

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the proceedings of the 28th 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, 26TH JUNE, 1969

PRESENT

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj, C.B.E., J.P.

(a) Members of the Government

(1) 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 B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Housing and
Reconstruction
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. 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 Slycken
Mr. C.E. Wrights
Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Mr. Ram Karran
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 Mr. D.C. Jagan
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.
 Mr. G.H. Lall
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bhola Persaud
 Mr. V. Teekah
 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 R.J. Jordan, Minister of
 Agriculture and Natural Resources - on leave
 The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister
 of Labour and Social Security - on leave
 Mrs. the Honourable S.M. Patterson,
 Minister of Education
 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
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot,
 Minister of Health
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave
 Mr. R. Chandisingh - on leave
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. M.Y. Ally - on leave
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks
 Mrs. E. DaSilva - on leave
 Mr. M.F. Singh - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. M.F. Singh and Mrs. DaSilva for that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 1 - CONSUMPTION TAX BILL, 1969 - BILL NO. 13/1969
published 19.6.69

In terms of article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A CONSUMPTION TAX ON GOODS IMPORTED INTO GUYANA OR MANUFACTURED THEREIN, FOR THE COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH TAX, AND FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO OR CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Finance 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: The following amendment by the Minister of Finance was put and carried:

Deletion of Clause 1 and the substitution of the following clause -

"Short title and commence- ment.	1. This Act may be cited as the Consumption Tax Act, 1969 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st May, 1969. "
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Clause 1 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 2 and 3 were passed as printed.

Clause 4: The following amendment by the Minister of Finance was put and carried:

Renumbering of Clause 4 as subsection (1) and addition of the following subsection immediately thereafter:-

" (2) Any order made under this section may take effect from a date earlier than the date on which the order is published in the Gazette, not being a date prior to the commencement of this Act. "

Clause 4 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 5 to 27 were passed as printed.

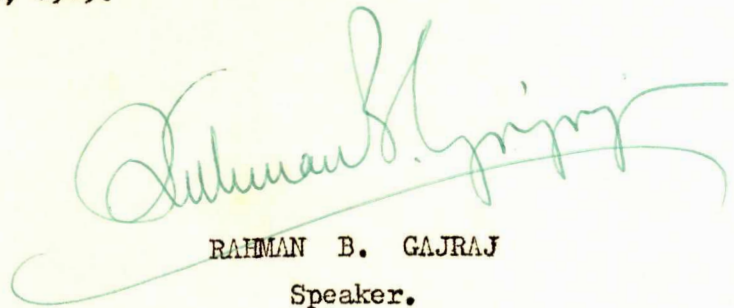
The Schedule was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.10 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 30th June, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ
Speaker.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

27th June, 1969.