

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 28th 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, 22ND NOVEMBER, 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 B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House)
The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of Home Affairs
The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State for Co-operatives and Community Development
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. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. J.G. Joaquin, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance
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
 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. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P.
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. L.A. Durant
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 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
 The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Health - on leave
 The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Trade
 The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of Local Government
 The Honourable E.B. McDavid, Minister of Information and Culture
 The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education - on leave
 Mr. P. Duncan, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. Bholu Persaud - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER

The oath of office was made and subscribed by Mr. L.A. Durant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

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

- (a) Miss Baird from 21st to 28th November, 1971, and
- (b) Mr. Zaheeruddeen from 22nd to 29th November, 1971.

Letter from the Speaker of Suriname

His Honour read a letter which he had received from the Speaker of the Parliament of Suriname, Mr. J. Lachmon, thanking him, on behalf of the members of the delegation and Mrs. Lachmon, for the hospitality enjoyed by them during their official visit to Guyana.

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 overtime rates claimed by workers who had been employed on the Shell Oil-Rig "Sante-Fe".

His Honour the Speaker did not allow the claim as he did not agree that the matter to be discussed satisfied all the conditions of a matter which could properly be raised on a motion for the adjournment of the Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

By the Minister of Finance:

Loan Agreement between the Government of Guyana and the United States of America for Improvement of Georgetown Streets and Approaches.

(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5 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 the Financial Paper No. 5 of 1971 to be proceeded upon.

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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. 5 of 1971 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st October, 1971, totalling \$1,782,113.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration 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.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of Financial Paper No. 5 of 1971.

In Committee of Supply

The proposal that Item No. 7 (Head 20 - Ministry of Home Affairs - Police: Subhead 29 - Security Precautions) stand part of the Schedule was put and carried on the following division:

FOR

Mr. Cheeks
Mrs. Willems
Mr. Van Sluytman
Mr. Saffee
Mr. Jordan
Mr. Fowler
Mr. Corrica
Mr. Correia
Mr. Chan-A-Sue
Mr. Budhoo
Mr. Bancroft.
Miss Ackman
Mr. Aaron
Mr. Wrights
Mr. Thomas
Mr. Salim

Mr. Joaquin
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Ramsarcoop
Mr. Hoyte
Mr. Kasim
Mr. Burnham

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AGAINST

Mr. Sutton
Mr. M.F. Singh
Mr. Teekah
Mr. Durant
Mr. Remington
Mrs. Branco
Mr. Ambrose
Mr. R. Ally
Mr. M.Y. Ally
Mr. Lall
Mr. Hamid
Mr. D. Jagan
Dr. Ramsahoye
Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Ram Karran
Dr. Jagan

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The proposal that Item 9 (Head 23 - Ministry of Home Affairs - Registration and Elections: Subhead 4 - National Registration) stand part of the Schedule was put and carried on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Sutton
Mrs. Willems	Mr. M.F. Singh
Mr. Van Sluytman	Mr. Teekah
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Durant
Mr. Jordan	Mr. Remington
Mr. Fowler	Mrs. Branco
Mr. Corrica	Mr. Ambrose
Mr. Correia	Mr. R. Ally
Mr. Chan-A-Sue	Mr. M.Y. Ally
Mr. Budhoo	Mr. Lall
Mr. Bancroft	Mr. Hamid
Miss Ackman	Mr. D. Jagan
Mr. Aaron	Dr. Ramsahoye
Mr. Wrights	Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Thomas	Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Salim	Dr. Jagan
Mr. Joaquin	
Mr. Clarke	
Mr. Ramsaroop	
Mr. Hoyte	
Mr. Kasim	
Mr. Burnham	
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At 6.28 p.m. the proceedings were interrupted to enable the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (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 Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), Standing Order No. 9(2) was suspended to enable the sitting to continue beyond 6.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDING ON FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5 OF 1971

The Committee resumed and completed consideration of the Financial Paper.

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 the 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. 5 of 1971 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st October, 1971, totalling \$1,782,113."

BILL - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 2 - PENSIONS (CONSOLIDATION)(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971 -
Bill No. 21/1971 published 11.11.71

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENSIONS (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE, 1957.

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

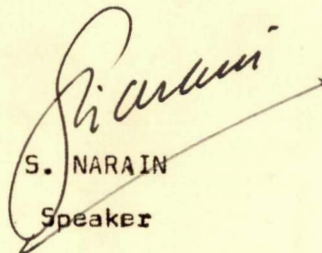
Thereafter the Prime Minister replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.00 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 Wednesday, the 24th of November, 1971.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
24th November, 1971.