
FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 20th 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, 27TH 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.

(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. J. Budhoo, J.P.
Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker
Mr. M. Corrica
Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
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. G.H. Lall
Mr. M.Y. Ally
Mr. R. Ally
Mr. E.L. Ambrose
Mrs. L.M. Branco
Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Bhola Persaud
Mrs. R.P. Sahoje
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 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.
Mr. K. Bancroft - on leave
Mr. E.F. Correia - on leave
Mrs. P. Limerick - on leave
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
Mr. E.M. Stoby
Mr. I. Remington, J.P.
Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

His Honour the Speaker announced that -

(i) Leave had been granted to:

- (a) Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Correia from 27th to 28th March, 1969; and
- (b) Mrs. Limerick for that day's sitting.

Receipt of letters from the Pr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health and Mr. D.W. Dunlop, O.B.E., Director of Audit.

(ii) Letters had been received from -

- (a) Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health, acknowledging with gratitude the expression of the Members' concern for the health of the Nation, and their generous donation of blood for use in the hospitals .
- (b) Mr. D.W. Dunlop, O.B.E., Director of Audit, who on his departure from Guyana, extended to His Honour his sincere appreciation for his personal kindness to him, and also extended to members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association his thanks for their friendship and understanding.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1969 - BILL NO. 7/1969
published 26.3.69.

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND OF THE SUM NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPENDITURE (NOT OTHERWISE LAWFULLY CHARGED ON THE CONSOLIDATED FUND) OF GUYANA FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1969, ESTIMATES WHEREOF HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND FOR APPROPRIATION OF THAT SUM FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONSTITUTION.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1969 - BILL NO. 7/1969 published
26.3.69.

The recommendation of the Cabinet having been signified in accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND OF THE SUM NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPENDITURE (NOT OTHERWISE LAWFULLY CHARGED ON THE CONSOLIDATED FUND) OF GUYANA FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1969, ESTIMATES WHEREOF HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND FOR APPROPRIATION OF THAT SUM FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONSTITUTION was read a second and the third time and passed as printed on motions moved by the Minister of Finance.

ITEM 2 - BILL OF ENTRY (IN AID OF DEFENCE) LEVY BILL, 1969
Bill No. 4/1969 published 28.2.69.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to continue consideration of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A LEVY IN AID OF THE DEFENCE OF GUYANA ON CUSTOMS BILLS OF ENTRY WITH REFERENCE TO THE VALUE OF GOODS IMPORTED INTO GUYANA.

In Committee

Clause 5

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the following amendment was put and carried:

Insertion of the words "of Finance" between the words "Minister" and "may" in subsection (2).

The clause was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed

Third Reading

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended.

ITEM 3 - TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 3/1969
published 8.3.69.

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation to enable the Assembly to proceed with Bill No. 3/1969.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Bill intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE was read a second time and thereafter, was taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.45 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ
SPEAKER