

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

—
FIRST SESSION
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1969
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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 18th 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 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. 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 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

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

Absent

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.,
Prime Minister.
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister
of Information.
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of
Works and Hydraulics.
Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P. - on leave
Mr. M.Y. Ally
Mr. E.M. Stoby

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

His Honour the Speaker announced that -

Leave

- (i) Leave had been granted to
Mr. Zaheeruddeen for that
day's sitting.

Donation of Blood

- (ii) Following upon his suggestion
that Members of the Assembly
should donate blood to the
Blood Bank of the Georgetown
Hospital, arrangements had been
made to set up a unit in the
Committee Room on Tuesday, 25th
March, 1969, from 1.00 p.m., for
the convenience of the Members
who wished to make a donation
of blood.

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 charge-
able by law). (See motion at Appendix to Minutes
of Thursday, 6th March, 1969).

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 58 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY was passed as printed at	... \$	542,644
HEAD 59 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE SERVICE was passed as printed at	...	66,411

HEAD 60 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE 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 4.33 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 60 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE was passed as printed at ... \$ 3,986,693

DIVISION XX - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY was passed as printed at ... 325,000

HEAD 12 - MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation for the increase in the Head from \$2,015,461 to \$2,250,031; as shown on the new pages 38 and 39 which were substituted for the original printed pages at the sitting on Wednesday, 19th March, 1969.

The Head was then passed as amended at ... 2,250,031

DIVISION VII - MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS was passed as printed at ... 195,000

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.37 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.

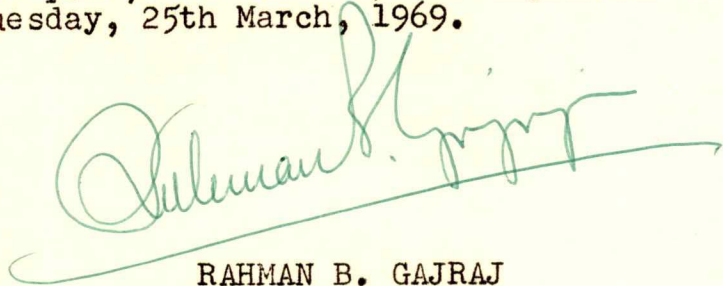
In Committee of Supply

HEAD 38 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was passed
as printed at ... \$ 3,028,845

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 p.m., the Assembly was adjourned to
2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th March, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

25th March, 1969.