

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 30th 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

MONDAY, 14TH JULY, 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 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. 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
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

Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.
 Mr. G.H. Lall
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 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 N.J. Bissember, Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs - on leave
 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. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler - on leave
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye - on leave
 Mr. D.C. Jagan
 Mr. M.Y. Ally - on leave
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P. - on leave
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Bhola Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks
 Mr. N.A. Sutton

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:-

- (a) Mr. Fowler for that day's sitting.
- (b) Dr. Jagan to the end of July, 1969.
- (c) Mr. Chandisingh for two weeks from the 1st of July, 1969.
- (d) Dr. Ramsahoye for six weeks from the 1st of July, 1969.

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

- (a) Annual Reports of the British Guiana Credit Corporation for the years ended 30th June, 1964 and 30th June, 1965.

(G. 359/54 VII)(Circulated).

- (b) Customs Duties (Amendment)(No. 5) Order, 1969 (No. 24), made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance; Chapter 309, on the 4th of July, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 7th of July, 1969.

(C. Ex.22(1))(Circulated).

(2) By the Minister of Home Affairs

National Registration (Residents)(Revision of Registers)(No. 2) Regulations, 1969 (No. 10), made under section 19 of the National Registration Act, 1967 (No. 24), and published in the Gazette on the 1st of July, 1969.

(HA: C.30/7)(Circulated).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 15/1969 published 10.7.69

The Minister of Labour and Social Security on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read for the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY PROVIDING PECUNIARY PAYMENTS BY WAY OF OLD AGE BENEFIT, INVALIDITY BENEFIT, SURVIVOR'S BENEFIT, SICKNESS BENEFIT, MATERNITY BENEFIT AND FUNERAL BENEFIT, AND TO SUBSTITUTE FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE A SYSTEM OF INSURANCE AGAINST INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY ACCIDENT ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESULTING FROM DISEASE DUE TO THE NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT; TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL INSURANCE FUND; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED WITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - GAMBLING PREVENTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 14/1969 published 5.7.69

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE GAMBLING PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

Mr. Lall and Mr. Hamid spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Home Affairs then replied.

Thereafter the question was put and carried.

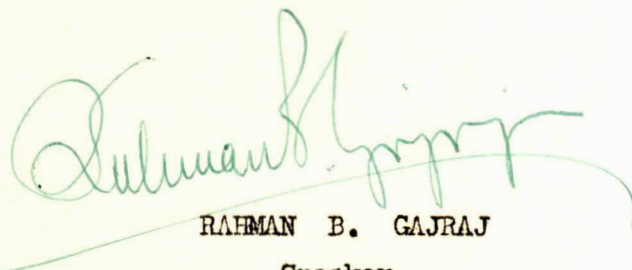
The Bill was then read a second time, and, thereafter taken through the remaining stages and passed as printed.

BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT SITTING

Before the adjournment was taken, the Minister of Finance announced that at the next sitting the Assembly would proceed with the National Insurance and Social Security Bill.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.40 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Finance; the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 17th July, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

16th July, 1969.