

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 31st 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, 29TH 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  
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 B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Housing and  
Reconstruction (Leader of the House)

The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Trade

The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of Home Affairs

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

The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Works, Hydraulics  
and Supply

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

The Honourable E.B. McDavid, Minister of Information and  
Culture

The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education

(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

Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply

(iii) Other Members

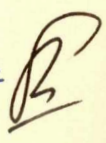
Mr. J.N. Aaron  
 Miss M.M. Ackman, Government Whip  
 Mr. K. Bancroft  
 Mr. N.J. Bissember  
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.  
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue  
 Mr. E.F. Correia  
 Mr. M. Corrica  
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler  
 Mr. R.J. Jordan  
 Mr. S.M. Saffee  
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman  
 Mrs. L.E. Willems

(b) Members of the Opposition

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition  
 Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally  
 Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P.  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, 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  
 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:

The Honourable ~~Miss~~ S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Health - on leave  
 The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State for Co-operatives and Community Development - on leave   
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Attorney-General and Minister of State  
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P. - on leave  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker  
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud - 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 Mrs. DaSilva for that day's sitting.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONSToll Gates on Corentyne Highway

With the leave of the Speaker, the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), made a personal explanation concerning the leave sought by the Leader of the Opposition to move the adjournment of the Assembly on the 26th of November, 1971, to discuss the setting up of toll gates along the Corentyne Highway.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 6 OF 1971

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of 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.

In Committee of Supply

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 4.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.27 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

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 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.12 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

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when at 9.45 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(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 sitting to continue beyond 10.00 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 for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for coffee.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10.22 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Financial Paper No. 6 of 1971.

In Committee of Supply

Consideration of the Financial Paper was resumed.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried at 12.15 a.m. on Tuesday, the 30th of November, 1971.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:



RESOLVED, That this 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. 6 of 1971 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 30th November, 1971, totalling \$9,207,917."

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 23(3)

On a motion by the Prime Minister, Standing Order No. 23(3) was suspended to enable him to move a motion of condolence on the death of Sir Grantley Adams.

ITEM 2 - MOTION OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF SIR GRANTLEY ADAMS

The Prime Minister moved and Mr. Ram Karran seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

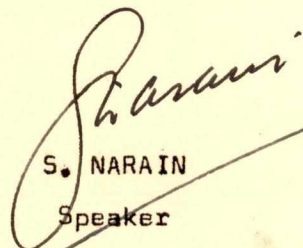
That this National Assembly expresses its deep regret at the death of Sir Grantley Herbert Adams, C.M.G., Q.C., first Premier of Barbados and Prime Minister of the West Indies Federation, and directs that an expression of its condolences be conveyed to the sorrowing widow and relatives of Sir Grantley and to the Government and People of Barbados.

Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried with Members standing.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 30th of November, 1971, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker