

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

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FIRST SESSION  
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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 56th 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, 29TH DECEMBER, 1969

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, Minister of Home Affairs

The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister of Trade and  
Parliamentary Affairs

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

The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of  
Education

The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Housing and  
Reconstruction

The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of Information

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

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

(iii) Other Members

Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker  
 Mr. J.N. Aaron  
 Miss M.M. Ackman  
 Mr. K. Bancroft  
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.  
 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  
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan  
 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  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 Mr. M.F. Singh  
 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 S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C.,  
 Attorney-General and Minister of State  
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of  
 Works and Hydraulics  
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot,  
 Minister of Health  
 Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,  
 Office of the Prime Minister - on leave  
 Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary,  
 Office of the Prime Minister - on leave  
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue - on leave  
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P. - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby - on leave  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Duncan, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Chan-A-Sue and Mr. Sutton for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Consumption Tax Order, 1969 (No. 57), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, 1969 (No. 13), on 15th of December, 1969, and published in the Gazette on 20th of December, 1969.

(G. 669/1)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPENSIONS (CONSOLIDATION)(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969.

Bill No. 36/1969

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENSIONS (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE, 1957.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONS

ITEM 1 - MOTION TO ADOPT CONCLUSION CONTAINED IN SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 3/1969 on INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Minister of Labour and Social Security moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the International Labour Conference at its Fifty-second Session in Geneva during June, 1968, adopted Recommendation (No. 132) concerning "The Improvement of Conditions of Life and Work of Tenants, Share Croppers and Similar Categories of Agricultural Workers";

AND WHEREAS Guyana, as a member of the International Labour Organisation, is required to bring Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference to the attention of the National Assembly within one year and in no case later than eighteen months after the closing of the Session of the Conference;

AND WHEREAS the above Recommendation was laid in the National Assembly on the 22nd of December, 1969, in Sessional Paper No. 3/1969:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopt the conclusion contained in Sessional Paper No. 3/1969 on International Labour Recommendations adopted on 25th June, 1968, at the 52nd Session of the International Labour Conference.

Mr. Lall, Mr. Chandisingh, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Ramsahoye and Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Labour and Social Security replied.

The motion was then put and carried on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. M.F. Singh
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mrs. DaSilva
Mr. Wrights	Mr. Teekah
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mrs. Sahoye
Mr. D.A. Singh	Mr. Bhola Persaud
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mrs. Limerick	Mrs. Branco
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Ambrose
Mr. Corrica	Mr. R. Ally
Mr. Correia	Mr. R.D. Persaud
Mr. Budhoo	Mr. M.Y. Ally
Mr. Bancroft	Mr. Lall
Miss Ackman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Aaron	Mr. D. Jagan
Mr. Clarke	Dr. Ramsahoye
Mr. Salim	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Haynes	Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Joaquin	
Mr. Ramsaroop	
Miss Field-Ridley	
Mr. Carrington	
Mr. Bissember	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Mr. Jordan	
Dr. Reid	
Mr. Burnham	

ITEM 2 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CONSUMPTION TAX ORDER, 1969

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in terms of section 5 of the Consumption Tax Act, 1969, confirm the Consumption Tax Order, 1969, which was made on 15th December, 1969, and published in the Gazette on 20th December, 1969.

Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

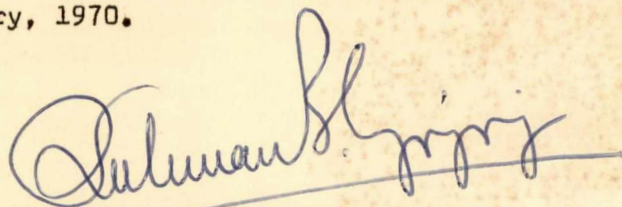
The Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Government, extended to His Honour the Speaker, all Members and their families, the Staff of Parliament Office and the Press, best wishes for the New Year.

Mr. Ram Karran and Mr. M.F. Singh associated themselves with the remarks of the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs and extended wishes on behalf of their Parties.

His Honour thanked the Minister, Mr. Ram Karran and Mr. Singh on behalf of the Staff and himself and reciprocated the good wishes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.57 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 5th January, 1970.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

5th January, 1970.