

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 4th 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, 21ST MAY, 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 H. Green, Minister of Works, Hydraulics
and Supply
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests
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

(ii) Other Members

Mr. J.N. Aaron
 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. Ramsahoye, S.C.
 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. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 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 S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Attorney-
 General and Minister of State
 Miss M.M. Ackman, Government Whip
 Mr. K. Bancroft
 Mr. N.J. Bissember - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. V. Teekah - on leave
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO APPROVE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY
ADUMBRATED IN THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Assembly resumed the debate on 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.

The Minister of Labour and Social Security concluded his speech.

Mrs. Branco, the Minister of Finance, and Mrs. Sahoye spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Education, Mr. R.D. Persaud, and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.25 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.25 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

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

The Leader of the Opposition was speaking to the motion when at 9.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted to enable the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), to move the suspension of Standing Order No. 9(1).

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(1)

On a motion by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), Standing Order No. 9(1) was suspended to enable the Assembly to sit beyond 10.00 p.m. in order to complete the debate on the motion.

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE

The Leader of the Opposition concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for coffee.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

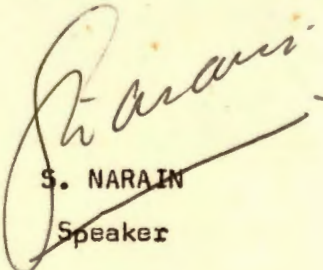
At 10.20 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Prime Minister spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11.42 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

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Georgetown.

26th May, 1971.