

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 22nd 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

WEDNESDAY, 30TH APRIL, 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 M.W. Carter, Minister of Information

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister
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. E.F. Correia
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 Karman
 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. Bholu Persaud
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mrs. E. DeSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

Clerk of the National Assembly (Ag.) - 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
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health
 Mr. J.G. Joaquin, C.B.E., J.P., Parliamentary
 Secretary, Ministry of Finance
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue - on leave
 Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker - on leave
 Mr. M. Corrica - on leave
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 Mr. D.C. Jagan - on leave
 Mr. E.M.C. Wilson
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks
 Mr. M.F. Singh - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

His Honour the Speaker announced -

(i) Leave

That leave had been granted to -

- (a) Mr. Corrica for an extension of two weeks; and
- (b) Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

(ii) Alternative Form of Dress

That the alternative form of dress was intended only for Members of the Assembly during working sittings. However, owing to the representation made to him by members of the Press, he agreed that the same form of dress which may be used by Members of the National

Assembly may also be used by members of the Press at working sittings of the Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Financial Paper No. 2 of 1969 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current Estimates for the period ending 30th April, 1969, totalling \$2,500,000.00.

(2/5 II)(Circulated).

The Minister of Finance indicated that in accordance with the notice given, he proposed, at the appropriate time to move a suspension of Standing Order No. 69, to enable Financial Paper No. 2 of 1969 to be considered at that sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

- (i) BAUXITE AGREEMENTS (ADAPTATION AND MODIFICATION OF LAWS BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 11/1969

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 ADAPTATION AND MODIFICATION OF LAWS TOUCHING THE CARRYING INTO EFFECT OF THE TWO AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH GUIANA WITH THE REYNOLDS METALS COMPANY AND THE DEMERARA BAUXITE COMPANY, LIMITED, RESPECTIVELY.

- (ii) VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 9/1969

- (iii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 10/1969

The Minister of Local Government on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bills which were read the first time:

- (i) A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE.
- (ii) A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE VALUATION OF PROPERTY FOR RATING PURPOSES AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and Third Readings

Item 1 - ATKINSON AIRPORT (CHANGE OF NAME) BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 8/1969 published 29.4.69

On a motion by the Minister of Communications, Standing Order No. 46(2) and (3) was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed with the second reading of the ATKINSON AIRPORT (CHANGE OF NAME) BILL, 1969, at that sitting.

The Minister of Communications then moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO EFFECT CHANGES IN THE NAMES OF ATKINSON AIRPORT AND ATKINSON AERODROME AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 282.

Mr. Ram Karan and Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Communications replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 2 were passed as printed.

Clause 3 - The following amendment by the Minister of Communications was put and carried:

Deletion of the words "Timehri International" in the first line of subsection (1) and the substitution therefor of the word "Atkinson".

Clause 3 was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Communications, the Bill was read a third time and passed as amended in Committee.

MOTION

Item 2 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2 of 1969

On a motion by the Minister of Finance Standing Order No. 69 was suspended to enable the motion for the approval of Financial Paper No. 2 of 1969 to be proceeded with at that sitting.

In terms of article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion which was put and carried.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1969 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current Estimates for the period ending 30th April, 1969, totalling \$2,500,000.00.

Assembly resumed.

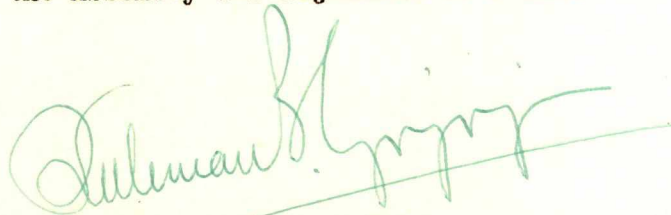
On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1969 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current Estimates for the period ending 30th April, 1969 - totalling \$2,500,000.00."

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.10 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.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

14th May, 1969.