

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969 - 1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 67th 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, 21ST JANUARY, 1970

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, Q.C., Minister of Home
Affairs

The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour
and Social Security

The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of
Education (Leader of the House)

The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Trade

The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Housing and
Reconstruction

The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of Information
and Culture

The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works, Hydraulics
and Supply

The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without Portfolio

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. J.G. Joaquin, O.B.E., J.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance

Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister

Mr. W. Haynes, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply

Mr. A. Salim, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister

Mr. C.V. Mingo, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government

(iii) Other Members

Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker
 Mr. J.N. Aaron
 Miss M.M. Ackman
 Mr. K. Bancroft
 Mr. N.J. Bissember
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. E.F. Correia
 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

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 Mr. D.C. Jagan
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 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. Bhola Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. F.A. Narain
 Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. M.B. Henry

Absent:

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.,
 Prime Minister
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, Kt., C.M.G., Q.C.,
 Attorney-General and Minister of State
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of
 Health
 Mr. M. Corrica - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. M.F. Singh

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mrs. Branco for the remainder of the week.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1970

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1970, totalling \$173,448,058 (excluding \$22,125,994 which is chargeable by law). (See motion at Appendix to Minutes for sitting of 22nd December, 1969).

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 18 - MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was passed as printed at	...	\$	836,938
DIVISION X - MINISTRY OF INFORMATION was passed as printed at	..		34,000
HEAD 38 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.			

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.33 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 38 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was passed as printed at	...	\$	3,075,080
HEAD 39 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - IN-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME was passed as printed at	...		119,174

HEAD 40	-	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - PRIMARY, MULTI-LATERAL AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS was passed as printed at...	\$ 13,267,909
HEAD 41	-	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was passed as printed at	... 586,340
HEAD 42	-	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - GOVERNMENT TRAINING COLLEGE - PRE-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME was passed as printed at	... 189,161
HEAD 43	-	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - TECHNICAL INSTITUTE was passed as printed at	... 493,807
HEAD 44	-	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS was passed as printed at	... 112,045
HEAD 45	-	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - QUEEN'S COLLEGE was passed as printed at	... 338,527
HEAD 46	-	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - BISHOPS' HIGH SCHOOL was passed as printed at	... 231,942
HEAD 47	-	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - ANNA REGINA SECONDARY SCHOOL was passed as printed at	... 118,085
HEAD 48	-	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - BERBICE HIGH SCHOOL was passed as printed at	... 169,984
DIVISION XVIII - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was passed as printed at...			2,530,000

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.35 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.05 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

DIVISION XIX - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS was passed		
- as printed at	...	\$ 1,149,000
HEAD 61 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE was passed as printed at	...	231,730
HEAD 62 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL was passed as printed at	...	1,490,423
HEAD 63 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - CUSTOMS AND EXCISE was passed as printed at	...	1,710,803
HEAD 64 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - INLAND REVENUE was passed as printed at	...	1,599,488
HEAD 65 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK was passed as printed at	...	76,713
HEAD 66 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES was passed as printed at	...	743,314
HEAD 67 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - PUBLIC DEBT was passed as printed at..		312,154
DIVISION XXIII - MINISTRY OF FINANCE was passed as printed at	...	15,634,000

The question that the Estimates be reported to the Assembly was then put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

The Minister of Finance reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the estimates of expenditure for 1970 and had approved of them without amendment.

The motion for the approval of the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1970, totalling \$173,448,058 (excluding \$22,125,994, chargeable by law), was then put and carried on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DECLINED TO VOTE</u>
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Teekah	Mr. Sutton
Mr. Wrights	Mr. Remington	
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Bholu Persaud	
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Balchand Persaud	
Mrs. Limerick	Mrs. Branco	
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Ambrose	
Mr. Correia	Mr. R. Ally	
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. R.D. Persaud	
Mr. Budhoo	Mr. M.Y. Ally	
Mr. Bissember	Mr. Lall	
Mr. Bancroft	Mr. Hamid	
Miss Ackman	Mr. Wilson	
Mr. Aaron	Dr. Ramsahoye	
Mr. Clarke	Mr. Chandisingh	
Mr. Mingo	Mr. Ram Karran	
Mr. Thomas		
Mr. Salim		
Mr. Haynes		
Mr. Duncan		
Mr. Joaquin		
Mr. D.A. Singh		
Mr. Ramsaroop		
Mr. Carrington		
Mr. Hoyte		
Mr. Kasim		
Mr. Jordan		
Dr. Reid		
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Remarks by the Speaker

His Honour the Speaker thanked the Members for their co-operation in ensuring that the Budget Debate and the consideration of the estimates in Committee of Supply were concluded within the allotted time. He also thanked the Deputy Speaker for presiding on those occasions when he himself was unable to be present.

His Honour also commented on the conduct of Members during sittings.

The Deputy Speaker expressed thanks to the Members for their co-operation on those occasions when he had presided.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

At 10.17 p.m., the Minister of Finance moved that the Assembly adjourn to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd January, 1970.

BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT SITTING

Before the adjournment, His Honour the Speaker informed the Assembly that the business for consideration at the next sitting would include -

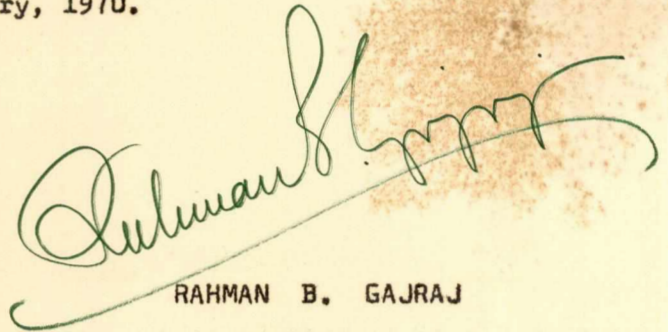
- (i) consideration of the motion listed at item 2 on the Order Paper, to be moved by the Minister of Finance, for the confirmation of the Consumption Tax (Petroleum) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1969;

- (ii) consideration of the motion, listed at item 3 on the Order Paper, to be moved by the Minister of Finance, for the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation (1968) Bill, 1970;
- (iii) the introduction and formal consideration of the Appropriation Bill for 1970, which was being published in an Extraordinary Issue of the Gazette on Thursday, 22nd January, 1970.

He also informed the Assembly that two questions would be placed on the Order Paper for answer at the sitting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.18 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd January, 1970.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

22nd January, 1970.