

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 30th 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, 26TH NOVEMBER, 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. Kasip, 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 S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Attorney-General
and Minister of State
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests
The Honourable E.B. McDavid, Minister of Information
and Culture

(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

(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
 Mrs. L.E. Willems

(b) Members of the Opposition

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. Ram Karran
 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. L.A. Durant
 Mr. V. Teekah
 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 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 W. Haynes, Minister of State
 for Co-operatives and Community
 Development - on leave *B*
 The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works,
 Hydraulics and Supply
 The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird,
 Minister of Education - on leave
 Mr. P. Duncan, J.P., Parliamentary
 Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
 Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary
 Secretary, Ministry of Works,
 Hydraulics and Supply
 Mr. N.J. Bissember
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P. - on leave
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. Bhola Persaud - on leave
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(i) Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting.

(ii) Apology for late commencement of sitting

His Honour apologised to the Assembly for the late commencement of that sitting.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERSQUESTION NO. 19

Mr. R. Ally asked the Minister of Education the following question:

Question: (i) Will the Minister say whether she is aware that because of the condition of the toilets at the Government Primary School at Joanna, Black Bush Polder, neither the teachers nor the children are able to use them?

(ii) Will the Minister say how soon it is proposed to carry out repairs to the toilets?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture gave the following reply:

Answer: The last effort to repair the toilet facilities was done to carry out water supply improvements. But again the District Engineer has advised us that whenever the work is done there is destruction of these said facilities and so it is difficult for them to stay in good repair for any long period of time. However, the Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply and the Community Development Department are now involved in the entire exercise and it is being impressed on the residents that their willingness to do some of this work by self-help might prove a useful way to prevent the destruction by people.

Supplementary questions were asked by Mr. R. Ally.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

With the leave of the Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition made a personal explanation, concerning the Daily Chronicle newspaper.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCEToll Gates on the Corentyne Highway

The Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the setting up of toll gates along the Corentyne Highway.

His Honour the Speaker did not allow the request since there was an opportunity to discuss the matter under Financial Paper No. 6/1971 which was to be considered at that sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTION

- MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 6 OF 1971

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

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. 6 of 1971 to be proceeded upon and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 6 of 1971 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 30th November, 1971, totalling \$9,207,917.

At the request of the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), the Committee agreed to defer consideration of those items in the Schedule to the Financial Paper which fell within the portfolio of those Ministers who were unavoidably absent from that sitting.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

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. 6 of 1971.

In Committee of Supply

At the request of the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), further consideration of items 19 and 20 of Section B of the Financial Paper was deferred to Monday, the 29th of November, 1971.

At 6.30 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 PROCEEDINGS ON FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 6 OF 1971

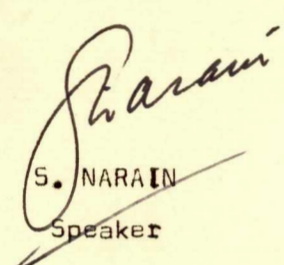
The Committee resumed consideration of the Financial Paper.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when the time agreed for the adjournment of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.30 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 29th of November, 1971.


S. NARAIN
Speaker