

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 24th 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

TUESDAY, 20TH 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 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 M.W. Carter, Minister of Information
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without Portfolio
Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

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. F. Bancroft
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. E.F. Correia
 Mr. M. Corrica
 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

Mr. Ram Karran
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 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
 Mr. R.E. Checks
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

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

Absent

The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works
 and Hydraulics
 Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,
 Office of the Prime Minister - on leave
 Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker - on leave
 Mr. D.A. Singh
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Mr. D.C. Jagan - on leave
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. M.F. Singh - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

His Honour the Speaker announced -

Leave

That leave had been granted to Mr. Duncan and Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Minister of Finance:

Customs Duties (Amendment)(No. 4) Order, 1969
(No. 14) made under section 8 of the Customs
Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 7th of May,
1969, and published in the Gazette on the
14th of May, 1969.

(C. Ex. 22)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Communications:

Report of the Transport and Harbours Department
for the year 1967.

(TH: 429/14/7)(Circulated).

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERSStatement by the Minister of Communications on the Report
of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year 1967

The Minister of Communications made a statement on the
Report of the Transport and Harbours Department for 1967 with
respect to the increased revenue and decreased expenditure for
that year as compared with 1966.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4)
ORDER, 1969 (NO. 14)

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in terms of
section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309;
confirm Customs Duties (Amendment)(No. 4) Order;
1969 (No. 14), which was made on the 7th of May,
1969, and published in the Gazette on the 14th
of May, 1969.

Mr. Ram Karran, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Balchand Persaud spoke
to the motion.

The Minister of Finance then replied.

Thereafter, the question was put and carried on the
following division:-

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Sutton	Mr. Burnham
Mr. Wrights	Mrs. Da Silva	
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Teekah	
Mr. Saffee	Mrs. Sahoye	
Mrs. Limerick	Mr. Remington	
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bholah Persaud	
Mr. Corrica	Mr. Balchand Persaud	
Mr. Correia	Mrs. Branco	
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. Ambrose	
Mr. Budhoo	Mr. R. Ally	
Mr. Bancroft	Mr. R.D. Persaud	
Miss Ackman	Mr. M.Y. Ally	
Mr. Aaron	Mr. Lall	
Mr. Thomas	Mr. Hamid	
Mr. Salim	Mr. Ram Karran	
Mr. Haynes		
Mr. Joaquin		
Mr. Ramsaroop		
Mrs. Patterson		
Mr. Carrington		
Mr. John		
Mr. Bissemer		
Mr. Hoyte		
Mr. Kasim		
Mr. Jordan		
Dr. Reid		
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BILL - Second and Third Readings

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

The Minister of Finance, in accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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.

Mr. Lall, Mr. Sutton and Dr. Ramsahoye spoke to the motion.

Mr. Ram Karran was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

WELCOME TO THE DEPUTY EDITOR OF PUBLICATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Before the suspension was taken, His Honour the Speaker announced that Mr. Louis Marriott, Deputy Editor of Publications of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, who was on a visit to Guyana, was present in the Chamber, and extended, on behalf of the Members of the Assembly, a warm welcome to him.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.47 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Ram Karran concluded his speech.

The Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the question was put and carried.

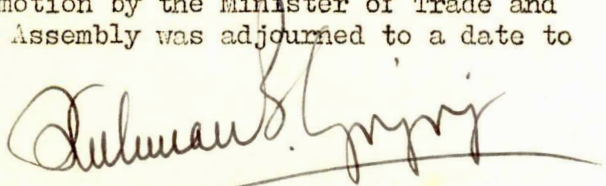
The Bill was then read a second time, and thereafter was taken through the remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 3 - MOTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.23 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.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

16th June, 1969.