

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 6th 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

TUESDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1971

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

The Honourable I.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 D.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., M.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. Ackmen, Government Whip  
 Mrs. 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  
 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. E.M. Stoby, J.P.  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bhola Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
 Mrs. E. Da Silva  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

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  
 Mr. V. Teekah - on leave  
 Mr. M.F. Singh - on leave  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Speaker, Chairman, Committee of Selection:

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Committee of Selection of the Third Session of the Second Parliament of Guyana, held on Friday, the 21st of May, 1971.

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(2) By the Minister of Finance:

Financial Paper No. 2 of 1971 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st May, 1971, totalling \$12,182,552.

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In terms of Standing Order No. 68(1), the Minister named Tuesday, 15th June, 1971, as the day for the consideration of the Financial Paper.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second and Third Readings

TEACHERS PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971 -  
Bill No. 8/1971 published 15. 5. 71

The Minister of Education moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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

Dr. Ramsahoye, Mrs. Da Silva and Mr. Cheeks spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Education replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 5 were passed as printed.

Clause 6 - The following amendment by the Minister of Education was put and carried:

Substitution of the word "sixty" for the word "fifty-five" in paragraph (b).

Clause 6 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 7 to 10 were passed as printed.

Clause 11 - The following amendments by the Minister of Education were put and carried:

- (a) Substitution of the following subsection for subsection (2) -

"(2) The provisions of the Principal Ordinance, as amended by sections 3, 4, 5, 6 (other than paragraph (a), and paragraph (d) in so far as it relates to the enactment of section 7(4) of the Principal Ordinance), 7 and 9, shall apply to every teacher whose name is in the Teachers Pension Register at the time of the enactment of this Act, unless he intimates in writing to the Chief Education Officer not later than the expiration of one year commencing with the enactment of this Act that he desires that the provisions of the Principal Ordinance shall continue to apply to him as they applied prior to their amendment by the provisions of this Act hereinbefore mentioned in this subsection.";

- (b) Substitution of the following subsection for subsection (3) -

"(3) The provisions of the Principal Ordinance, as amended by sections 3 and 6(c), shall apply to every teacher whose name was in the Teachers Pension Register on 1st January, 1961, or entered therein on or after that date and who -

(a) retired as a teacher or from the public service after 1st January, 1961, but before the enactment of this Act;

(b) retired as a teacher or from the public service after 1st January, 1961, and who died before the enactment of this Act.";

- (c) Insertion of the word "is" immediately after the word "name" in paragraph (a) of subsection (4);

- (d) Substitution of the words "in its application to a teacher shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st October, 1964 and" for the words "(as applied to a teacher by section 7C of the Principal Ordinance)" in subsection (6);

- (e) Deletion of the words "of paragraph (a) or (b)" from subsection (7).

Clause 11 was then passed as amended.

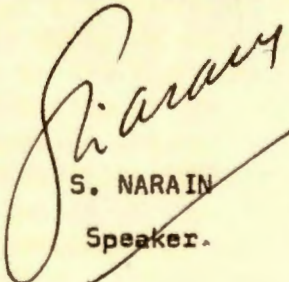
Assembly resumed.

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On a motion by the Minister of Education, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.47 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 15th of June, 1971.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
11th June, 1971.