

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 15th 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, 9TH JULY, 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 D.E. Clarke, Minister of Home Affairs

The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of Local Government

The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests

Dr. the Honourable Sylvia Talbot, Minister of Health

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

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. E.F. Correia
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
 Mr. R.J. Jordan
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
 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. 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
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bhole Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. V. Teekah
 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:

The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C.,
 Attorney-General and Minister
 of State
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of
 Works, Hydraulics and Supply
 Mr. J.G. Joaquin, J.P., Parliamentary
 Secretary, Ministry of Finance
 Mr. N.J. Bissember - on leave
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. M. Corrica
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mrs. L.M. Branco - on leave
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye - on leave
 Mrs. E. Da Silva
 Mr. M.F. Singh

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

- (a) Mr. Zaheeruddeen from 5th to 24th July, 1971, and
- (b) Mrs. Branco for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) By the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House) on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Customs Duties (Amendment) Order, 1971 (No. 35), made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 23rd of June, 1971, and published in the Gazette on the 26th of June, 1971.

(C.Ex. 5 V(11))(Circulated)

- (b) Ninth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Guyana Electricity Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 1961.

(G 380^B/60 III)(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Mines and Forests:

Annual Report of the Geological Survey Department for the year 1970.

(MF: 4/8)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS* QUESTION NO. 3

Mr. Ram Karran asked the Minister of Health the following question:

Question: Will the Minister say whether consideration is being given to the payment of compensation or an ex-gratia award to the children of the late Pauline Greaves of Campbellville who died as a result of the administration of an anti-tetanus injection at the Public Hospital, Georgetown?

If so, how soon will payment be made?

The Minister of Health gave the following reply:

Answer: Consideration is being given to the making of an ex-gratia payment in respect of the death of the late Pauline Greaves. The payment will be effected as soon as all relevant details have been settled.

Supplementary questions were asked by Mr. Ram Karran.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the financial provision for the University of Guyana for the academic year beginning October, 1971.

His Honour the Speaker disallowed the request since he did not consider the matter urgent.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

BAUXITE NATIONALISATION (MODIFICATION) BILL, 1971 -
Bill No. 14/1971

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE BAUXITE NATIONALISATION ACT, 1971, CONSEQUENT ON THE INCORPORATION OF THE GUYANA BAUXITE COMPANY, LIMITED.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 46(2) and (3)

The Minister of Mines and Forests moved the suspension of paragraphs (2) and (3) of Standing Order No. 46 to enable the Bauxite Nationalisation (Modification) Bill, 1971, to be proceeded with at that sitting.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

The motion was then put and carried.

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - BAUXITE NATIONALISATION (MODIFICATION) BILL, 1971 -
Bill No. 14/1971

The Minister of Mines and Forests moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE BAUXITE NATIONALISATION ACT, 1971, CONSEQUENT, ON THE INCORPORATION OF THE GUYANA BAUXITE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time, and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

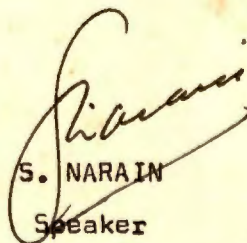
ADJOURNMENT

At 2.25 p.m., the Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), moved the adjournment of the Assembly to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, the 12th of July, 1971.

Mr. Ram Karran and the Prime Minister spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

At 2.30 p.m., the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, the 12th of July, 1971.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
12th July, 1971.