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THIRD SESSION  
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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the <sup>23rd</sup> ~~24th~~ 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, 19TH AUGUST, 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 Housing and  
Reconstruction (Leader of the House)  
The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Trade  
The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of Local Government  
The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State for  
Co-operatives and Community Development

(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. A. Salim, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Office of the Prime Minister

(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. 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. ~~Reepu~~ Daman Persaud, 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.  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mr. M.F. Singh  
 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 L.F.S. Burnham, S.C.,  
 Prime Minister  
 The Honourable O.E. Clarke,  
 Minister of Home Affairs - on leave  
 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.O. Jaok, Minister  
 of Mines and Forests  
 The Honourable E.D. McDavid, Minister  
 of Information and Culture  
 Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary  
 Secretary, Ministry of Works,  
 Hydraulics and Supply  
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman  
 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  
 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. Clarke for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), on behalf of the Minister of Home Affairs:

Annual Report of the Guyana Police Force by the  
Commissioner of Police for the year 1970.

(P. 28/1)(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 1 - LIVESTOCK (LOANS FOR DEVELOPMENT) BILL, 1971 -  
Bill No. 19/1971 published 7.8.71

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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.

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud and Mr. D.C. Jagan spoke to the motion.

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. Ally, Mr. Wilson, Mr. M.Y. Ally and Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture 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 11 were passed as printed.

Clause 12 - The following amendment by Mr. M.Y. Ally was put and carried:

Insertion of the words "or any other person" immediately after the word "butcher" in the first line of the proposed section 14A at paragraph (f).

Clause 12 was then passed as amended.

The First and Second Schedules were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

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

ITEM 2 - TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971 - Bill No. 16/1971 published 28.7.71

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE  
TAX ORDINANCE.

The Minister was still 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 8.08 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resumed the debate on the second reading of the Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1971.

The Minister of Finance concluded his speech.

Mr. D.C. Jagan spoke to the motion.

Mr. Teekah was speaking to the motion when at 9.57 p.m., the debate was interrupted to enable the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (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 Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), Standing Order No. 9(1) was suspended to enable the Assembly to sit beyond 10.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE

Mr. Teekah concluded his speech.

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.

Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Lall 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 amendments by the Minister of Finance were put and carried:

In the proposed section 35 at paragraph (c):

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

"(2) Save as hereinafter provided in this section no person shall be entitled to obtain a certificate unless he has (the burden of proof whereof shall lie on him) delivered to the Commissioner all returns which up to the date of his application for a certificate he is required by section 40 of the Income Tax Ordinance so to deliver and has up to that date complied with section 47A of that Ordinance, if that section is applicable to him.";

(b) In subsection (9) -

(i) Substitution of the words "one thousand" for the words "two thousand" and the words "three thousand" for the words "five thousand" in paragraph (a);

(ii) Addition of the following paragraph -

"(c) For the purposes of proceedings instituted against anyone alleged to be in breach of subsection (1) upon proof that such person practised as a person mentioned in the first schedule it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is shown by such person, that he did at the alleged time practise for reward.";

(c) Substitution of the following for subsection (13) -

" (13) The provisions of this section shall have effect notwithstanding the provisions of any other law authorising any person to practise as a person mentioned in the first schedule and the grant of a certificate shall not entitle any person to do anything which would otherwise be unlawful."; and

(d) Deletion of the definition of the word "optician" appearing in subsection (15).

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Schedule - The following amendments by the Minister of Finance were put and carried:

- (a) Deletion of all references to "Optician" in the proposed First Schedule;
- (b) In the proposed Second Schedule:
- (i) Insertion of the words "or Class of Persons" in the heading to the first column, immediately after the words "Professional Body";
- (ii) Substitution of the words "The Association of Certified Accountants" in the first column of paragraph (c);
- (iii) Substitution of the initials "A.C.C.A." and "F.C.C.A." in the third column for the initials "A.A.C.C.A." and "F.A.C.C.A." respectively; and
- (c) Substitution of the word "Institution" for the word "Institute" wherever it appears in the first column of the proposed Fourth Schedule.

The Schedule was then passed as amended.

Assembly resumed.



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

ADJOURNMENT

At 11.37 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, the 23rd of August, 1971.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

23rd August, 1971.