

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 12th 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

THURSDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1971

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, 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

(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. Ramsahoye, S.C.
 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. Bhola Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. E. Da Silva
 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
 Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot,
 Minister of Health
 Mr. N.J. Bissember
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mr. M.F. Singh - 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. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERSExpiration of Part II of the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1966

The Minister of Home Affairs made a Statement on Government's intention not to seek a further extension of Part II of the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1966, due to expire on 27th June, 1971.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER NO. 46(3)

On a motion by the Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply, Standing Order No. 46(3) was suspended to enable Item 1 on the Order Paper to be proceeded upon at that sitting.

BILL - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 1 - SEA DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971 - Bill No. 13/1971 published 19.6.71

The Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply moved the ~~second~~ reading of the following Bill:

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.

Mr. Balchand Persaud, Mr. Hamid, Mr. R. Ally, Dr. Ramsahoye and Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply 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

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 - The following amendments by Mr. Ram Karan were put and negatived:

- (i) Substitution of the following for paragraph (a) and redesignation of the existing paragraphs as (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) respectively:

"(a) by the substitution of the following subsection for section 12(3):-

- (3) A person whose estate, interest in or right over property is vested in the State under this section and who held immediately prior to the vesting, holdings or interests therein not exceeding two hundred acres shall be entitled to prompt payment by the Board of adequate compensation for his estate, interest or right in the land so vested and in any other case the President may, if he think fit, direct the Board to pay a specified sum to any person in respect of any property which is so vested and the Board shall make the payment so directed.";

- (ii) Substitution of the words "five hundred dollars" for the words "one thousand dollars" in paragraph (a).

The following amendment by Mr. R.D. Persaud was put and negatived:

Substitution of the words "five hundred dollars" for the words "two thousand dollars" in paragraph (c).

Clause 2 was then passed as printed.

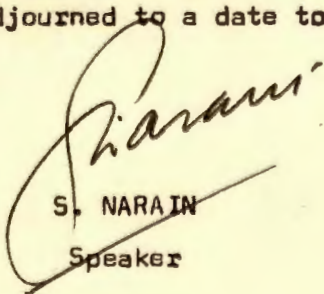
Clause 3 was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply, the Bill was read the third time and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.40 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