

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 40th 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, 6TH OCTOBER, 1969.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Deputy Speaker, Mr. O.E. Clarke - In the Chair

(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
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of Information
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works and
Hydraulics

(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. M. Corrica
Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
Mrs. P.A. Limerick
Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. D.A. Singh
Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
Mr. C.E. Wrights
Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen

(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. G.H. Lall
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 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
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

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

Absent

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj, C.B.E., J.P.	-	on leave
The Honourable M.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 H.O. Jack, Minister without Portfolio	-	on leave
Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health	-	on leave
Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister		
Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.	-	on leave
Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue	-	on leave
Mr. E.F. Correia	-	on leave
Mr. D.C. Jagan	-	on leave
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson		
Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.	-	on leave
Mr. V. Teekah	-	on leave
Mr. M.F. Singh	-	on leave
Mr. R.E. Cheeks		

PRAYERS

The Deputy Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

- (i) Mr. Bissember, Mr. Jack and Mr. Budhoo from the 6th to 18th October, 1969;
- (ii) Mr. D.C. Jagan from 6th to 20th October;
- (iii) Mr. Teekah from 6th October to 15th November, 1969;
- (iv) Mr. Hamid for three months from 6th October, 1969, and
- (v) Mr. Correia, Mr. Chan-A-Sue and Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

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

- (a) Consumption Tax (Petroleum) Order, 1969 (No. 35), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, 1969 (No. 13), on the 6th of September, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 13th of September, 1969.

(G. 669)

- (b) International Financial Organisation (International Monetary Fund) Order, 1969, made under section 8 of the International Financial Organisations Act, 1966 (No. 2) on the 23rd of September, 1969.

(Circulated)(G. 601 VII)

(2) By the Minister of Communications:

Commonwealth Telecommunications Board -
Seventeenth General Report and Statement
of Accounts - 1st April, 1967, to 31st
March, 1968.

(PT 5326 III)

(3) By the Minister of Local Government:

- (a) Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Local Government for the years 1967 and 1968.

(30/1 XVIII & XIX)(Circulated)

- (b) Memorandum by the Minister of Local Government on Local Government Reform - September, 1969. (Sessional Paper No. 1/69).

(IG: 50 II)(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Advisory Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1969 (No. 1), made under section 13(5) of the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1966 (No. 7) on the 25th of September, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 4th of October, 1969.

(S. 2/0/1)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

- (a) LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) BILL, 1969.
(Bill No. 23/1969 published 3.10.69)
- (b) MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS BILL, 1969.
(Bill No. 24/1969 published 3.10.69)
- (c) LOCAL AUTHORITIES (VALIDATION OF APPOINTMENT AND ACTS OF MEMBERS) BILL, 1969.
(Bill No. 25/1969 published 4.10.69)

The Minister of Local Government on behalf of the Government presented the following Bills which were read the first time:

- (a) A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, FOR THE PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL REGISTERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUCH ELECTIONS, FOR THE DETERMINATION OF DISPUTES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTIONS AND OF DISPUTES IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTIONS TO CERTAIN OFFICES IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL TO AND CONNECTED WITH THE AFORESAID PURPOSES.

- (a) A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN AND THE TOWN OF NEW AMSTERDAM AND IN OTHER AREAS OF GUYANA.
- (b) A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN ENACTMENTS RELATING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TO VALIDATE THE APPOINTMENT AND ACTS OF CERTAIN PERSONS WHO PURPORTED TO EXERCISE THE FUNCTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THOSE AUTHORITIES.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - MOTION OF SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MR. CLAUDE VIBART WIGHT, C.B.E.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, Standing Order No. 23(3) was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed with this item.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly record its deep regret at the death of Mr. Claude Vibart Wight, C.B.E., and pay tribute to the service which he rendered to Guyana and to Parliament and direct that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing relatives.

Dr. Jagan seconded the motion and spoke to it.

Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried with Members standing.

BILL - Second and Third Reading

ITEM 2 - GUYANA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS (CHANGE OF NAME) BILL, 1969 - BILL No. 22/1969.

The Minister of Works and Hydraulics on behalf for the Minister of Health moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO EFFECT A CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE GUYANA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Mrs. Branco, Mrs. DaSilva and Mr. Chandisingh spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Works and Hydraulics replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

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

ITEM 3 - MOTION TO CONFIRM THE CONSUMPTION TAX (PETROLEUM) ORDER, 1969

At the request of the Minister of Local Government consideration of the above item was deferred.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.15 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Local Government, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 13th October, 1969.



O. E. CLARKE

Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

8th October, 1969.