

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 33rd 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, 17TH 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 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

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. Ram Karran
 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
 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 D.A. Singh, Minister of
 Housing and Reconstruction
 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. E.M. Stoby, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. Balchand Persaud - on leave
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance on behalf of the Prime Minister

Triumph/Beterverwagting District Council
(Supplementary Estimates) Order, 1970
(No. 112), made under section 333 of
the Municipal and District Councils
Act, 1969 (No. 24), on the 3rd of
December, 1970, and published in the
Gazette on the 12th of December, 1970.

(LG: TJ:24/4)

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY
AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

The Minister of Education (Leader of the House) informed the Assembly that it was agreed that the sitting on that day would continue until 11.00 p.m.

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 21	-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS	
		was passed as printed at	... \$ 1,205,144
HEAD 22	-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES	
		was passed as printed at	... 1,082,223
HEAD 23	-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS	
		was passed as printed at	... 342,430
HEAD 24	-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PROBATION AND WELFARE SERVICE	
		was passed as printed at	... 394,044
DIVISION XI	-	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS	
		was passed as printed at	... 771,000
HEAD 25	-	MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
		was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.	

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.43 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 25 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT was passed at ... \$ 843,169 with the following correction to item (23) of subhead 1:

Substitution of "10" for "9" in the 1971 Establishment.

DIVISION XII - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT was passed as printed at ... 135,000

HEAD 32 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS was passed at ... 511,052 with the following correction to item (8) of subhead 1:

Substitution of "2" for "1" in the 1971 Establishment.

HEAD 33 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - POST OFFICE 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 8.10 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

HEAD 33 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - POST OFFICE was passed as printed at... \$ 2,626,080

HEAD 34 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was passed as printed at	... \$ 2,278,280
HEAD 35 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - CIVIL AVIATION was passed as printed at	... 601,388
DIVISION XVI - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS was passed as printed at	... 3,168,000
HEAD 31 - MINISTRY OF TRADE was under consideration when the time for the Assembly to resume in order to consider Item 2 on the Order Paper, was reached.	

At 10.00 p.m. the Assembly resumed.

BILL - Second Reading

ITEM 2 - CAPITAL GAINS TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1970 -
Bill No. 28/1970 published 28.11.70

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE CAPITAL
GAINS TAX ORDINANCE, 1966.

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

Thereafter the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11.00 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Education (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 18th of December, 1970.

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Deputy Speaker