

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1970

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 34th 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, 18TH DECEMBER, 1970

PRESENT

His Honour the Deputy Speaker, Mr. D.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 M. Kasim, Minister of Communications

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
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. LI. 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
 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 R.J. Jordan, Minister
 of Agriculture and Natural Resources
 The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister
 of Home Affairs
 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
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. Balchand Persaud - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

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 and on subsequent days would continue until 11.00 p.m. in order to complete the items on the Order Paper as early as possible.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 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 31 - MINISTRY OF TRADE was passed as
printed at ... \$ 191,144
- HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS
AND SUPPLY - ESTABLISHMENT 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 4.42 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 36 - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS
AND SUPPLY - ESTABLISHMENT was
passed as printed at ... \$ 5,306,411
- HEAD 37 - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS
AND SUPPLY - ANNUALLY RECURRENT
was passed as printed at ... 8,539,760
- DIVISION XVII - MINISTRY OF WORKS, HYDRAULICS
AND SUPPLY was passed as
printed at ... 28,765,000

DIVISION XVIII - MINISTRY OF WORKS,
HYDRAULICS - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS
was passed as printed at ... \$ 7,550,000

HEAD 38 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION 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 resume
consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1971.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 38 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was
passed as printed at ... \$ 3,329,619

HEAD 39 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - IN-
SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING
PROGRAMME was passed as
printed at ... 138,365

HEAD 40 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION -
PRIMARY, MULTI-LATERAL AND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS was under
consideration when the time
for the Assembly to resume
was reached.

At 10.00 p.m. the Assembly resumed.

ITEM 4 - MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONCLUSIONS CONTAINED IN
SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 2/1970 ON THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Minister of Labour and Social Security moved the
following motion:

WHEREAS the International Labour Conference at
its fifty-third Session in Geneva during June, 1969,
adopted the following Conventions and Recommendations:-

- (i) Inspection in Agricultural Convention,
1969 (No. 129)

- (ii) Inspection in Agricultural Recommendation, 1969 (No. 133)
- (iii) Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Convention, 1969 (No. 130)
- (iv) Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Recommendation, 1969 (No. 134);

AND WHEREAS Guyana, as a Member of the International Labour Organisation, is under obligation to bring these Conventions and Recommendations to the attention of the National Assembly within one year and in no case later than eighteen months;

AND WHEREAS the Conventions and Recommendations were laid in the National Assembly on the 8th of December, 1970 in Sessional Paper No. 2/1970;

BE IT RESOLVED:


That this National Assembly adopt the conclusions contained in Sessional Paper No. 2/1970 on the International Labour Conventions and Recommendations adopted on 25th June, 1969, at the Fifty-third Session of the International Labour Conference.

Mr. Lall spoke to the motion

Mr. Ram Karran was speaking to the motion when the time for the adjournment of the Assembly was reached.

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 Monday, the 21st of December, 1970.


D. E. CLARKE

Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

19th December, 1970.