. Bholu Persaud
Mr. I. Remington, J.P.
Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

His Honour the Speaker announced that -

Receipt of letter from His Excellency
the Governor-General

- (i) A letter was received from His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir David Rose, G.C.M.G., C.V.O., M.B.E., expressing his gratitude for the excellent arrangements which had been made for the visit to the Parliament Chamber by Their Excellencies the Governor-General of Canada and Mrs. Michener on Monday, 17th February, 1969, and for the kind courtesies extended to Lady Rose and His Excellency

Leave

- (ii) Leave had been granted to Mr. Corrica and Mr. D.A. Singh for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance

Travel Tax Regulations, 1969, made under section 52A(13) of the Tax Ordinance, Chapter 298, on the 20th of March, 1969.

(Circulated).

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

The Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs announced that it was agreed that the Assembly should adjourn at 6.30 p.m.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

Item 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 57 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION - TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING was passed as printed at	...	\$ 1,156,653
DIVISION MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION XIX - was passed as printed at	...	690,000
HEAD 49 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as printed at	...	628,281
HEAD 50 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.		

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 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 50 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL was passed as printed at	...	\$ 2,386,437
HEAD 51 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - BACTERIO- LOGICAL was passed as printed at	...	290,019
HEAD 52 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - X-RAY was passed as printed at	...	155,677

HEAD 53 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES, ETC. was passed as printed at	...	\$ 7,119,210
HEAD 54 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ANALYST was passed as printed at	...	117,071
HEAD 55 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - REGISTRATION, IMMIGRATION, BIRTHS, ETC. was passed as printed at	...	117,921
DIVISION MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as XVIII - printed at	...	512,000

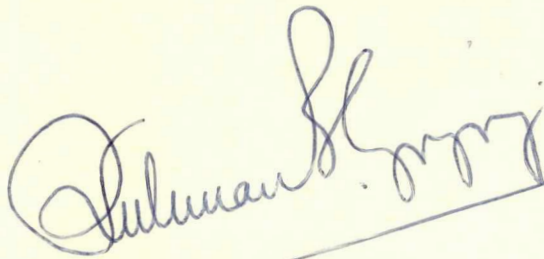
Assembly resumed.

Congratulations to the Clerk of the
National Assembly

Before the adjournment was taken, His Honour the Speaker, called the Members' attention to the circulation of a booklet "Information (No. 1) (Privileges, entitlements, etc.) which was prepared by the Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. F.A. Narain, and extended congratulations to him on its preparation.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.20 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 24th March, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

SPEAKER