

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 20th 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

MONDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 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

(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. 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

Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 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. Bhole Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mr. M.F. Singh  
 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  
 The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of  
 Mines and Forests  
 Mr. M. Corrica - on leave  
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C. - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.  
 Mrs. R.P. Sahoye - on leave  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Dr. Reid and Mrs. DaSilva 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 Agriculture:

Report of the Guyana Rice Marketing Board for the period 1st October 1968 to 30th September, 1969.

(AGR: 108/65/2/3)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Labour and Social Security:

Reports of the National Insurance Board for the years 1969 and 1970.

(68/14/2)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

LIVESTOCK (LOANS FOR DEVELOPMENT) BILL, 1971 -  
Bill No. 19/1971 published 7.8.71

The Minister of Trade (Leader of the House), on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR FACILITATING THE RAISING OF LOANS BY PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE REARING OF LIVESTOCK AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971 -  
Bill No. 18/1971 published 31.7.71

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ORDINANCE, 1962, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE GUYANA STATE CORPORATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Mr. Lall and Mr. Wilson spoke to the motion.

Mr. R.D. Persaud was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.



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.

Mr. R.D. Persaud concluded his speech.

Mr. Balchand Persaud, Mr. Sutton, Mr. M.Y. Ally and Mr. R. Ally spoke to the motion.

Mr. Hamid was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.10 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Chandisingh and Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister replied.

The motion was then put and carried on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Sutton	Mr. Teekah
Mrs. Willems	Mr. Remington
Mr. Zaheeruddeen	Mr. Balchand Persaud
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mrs. Branco
Mr. Saffee	Mr. R. Ally
Mr. Jordan	Mr. R.D. Persaud
Mr. Fowler	Mr. M.Y. Ally
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Budhoo	Mr. D. Jagan
Mr. Bissember	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Bancroft	Mr. Ram Karran
Miss Ackman	
Mr. Aaron	
Mr. Wrights	
Mr. Thomas	
Mr. Salim	
Mr. Haynes	
Mr. Duncan	
Mr. Joaquin	
Mr. Mingo	
Mr. Clarke	
Mr. Ramsaroop	
Miss Field-Ridley	
Mr. Carrington	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Mr. Burnham	

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 amendment by Mr. Sutton was put and negatived:

Deletion of the words "an auditor appointed by the Minister" and substitution of the words "the Director of Audit" in the proposed section 2K.

INTERRUPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL

At 9.55 p.m. consideration of the Bill 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 consideration of the Public Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 1971, and the Customs (Amendment) Bill, 1971.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL

Clause 2 - The following amendment by Mr. Sutton was put and carried:

Insertion of the words "not later than nine months after each calendar year" after the words "National Assembly" in the proposed section 2L.

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 3 and 4 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10.17 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to resume consideration of the PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971.

In Committee

Schedule - The following amendment by Mr. D.C. Jagan was put and negatived:

Deletion of the word "direct" in the proposed amendment to section 46(3) of the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962.

The following amendments by the Prime Minister were put and carried:

(1) Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962

Insertion of the following amendment after the proposed amendments to section 46:

' Section 49 The words "or the deputy chairman or other member elected to preside at a meeting of the corporation" shall be inserted after the word "chairman". '

(2) Rice Marketing Ordinance, Chapter 249

(a) In the proposed section 6 -

(i) Deletion of the word "General" appearing before the word "Manager" in subsection (1);

and

(ii) Insertion of the words "an Assistant Manager, a Secretary and" immediately after the word "employ" in subsection (2).

(b) Substitution of the word "wherever" for word "whenever" in the proposed amendment to section 15.

The Schedule was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.

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

ITEM 2 - CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971 - Bill No. 17/1971 published 28.7.71

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS ORDINANCE.



Mr. Ram Karren spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance 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 amendment by Mr. R.D. Persaud was put and negatived:

Substitution of the word "twelve" for the word "six" in the proposed section 51 of the Principal Ordinance.

Clause 2 was then passed as printed.

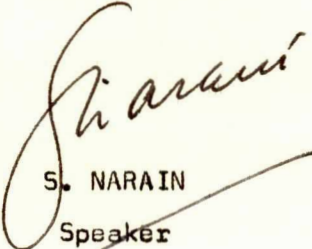
Clause 3 was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

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

### ADJOURNMENT

At 11.00 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

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