

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 23rd 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, 15TH MAY, 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 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.O. Jack, Minister without Portfolio

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister
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. E.F. Correia
Mr. M. Corrica
Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
Mrs. P.A. Limerick
Mr. D.A. Singh
Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
Mr. C.E. Wrights
Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Mr. Ram Karan
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 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
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. M.F. Singh

Clerk of the National Assembly (Ag.) - Mr. M.B. Henry
 Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (Ag.) - Mr. R.H. Fraser

Absent

The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister of Agriculture
 and Natural Resources - on leave
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works and
 Hydraulics
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker - on leave
 Mr. S.M. Saffee - on leave
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye - on leave
 Mr. D.C. Jagan - on leave
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - 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. Robert Jordan for the period 12th to 20th May, 1969.
- (b) Dr. C.B. Jagan for a period of one and a half months from 15th May, 1969.
- (c) Mr. J.A. Sutton for that day's sitting.

(ii) Acting Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

That Mr. Ronald H. Fraser had been appointed to act as Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Trotman Trust Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1967.
(G. 107/53 II)(Circulated)
- (b) Bill of Entry (Defence Levy)(Exemption) Order, 1969 (No. 12), made under section 5 of the Bill of Entry (In Aid of Defence) Levy Act, 1969, on the 3rd of May, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 5th of May, 1969.
(1/3/1)(Circulated)
- (c) Constitutional Offices (Holders' Allowances) (Amendment)(No. 2) Order, 1969 (No. 15), made under section 3 of the Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Ordinance, 1962 (No. 26), on the 13th of May, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 14th of May, 1969.
(G. 104/53 III)(Circulated)
- (d) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Allowances) Order, 1969 (No. 16); made under section 4(1) of the Ministers, Members of the House of Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance, 1965 (No. 7), on the 13th of May, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 14th of May, 1969.
(G. 104/53 III)(Circulated)
- (e) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Allowances)(No. 2) Order, 1969 (No. 17), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the House of Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance, 1965 (No. 7), on the 13th of May, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 14th of May, 1969.
(G. 104/53 III)(Circulated).

(2) By the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources:

- (a) Annual Report of the Forest Department for the year 1968.
(AGR: 407/280/4)(Circulated)
- (b) Report on the Geological Survey Department for the year 1968.
(FLM: 8/17/1 II)(Circulated).

(3) By the Minister of Communications:

- (a) Timehri International Airport (Charges) Regulations, 1969 (No. 6), made under section 3 of the Timehri International Airport Ordinance on the 3rd of May, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 5th of May, 1969.

(CAD: 1/1/ 6 II)(Circulated)

- (b) Timehri International Airport (Amendment) Regulations, 1969 (No. 7), made under section 3 of the Timehri International Airport Ordinance on the 3rd of May, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 5th of May, 1969.

(CAD: 1/1/ 6 II)(Circulated).

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTION NO. 1

Mr. Ram Karan asked the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

- Question:
- (i) Will the Hon. Minister indicate the number of resignations from the Police Force and from the Prison Service for the years 1966, 1967 and 1968?
- (ii) Will the Hon. Minister also indicate the number of resignations for the current year?

The Minister of Home Affairs gave the following reply:

- Answer:
- (i) The number of resignations from the Guyana Police Force and the Prison Service for the years 1966, 1967 and 1968 is as follows:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Police Force</u>	<u>Prison Service</u>
1966	43	8
1967	46	4
1968	81	15

- (ii) There have so far (30th April) been 54 resignations from the Police Force and 10 from the Prison Service for the current year.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 1 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 -
Bill No. 10/1969 published 5.5.69

The Minister of Local Government moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE.

Mr. R.D. Persaud, Mr. Hamid and Mr. Lall spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Local Government then replied.

Thereafter, the question was 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

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2:

The following amendment by Mr. Ram Karran was put and negatived:

(a) Insertion of the following as subsection 4(d):

" (d) no action shall be taken under this Act unless the majority of rate payers in the area affected, so declare at an election held for that purpose."

(b) Renumbering of subsection 4(d) and (e) as subsection 4(e) and (f) respectively.

Clause 2 was then passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Minister of Local Government the Bill was read the third time and passed as printed.

ITEM 2 - BAUXITE AGREEMENTS (ADAPTATION AND MODIFICATION OF LAWS) BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 11/1969 published 5.5.69

The Assembly agreed to the deferment of this item.

MOTIONSITEM 3 - MOTION TO APPROVE OF THE REMISSION OF STAMP DUTY TO THE PROMOTERS OF THE AFRICAN APOSTOLIC BROTHERHOOD CHURCH, BETHESDA (INCORPORATION) BILL, 1968

On a motion by Miss Ackman and seconded by Mr. Van Sluytman, the following motion was put and carried:

WHEREAS on the 6th of August, 1968, in accordance with Standing Order No. 57(5)(b) and section 9(33) of the Tax Ordinance, Chapter 298, the Promoters of the African Brotherhood Church, Bethesda (Incorporation) Bill, 1968, paid to the Accountant General the prescribed stamp duty of \$100.00;

AND WHEREAS the Bill was enacted by Parliament on the 4th of November, 1968;

AND WHEREAS section 9(33) of the Tax Ordinance, Chapter 298, provides for the stamp duty to be remitted by the National Assembly:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve of the remission of the stamp duty of \$100.00 to the Promoters of the African Apostolic Brotherhood Church, Bethesda (Incorporation) Bill, 1968.

ITEM 4 - MOTION TO APPROVE OF THE REMISSION OF STAMP DUTY TO THE PROMOTERS OF THE FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES IN GUYANA (INCORPORATION) BILL, 1968

On a motion by Miss Ackman and seconded by Mr. Van Sluytman, the following motion was put and carried:

WHEREAS on the 23rd of July, 1968, in accordance with Standing Order No. 57(5)(b) and section 9(33) of the Tax Ordinance, Chapter 298, the Promoters of the Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches in Guyana (Incorporation) Bill, 1968, paid to the Accountant General the prescribed stamp duty of \$100.00;

AND WHEREAS the Bill was enacted by Parliament on the 4th of November, 1968;

AND WHEREAS section 9(33) of the Tax Ordinance, Chapter 298, provides for the stamp duty to be remitted by the National Assembly:

BE IT RESOLVED:

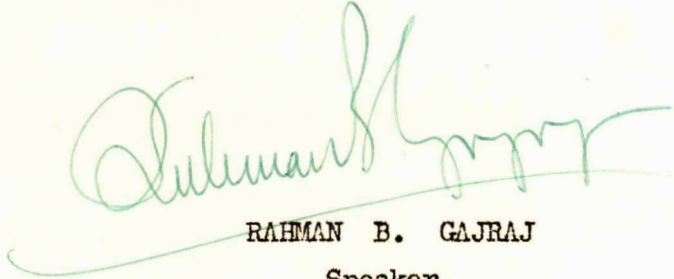
That this National Assembly approve of the remission of the stamp duty of \$100.00 to the Promoters of the Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches in Guyana (Incorporation) Bill, 1968.

ITEM 5 - MOTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Assembly agreed to the deferment of consideration of this item.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.55 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 20th of May, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

19th May, 1969.