

FIRST SESSION

1969

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 51st 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

THURSDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1969

PRESENT:

His Honour the Deputy Speaker, Mr. O.E. Clarke - In the Chair

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

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 W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour and Social Security
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Housing and Reconstruction

(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

(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
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. D.C. Jagan
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. G.H. Lall
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bhola Persaud
 Mr. V. Teekah Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. M.F. Singh

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 L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.,
 Prime Minister
 The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister of
 Agriculture and Natural Resources - on leave
 Mrs. the Honourable S.M. Patterson,
 Minister of Education
 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
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced -

(i) Resignation of Mr. C.M.L. John

That he had received from Mr. C.M.L. John a letter dated 25th November, 1969, resigning as a Member of the National Assembly. He added that as Mr. John, in accordance with article 61(2)(a) of the Constitution, vacated his seat in the Assembly, he had, as required by article 70(1) of the Constitution, called upon the representative of the People's National Congress List of

Candidates to further extract from the list the name of a person who was not an elected member of the Assembly but was qualified for election as and willing to become such a member, to fill the vacancy.

(ii) Leave

That leave had been granted to Mr. Sutton for that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - INCOME TAX (IN AID OF INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 -
Bill No. 27/1969 published 15.11.69

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE INCOME
TAX (IN AID OF INDUSTRY) ORDINANCE.

Mr. Ram Karran, Mr. M.F. Singh, Dr. Ramsahoye and the Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

VISIT OF THE RIGHT REVEREND TIMOTHY OMATAYO OLUFOSOYE, LORD
BISHOP OF GAMBIA AND THE RIO PONGAS

Before the Minister of Finance replied, His Honour the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and drew to the attention of the Assembly the presence in the Chamber of the distinguished visitor, the Right Reverend Timothy Omatayo Olufosoye, Lord Bishop of Gambia and the Rio Pongas, who was on a short visit to Guyana. On behalf of the Members he extended to the Lord Bishop a hearty welcome and wished him a pleasant and happy stay in Guyana.

The Lord Bishop stood and bowed to His Honour and the Members in acknowledgement.

INCOME TAX (IN AID OF INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969 -
Bill No. 27/1969 published 15.11.69

On resumption of the proceedings, the Minister of Finance replied.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 2 - CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AGREEMENT BILL, 1969 -
Bill No. 28/1969 published 17. 11. 69.

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO ENABLE THE
IMPLEMENTATION BY GUYANA OF THE
AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND
FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Mr. Teekah 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 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Teekah concluded his speech.

The Leader of the Opposition and Dr. Ramsahoye spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Finance then replied.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.25 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.

28th November, 1969.