

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 48th 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

FRIDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 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 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 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 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

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. 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. J. Budhoo, J.P.
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. O.E. Clarke, Deputy Speaker
 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

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. Ram Karan
 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
 Mr. I.R. Remington, M.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mr. J.A. Sutton
 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 R.J. Jordan, Minister
 of Agriculture and Natural
 Resources, - on leave
 Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,
 Office of the Prime Minister
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby - on leave
 Mr. V. Teekah - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

WELCOME TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Before the commencement of Public Business, the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of Members, welcomed His Honour the Speaker from his trip abroad. His Honour thanked the Minister but observed that he regretted the circumstances which had necessitated the change in his plans and his return on the previous evening.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTION

MOTION OF SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF SIR DAVID JAMES GARDINER ROSE, G.C.M.G., C.V.O., M.B.E., GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF GUYANA

The Prime Minister moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That we, the Members of this National Assembly, at this Special Sitting assembled, record our profound grief at the loss sustained by Guyana in the death of Sir David James Gardiner Rose, G.C.M.G., C.V.O., M.B.E., Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Guyana, and pay tribute to the service which he rendered to Guyana and direct that an expression of our heartfelt sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing widow, children and relatives.

Dr. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition, seconded the motion.

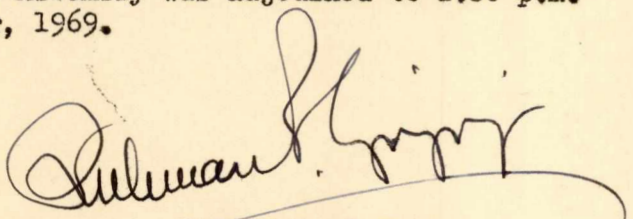
Mr. M.F. Singh, the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, Mrs. DaSilva, Mrs. Limerick, Mr. Cheeks and Mrs. Sahoye supported the motion.

His Honour the Speaker also spoke on the occasion.

The Clerk then read the motion which was, thereafter, put and unanimously carried with Members standing.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.50 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 20th November, 1969.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

17th November, 1969.