

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969 - 1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 64th 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, 14TH JANUARY, 1970

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, Q.C., Minister of Home
Affairs
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 H. Green, Minister of Works and
Hydraulics
Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health

(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 and Hydraulics
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. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. G.H. Lall
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

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

Absent:

The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister
 Labour and Social Security
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, Kt., C.M.G., Q.C.,
 Attorney-General and Minister of State
 The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of
 Information and Culture
 The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without
 Portfolio
 Mr. M. Corrica - on leave
 Mr. D.C. Jagan - on leave
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mrs. L.M. Branco - on leave
 Mrs. E. DaSilva - on leave
 Mr. M.F. Singh - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. D.C. Jagan, Mrs. Branco and Mrs. DaSilva to the end of the week.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1968) BILL, 1970.
(Bill No. 1/1970)

The Minister of Education (Leader of the House), on behalf of the Minister of Finance, presented the following Bill, which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO SANCTION CERTAIN EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE YEAR ENDED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1968, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE 112(3) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF GUYANA.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION 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 28	-	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES - FORESTS	
		was passed as printed at	... \$ 569,482
HEAD 29	-	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES - GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS AND MINES	
		was passed as printed at	... 517,545
HEAD 30	-	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES - LANDS	
		was passed as printed at	... 801,987
DIVISION XIII	-	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES	
		was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.	

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.03 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.40 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 XIII - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES was passed as printed at	... \$ 5,079,000
HEAD 31 - MINISTRY OF TRADE was passed as printed at	... 631,877
DIVISION XIV - MINISTRY OF TRADE was passed as printed at	... 50,000

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.34 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.10 p.m. the sitting was resumed with His Honour the Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

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

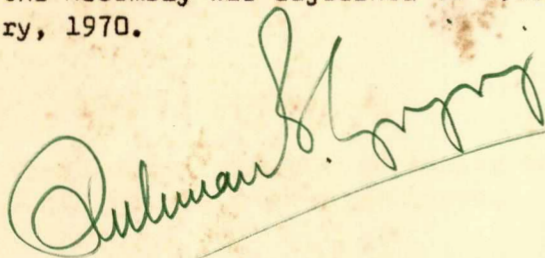
In Committee of Supply

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS AND SUPPLY - ESTABLISHMENT was passed as corrected at ...	\$ 3,914,598
HEAD 37 - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS AND SUPPLY - ANNUALLY RECURRENT was passed as printed at ...	7,375,987
DIVISION XVI - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS AND SUPPLY was passed as printed at ...	27,785,000
DIVISION XVII - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS AND SUPPLY - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS was passed as printed at ...	8,300,000

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.40 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 15th January, 1970.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

15th January, 1969.