

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 43rd 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, 15TH 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 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
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of Information

(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, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. Ram Karan
 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
 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

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 R.J. Jordan, Minister of
 Agriculture and Natural Resources - on leave
 The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister
 of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs - on leave
 The Hon. 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 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. E.F. Correia - on leave
 Mr. D.C. Jagan - on leave
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. V. Teekah - 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 Mr. Correia and Mr. Chan-A-Sue for that day's sitting.

Form of dress for public officers attending sittings of the Assembly as advisers

His Honour the Deputy Speaker commented on the form of dress public officers, as well as members of the press, wear in the Chamber during sittings of the Assembly. He stated that His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj, had decided that only Members of the Assembly and members of the press should attend sittings in shirt jacs if they so wished. However, since the Public Service Ministry had agreed to the wearing of shirt jacs by public officers, he would now permit them to attend sittings as advisers to Ministers in shirt jacs, but reiterated that the style must conform to that prescribed for Members of the Assembly and members of the Press.

He informed the Assembly that he had instructed the Clerk to advise Government Heads of Departments on the matter.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second Reading

ITEM 1 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) BILL, 1969 -
Bill No. 23/1969 published 3. 10.69

Assembly resumed the debate on the second reading of the following Bill:

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.

Mr. Lall, Dr. Ramsahoye and Mr. D.A. Singh spoke to the motion.

Mr. R. Ally was speaking to the motion 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 5.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(1)

At this stage, on a motion by the Minister of Local Government, Standing Order No. 9(1) was suspended to enable the sitting to continue to **midnight**.

Thereafter, the Assembly resumed the debate on the second reading of Bill No. 23.

Mr. Ally concluded his speech.

Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Wilson spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.27 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.12 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Bholu Persaud, Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Balchand Persaud, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Ram Karan spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

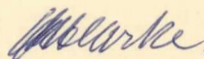
At 10.24 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. M.Y. Ally, Mr. Ambrose and Mr. R.D. Persaud spoke to the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At midnight, on a motion by the Minister of Local Government, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 16th October, 1969.



O. E. CLARKE

Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

16th October, 1969.