

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 29th 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, 11TH DECEMBER, 1970

PRESENT:

His Honour the Deputy Speaker, Mr. D.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 R.J. Jordan, Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The Honourable M. Kasim, Minister of Communications

The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.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 B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Trade

The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Housing and Reconstruction

The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. J.G. Joaquin, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance

Mr. P. Duncan, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister

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

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. 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. R.C. Van Sluytman
 Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P.
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R.B. Chandisingh
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P.
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P.
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 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 L.F.S. Burnham, S.C.,
 Prime Minister
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C.,
 Attorney-General and Minister
 of State
 The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister
 without Portfolio
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot,
 Minister of Health
 Mr. N.J. Bissember
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. Balchand Persaud - on leave
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Christianburg/Wismar/Mackenzie (Supplementary Estimates) Order, 1970 (No. 108), made under section 333 of the Municipal and District Councils Act, 1959 (NO. 24), on the 19th of November, 1970, and published in the Gazette on the 28th of November, 1970.

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- (2) By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance:

Customs Duties (Exemption from Import Duties) (No. 2) Order, 1970 (No. 110), made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 26th of November, 1970, and published in the Gazette on the 5th of December, 1970.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

- (1) MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT NO. 2)
BILL, 1970 - Bill No. 31/1970

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Minister of Communications, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

- (2) HOUSING DEVELOPMENT BILL, 1970 - Bill No. 32/1970

The Minister of Housing and Reconstruction presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOUSING FUND AND THE EFFECTUATION OF MORTGAGE GUARANTEE BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1971

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1971, totalling \$181,816,141. (See Appendix to Minutes of 4th December, 1970).

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The Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply and Mr. D. Jagan spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources 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.

The Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources concluded his speech.

Mr. R.D. Persaud and Mr. Van Sluytman spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.33 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, the 14th of December, 1970.



O. E. CLARKE

Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

14th December, 1970.