

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969 - 1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 62nd 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, 12TH 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 W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour
and Social Security
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of
Education (Leader of the House)
The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Housing and
Reconstruction
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

(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

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
 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 B. Ramsaroop, Minister
 of Trade - on leave
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of
 Works and Hydraulics
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot,
 Minister of Health
 Mr. M. Corrica - on leave
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby
 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. Ramsaroop for the 12th and 13th January, and to Mrs. DaSilva for that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1970

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider 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 1 - GOVERNOR-GENERAL was passed as printed at	...	\$	56,849
DIVISION I - GOVERNOR-GENERAL was passed as printed at	...		7,000
HEAD 6 - OMBUDSMAN was passed as printed at	...		15,176
HEAD 7 - PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS was passed as printed at	...		232,649
HEAD 9 - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET			

At this stage the following corrections by the Minister of Finance to the estimates were accepted by the Committee:

Page 19: The salary scale quoted in the explanatory notes at item (9), sub-head 1 should read "B8" and not "B8a".

Page 21: The salary scale of the post of Senior Official Reporter at item (5), sub-head 1 should read "F16c" and not "F16a".

Page 29: The salary scale of the post of Telephonist/ Receptionist at item (18), sub-head 1 should read "C1b" and not "C1".

Page 42: (a) The salary scale of the post of Principal Legal Adviser at item (9), sub-head 1 should read "F9" and not "F10".

(b) The salary scale of the post of Crown Counsel at item (12), sub-head 1 should read "A1" and not "All".

- Page 59: In the explanatory note at item (26), sub-head 1 the word "Washer" should be substituted for the word "Worker".
- Page 64: The salary scale of the post of Permanent Secretary at item (1), sub-head 1 should be inserted as "F6".
- Page 86: The salary scale of the posts of Resident Carpenters at item (60), subhead 1 should read "B10" and not "A10".
- Page 87: The salary scale of the post of Superintendent of Water at item (80), sub-head 1 should read "F13" and not "F12".
- Page 88: The salary scale of the posts of Technicians at item (129), sub-head 1 should read "A32" and not "A25".
- Page 89: (a) The salary scale quoted in the explanatory notes against item (136), sub-head 1 should read "A10" and not "A10/A9".
- (b) The salary scale for the posts of Superintendents of Works at item (137), sub-head 1 should read "A10/A19" and not "A10/A9".
- Page 113: The salary scale of the post of Port Health Officer at item (29), sub-head 1 should read "F16" and not "A16".
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| HEAD 9 | was, thereafter passed as corrected | ... | ... |
| | at | ... | \$ 643,489 |
| HEAD 10 | - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE was passed | ... | 4,904,820 |
| | as printed at | ... | |
| DIVISION V | - PRIME MINISTER was passed as | ... | 2,065,000 |
| | printed at | ... | |
| HEAD 11 | - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was | ... | 341,032 |
| | passed as printed at | ... | |
| DIVISION VI | - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was | ... | 365,000 |
| | passed as printed at | ... | |
| HEAD 13 | - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOP- | | 1,776,897 |
| | MENT was passed as printed at | | |
| HEAD 14 | - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOP- | | |
| | MENT - INTERIOR DEPARTMENT was | | |
| | under consideration when the | | |
| | time for the suspension of the | | |
| | sitting was reached. | | |

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.02 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 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

HEAD 14	-	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - INTERIOR DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at	...	\$	378,000
DIVISION VIII	-	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at	...		7,610,000
HEAD 5	-	AUDIT was passed as printed at..			265,240
HEAD 19	-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...		603,471

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.34 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.12 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

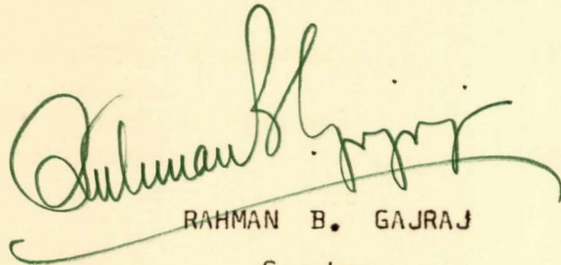
HEAD 2	-	SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE was passed as printed at	...	\$	561,471
HEAD 3	-	MAGISTRATES was passed as corrected at	...		693,852
HEAD 4	-	PARLIAMENT OFFICE was passed as corrected at	...		91,914
HEAD 8	-	PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was passed as corrected at	...		103,268
HEAD 12	-	MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...		2,531,541
DIVISION VII	-	MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...		105,000
HEAD 15	-	ATTORNEY-GENERAL was passed as corrected at	...		229,845

HEAD 16	-	ATTORNEY-GENERAL - OFFICIAL RECEIVER was passed as printed at	...	\$ 91,100
HEAD 17	-	ATTORNEY-GENERAL - DEEDS REGISTRY was passed as printed at	...	115,776

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 p.m., the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m.
on Tuesday, 13th January, 1970.



RAHMAN B. GAJRAJ

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

13th January, 1970.