

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 7th 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, 15TH JUNE, 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  
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.D. 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

(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 Karan  
 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. Bholu Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 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 P.A. Reid, Deputy  
 Prime Minister and Minister of  
 Agriculture - on leave  
 Mr. V. Teekah - on leave  
 Mr. M.F. Singh

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture from the 13th to the 19th of June, 1971.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Financial Paper No. 3 of 1971 - Schedule of  
Supplementary Provision on the Current  
Estimates for the period ending 30th  
June, 1971, totalling \$6,000,000.  
(2/5 IV)(Circulated)

In terms of Standing Order No. 68(1), the Minister named  
Thursday, the 17th of June, 1971, as the day for the consideration  
of the Financial Paper.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY  
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCEHelp for East Pakistan Refugees

At the request of the Leader of the Opposition, permission  
was granted to him to move the adjournment of the Assembly at the  
appropriate time for the purpose of discussing the question of  
help for the East Pakistan refugees.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

- (1) NEW AMSTERDAM ELECTRIC LIGHTING ORDER (EXTENSION)  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971 - Bill No. 12/1971  
published 12.6.71

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
EXTENSION OF THE NEW AMSTERDAM ELECTRIC  
LIGHTING ORDER, 1900 FOR A PERIOD OF NINE  
YEARS.

- (2) SEA DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971 - Bill  
No. 13/1971

The Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply, on  
behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which  
was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE SEA DEFENCE  
ORDINANCE AND TO MAKE MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE  
CIVIL LAW OF GUYANA ORDINANCE AND THE STATE  
LANDS ORDINANCE.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2 OF 1971

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation to enable the motion for the approval of Financial Paper No. 2 of 1971 to be proceeded upon.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2 of 1971 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st May, 1971, totalling \$12,182,552.00.

The following amendment by the Minister of Finance was put and carried:

Substitution of the word "January" for the word "April" in paragraph (C) of the Notes to item 15 on page 6 of Section A.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCEHelp for East Pakistan Refugees

In accordance with the permission granted earlier the Leader of the Opposition moved the adjournment of the Assembly and spoke on the situation concerning the East Pakistan refugees.

Mr. Sutton, Dr. Ramsahoye, Mr. M.Y. Ally and the Prime Minister also spoke.

MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2 of 1971In Committee of Supply

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of Financial Paper No. 2 of 1971.

At 6.30 p.m. the proceedings were interrupted to enable the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House) to move the suspension of Standing Order No. 9(2).

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(2)

On a motion by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), Standing Order No. 9(2) was suspended to enable the sitting to continue beyond 6.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS ON FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2 of 1971

The Committee of Supply resumed and completed consideration of Financial Paper No. 2 of 1971.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

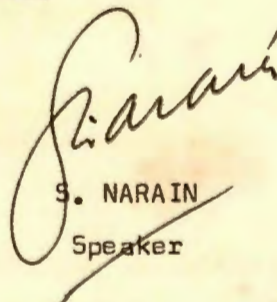
On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

'RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2 of 1971 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st May, 1971, totalling \$12,182,552.00."

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.25 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 16th of June, 1971.



S. NARAIN

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
16th June, 1971.