

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 2nd 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, 19TH MAY, 1971

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

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 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, 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. 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
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramahoye, S.C.
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip X
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 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 L.F.S. Burnham, S.C.,
 Prime Minister
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C.,
 Attorney-General and Minister of
 State
 The Honourable H.O. Jack,
 Minister of Mines and Forests
 Mr. N.J. Bissember - on leave
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. V. Teekah - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Letter from Leader of Parliamentary Delegation from Yugoslavia

His Honour the Speaker read a letter dated 7th May, 1971, received from Mr. Peko Dapcevic, Vice-President of the Yugoslav Federal Assembly, and Leader of the Parliamentary Delegation which visited Guyana from the 6th to the 9th of April, 1971, expressing thanks for the friendly and cordial reception extended to the Members of the Delegation while they were in Guyana.

(ii) Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Mr. Bissember from 16th May to 3rd June, 1971, and
- (b) Mr. Teekah for five weeks from 19th May, 1971.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Speaker:

Report of the Ombudsman for 1969.

(PARL: 12/1/2)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Finance:

Customs Duties (Amendment) Order, 1971 (No. 24), made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 30th of April, 1971, and published in the Gazette on the 1st of May, 1971.

(C. Ex. 22 (1))

(3) By the Minister of Communications:

Annual Report of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year 1968.

(C-12/4/7)(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House) on behalf of the Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply:

East Demerara Water Conservancy Board Report for the year 1970.

(No. DI. 23/3 (Bood.))

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading(1) TEACHERS PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971 - Bill No. 8/1971 published 15.5.71

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE TEACHERS PENSIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS OF TEACHERS.

- (2) TOWN OF CHRISTIANBURG/WISMAR/MACKENZIE (CHANGE OF NAME) BILL, 1971 - Bill No. 9/1971 published 15.5.71

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO EFFECT A CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANBURG/WISMAR/MACKENZIE AND IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN.

- (3) VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971 - Bill No. 10/1971

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES ACT, 1969.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ITEM 1 - COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Under Standing Order No. 70(1)(b), the following Members were nominated to comprise the Committee of Selection, with His Honour the Speaker as Chairman:

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

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

Miss M.M. Ackman, Government Whip

Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.

Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip

Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P., and

Mr. M.F. Singh

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 23(3)

On a motion by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), Standing Order No. 23(3) was suspended to enable the motion at Item 2 on the Order Paper to be proceeded upon at that sitting.

MOTION

ITEM 2 - MOTION TO APPROVE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ADUMBRATED IN THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mrs. Willems moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

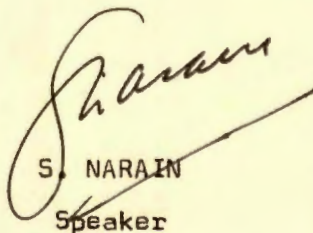
That this National Assembly approves of the Government's policy adumbrated in the President's Address for the present Session of Parliament made to the National Assembly at its Sitting on Friday, the 14th of May, 1971.

Mr. Budhoo seconded the motion and reserved the right to speak later.

Mr. Stoby, Mr. Ram Karran and the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House) spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.12 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 20th of May, 1971.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

20th May, 1971.