

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 41st 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, 13TH 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

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. 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 Sluytman

Mr. C.E. Wrights

(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. 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
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mr. J.A. Sutton
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

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 N.J. Bissember, Minister
 of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs - on leave
 The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister
 of Labour and Social Security - 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 - 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. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. D.C. Jagan - on leave
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. V. Teekah - on leave

PRAYERS

The Deputy Clerk read Prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

- (i) Mr. Jordan from the 15th of October to the 30th of November, 1969;
- (ii) Mr. Carrington from the 10th to the 20th of October, 1969;
- (iii) Dr. Talbot to the 18th of October, 1969;
- (iv) Mr. Chan-A-Sue and Mr. Zaheeruddeen for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister of Local Government on behalf of the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs:

Seventy-eight Annual Report of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Georgetown for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

(T: 38/11/4)

- (2) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Financial Statement of the Trotman Trust Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

(G. 107/53 II)(Circulated)

- (b) Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 6) Order, 1969 (No. 38), made under section 9 of the Customs Ordinance; Chapter 309, on the 17th of September, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 20th of September, 1969.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

At the request of the Minister of Local Government the Assembly proceeded with item 2 on the Order Paper.

BILL - Second ReadingITEM 2 - MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 24/1969 published 3. 10. 69

The Minister of Local Government moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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.

The Minister was speaking when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.45 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Local Government concluded his speech.

The Leader of the Opposition was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING


At 8.09 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Leader of the Opposition concluded his speech.

The Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Mr. Lall, Mr. R. Ally and Mr. M.Y. Ally spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.02 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Local Government, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th October, 1969.


O. E. CLARKE

Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

14th October, 1969.