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SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1970 - 1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 41st 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, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1971

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P.

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister of Agriculture

The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Finance

The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour  
and Social Security

The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of  
Education

The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Trade  
(Leader of the House)

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

The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of Home Affairs

X The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of Local Government

The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Attorney-General and  
Minister of State

The Honourable H.D. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests

(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,  
Office of the Prime Minister

Mr. A. Salim, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture

Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Office of the Prime Minister

Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply

(iii) Other Members

Mr. J.N. Aaron  
 Miss M.M. Ackman, Government Whip  
 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  
 Mr. R.J. Jordan  
 Mr. S.M. Saffee  
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.  
 Mrs. L.E. Willems

(b) Members of the Opposition

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition  
 Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip  
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally  
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.  
 Mr. Bhola Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mrs. E. D<sub>a</sub>Silva  
 Mr. M.F. Singh

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 M. Kasim, A.A., Minister  
 of Communications  
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of  
 Works, Hydraulics and Supply  
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot,  
 Minister of Health  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C. - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud - on leave  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - on leave  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Cancellation of sitting of 25th February

His Honour the Speaker stated that owing to the discussions which had been taking place on Bills for consideration, it had been decided to cancel the sitting fixed for Thursday, 25th February, and to hold it on that, Friday, 26th February, 1971.

(ii) Congratulations to the Honourable M. Kasim, A.A.

On behalf of the Members and himself, His Honour took the opportunity to extend heartiest congratulations to the Minister of Communications, the Honourable Mohamed Kasim, on the award to him of the Golden Arrow of Achievement for outstanding services as a farmer for many years and for contributions to the public sector.

(iii) Leave

His Honour **announced** that leave had been granted to Mr. Sutton for that day's sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSBAUXITE NATIONALISATION BILL, 1971

The Minister of Mines and Forests, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF BAUXITE UNDERTAKINGS IN GUYANA AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO SECURE THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE AND TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY, AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH AND INCIDENTAL THERETO.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - MOTION TO ENABLE THE ASSEMBLY TO SIT ON SATURDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1971

The Minister of Trade (Leader of the House) moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agree that Standing Orders Nos. 8 and 9 be suspended to enable the Assembly to sit on Saturday, the 27th of February, 1971, at 9.00 o'clock in the forenoon, to consider the following Bills:-

(i) The Bauxite Nationalisation Bill, 1971.

(ii) The Minerals Bill, 1971.

Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

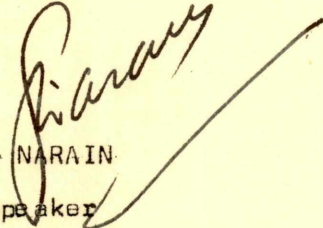
ITEM 2 - MOTION OF SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF MR. J.A. VEERASAMMY

On a motion by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), seconded by Mr. Ram Karran, and supported by Mr. M.F. Singh, the Assembly unanimously passed the following Resolution, with all standing in silence for one minute as a mark of respect:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. J.A. Veerasammy and its desire that its sympathies be conveyed to his relatives.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.32 p.m., the Assembly was adjourned to 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, the 27th of February, 1971.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

27th February, 1971.