

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 39th 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, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 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. Kasli, 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 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
Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health

(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. 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. 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

Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Mr. D.C. Jagan
 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
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. F.A. Narain
 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 S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C.,
 Attorney-General and Minister of State
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works
 and Hydraulics
 (b) The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without
 Portfolio
 Mr. W. Haynes, Parliamentary Secretary,
 Ministry of Works and Hydraulics - on leave
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P. - on leave
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. M.F. Singh - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**Leave**

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

(i) Mr. Zaheeruddeen for two days on 22nd and 23rd
 September, and

(ii) Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Minister of Labour and Social Security

- (a) National Insurance and Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations, 1969, made under sections 21 and 51 of the National Insurance and Social Security Act, 1969 (No. 15), on the 18th of September, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 22nd of September, 1969.

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- (b) National Insurance and Social Security (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations, 1969, made under sections 20, 38, 39 and 51 of the National Insurance and Social Security Act, 1969 (No. 15), on the 18th of September, 1969, and published in the Gazette on the 22nd of September, 1969.

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(2) By the Prime Minister

Report of the Republic Committee.

(Circulated).

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERSQUESTION NO. 6

Mr. Balchand Persaud asked the Minister of Health the following question:

Question: Will the Honourable Minister say -

- (i) what steps have been taken to implement Resolution No. XLVII of the 16th of October, 1968, in regards to cigarette smoking?
- (ii) If the answer is in the negative, will the Honourable Minister indicate how soon will steps be taken to implement the resolution?

The Minister of Health gave the following reply:

- Answer:
- (i) The Division of Health Education has been emphasising in lectures the dangers which can result from cigarette smoking. It is felt that some measures of success has been achieved by means of these lectures.
- (ii) Government is exploring the possibility of introducing legislation to -
- (a) deal with labelling of cigarette packs;
- (b) restrict smoking advertisements in the news media, i.e. theatre, newspaper and radio.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERSStatement by the Prime Minister on Government's decisions on the Report of the Republic Committee

The Prime Minister made a statement concerning the Report of the Republic Committee and the acceptance of its recommendation by Government with a few minor variations and changes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

The Minister of Health on behalf of the Government presented the following Bill which was read for the first time:

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

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONS

ITEM 1 - MOTION OF SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MR. NORMAN MANLEY, A FORMER PREMIER OF JAMAICA

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

The Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs thereafter moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly record its deep regret at the recent death of Mr. Norman W. Manley, a former Premier of Jamaica and direct that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing relatives.

Mr. Ram Karran seconded the motion and spoke to it.

Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

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

ITEM 2 - MOTION OF SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MR. THEOPHILUS LEE

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

Thereafter, the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly record its deep regret at the recent death of Mr. Theophilus Lee 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 widow and sorrowing relatives.

Mr. Ram Karran 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 Readings

ITEM 3 - INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANISATIONS (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 1969 - Bill No. 21/1969

The Minister of Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANISATIONS ACT, 1966, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE BANK OF GUYANA ORDINANCE, 1965.

Mr. Ram Karran and Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance 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.

MOTION

ITEM 4 - MOTION TO GUARANTEE THE REPAYMENT OF THE NEW
AMSTERDAM TOWN COUNCIL'S ISSUE OF EQUATED
ANNUITY BEARER BONDS

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government guarantee the repayment of the sum of \$500,000 which the New Amsterdam Town Council proposes to borrow, in accordance with section 196 of the New Amsterdam Town Council Ordinance, Chapter 161, from the public by the issue of equated annuity bearer bonds on the 1st October, 1969, at seven per cent per annum repayable in 15 years, in order to reconstruct certain roads in New Amsterdam.

Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

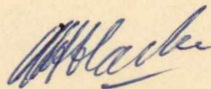
The motion was then put and carried.

WELCOME TO THE CLERK

Before the adjournment was taken, the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Members of the Assembly, welcomed back the Clerk of the National Assembly, who resumed duty after his three-month Attachment at the House of Commons, London.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.05 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



O. E. CLARKE
Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

4th October, 1969.