

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 31st 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

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1970

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, S.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, 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 S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Attorney-General  
and Minister of State  
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works, Hydraulics  
and Supply  
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister without Portfolio  
Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health

(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. N.J. Bissember  
 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. Chandisingh  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramphoye  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P.  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 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. M.F. Singh

Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. F.A. Narain  
 Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. M.B. Henry

Absent:

Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. - on leave  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud - on leave  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Stoby for one month from that day's sitting.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERSStatement by the Minister of Trade on the expansion of the activities of the External Trade Bureau

The Minister of Trade made a statement on the Government's decision to expand the activities of the External Trade Bureau, which was established in July, 1970, to handle imports from certain countries as a first step towards imposing effective control on prices of goods sold in Guyana, to include the importation, with immediate effect, of certain categories of widely used foodstuffs, essential drugs, bulk chemicals and hospital and laboratory supplies.

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

Before the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1971, totalling \$181,816,141, His Honour the Deputy Speaker reminded Members that, in accordance with the Report of the Business Sub-Committee, seven days had been allotted for consideration of the Estimates in Committee of Supply and requested Members to try to limit their discussions to the time allotted to each Head or Division of the Estimates.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 1 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT was passed as printed at	...	\$.	73,476
DIVISION I - PRESIDENT was passed as printed at	...		15,000
HEAD 7 - PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS was passed as printed at	...		253,053
HEAD 9 - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND AND CABINET was passed as printed. at	...		976,886
HEAD 10 - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE was passed as printed at	...		5,230,620
DIVISION V - PRIME MINISTER was passed as printed at	...		1,957,000

Assembly resumed.

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.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1971.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 2 - SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE was passed as printed at	...	\$	570,609
HEAD 3 - MAGISTRATES was passed as printed at	...		737,568
HEAD 6 - OMBUDSMAN was passed as printed at..			14,495
HEAD 8 - PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was passed as printed at	...		111,643
HEAD 12 - MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...		3,499,998

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.42 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.25 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1971.

In Committee of Supply

DIVISION VII - MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...		100,000
HEAD 15 - ATTORNEY-GENERAL was passed as printed at	...		230,652
HEAD 16 - ATTORNEY-GENERAL - OFFICIAL RECEIVER was passed as printed at	...		96,854
HEAD 17 - ATTORNEY-GENERAL - DEEDS REGISTRY was passed as printed at	...		118,077
HEAD 11 - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was passed as printed at	...		358,677
DIVISION VI - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was passed as printed at	...		500,000

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HEAD 13 - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
was under consideration when the  
time for the adjournment was  
reached.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education  
(Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m.  
on Wednesday, the 16th of December, 1970.



O. E. CLARKE

Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown

16th December, 1970.