

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 32nd 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

WEDNESDAY, 16TH 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 Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of
Education (Leader of the House)

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. 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

Mr. Ram Karan
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
 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
 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 W.G. Carrington, Minister
 of Labour and Social Security
 The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of
 Trade ..
 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
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. Balchand Persaud - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

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

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1971, totalling \$181,816,141.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 13 - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
was passed as printed at	...	\$ 1,596,544
HEAD 14 - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- INTERIOR DEVELOPMENT	was passed as printed at	... 492,313
DIVISION VIII - MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOP- MENT	was passed as printed at...	6,870,000
HEAD 4 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE	was passed as printed at	... 93,762

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.08 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.48 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 18 - MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE	was passed as printed at	... \$ 898,398
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On a motion by Mr. R.D. Persaud, seconded by Mr. D. Jagan, the HEAD was recommitted.

The HEAD thereafter	was passed as printed at	... 898,398
HEAD 5 - AUDIT	was passed as printed at	... 339,862

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- HEAD 19 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was passed as printed at ... \$ 433,953
- HEAD 20 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.13 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

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

In Committee of Supply

- HEAD 20 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was passed at ... \$9,161,629

with the following correction to item (12) of subhead 1:

Substitution of "86" for "68" in the 1971 Establishment.

- HEAD 21 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS was under consideration when the time for the adjournment of the Assembly was reached.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.15 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 17th of December, 1970.



O. E. CLARKE

Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

17th December, 1970.