

SECOND SESSION

1970 - 1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 42nd Sitting of the National Assembly under the Constitution of Guyana, held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 9.00 A.M.

ON

SATURDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1971

PRESENT:

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

(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 Agriculture
The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of Communications
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
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. Green, Minister of Works, Hydraulics
and Supply
The Honourable H.O. 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,
Ministry of Agriculture
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. R. Chandisingh
 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. 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
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

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

Absent:

Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot,
 Minister of Health
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C. - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. Balchand Persaud - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESSSUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 46(2) and (3)

On a motion by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), paragraphs (2) and (3) of Standing Order No. 46 were suspended to enable the second reading of the Bauxite Nationalisation Bill, 1971 - Bill No. 4/1971, to be proceeded with at that sitting.

BILL - Second ReadingBAUXITE NATIONALISATION BILL, 1971 - Bill No. 4/1971
published 26.2.71

The Minister of Mines and Forests moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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.

Mr. D.C. Jagan, Mrs. DaSilva, Mr. Cheeks and Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

Mr. R.D. Persaud was speaking to the motion when the time agreed for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 12.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

12.50 At 1.50 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Persaud concluded his speech.

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

The Prime Minister was replying on behalf of the Government when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.08 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Prime Minister concluded his reply..

The motion was, thereafter, put and carried on the following division:

FOR

Mr. Cheeks
 Mr. Teekah
 Mrs. Sahoye
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mrs. Branco
 Mr. Ambrose
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. R.D. Persaud
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. Lall
 Mr. Hamid
 Mr. Wilson
 Mr. D. Jagan
 Mr. Chandisingh
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Dr. Jagan
 Mrs. Willems
 Mr. Zaheeruddeen
 Mr. Van Sluytman
 Mr. Saffee
 Mr. Jordan
 Mr. Fowler
 Mr. Corrica
 Mr. Correis
 Mr. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. Budhoo
 Mr. Bissember
 Mr. Bancroft
 Miss Ackman
 Mr. Aaron
 Mr. Wrights
 Mr. Thomas
 Mr. Salim
 Mr. Haynes
 Mr. Duncan
 Mr. Joaquin
 Mr. Mingo
 Mr. Clarke
 Mr. D.A. Singh
 Mr. Ramsaroop
 Miss Field-Ridley
 Mr. Carrington
 Mr. Hoyte
 Mr. Kasim
 Dr. Reid
 Mr. Burnham

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AGAINST

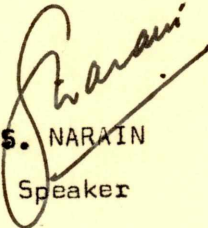
Mr. Sutton
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mrs. DaSilva

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The Bill was then read a second time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.00 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, the 1st of March, 1971.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

1st March, 1971.