

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the proceedings of the 32nd 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

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 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 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
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

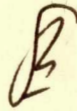
Mr. J.N. Aaron
 Miss M.M. Ackman, Government Whip
 Mr. K. Bancroft
 Mr. N.J. Bissember
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. E.F. Correia
 Mr. M. Corrica
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
 Mr. R.J. Jordan
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.
 Mrs. L.E. Willems

(b) Members of the Opposition

Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.
 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
 ✓ Mrs. E. DaSilva
 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 Miss S.M. Field-Ridley,
 Minister of Health
 The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of
 State for Co-operatives and
 Community Development - on leave 
 Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip - on leave
 Mr. Bholu Persaud - 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. Hamid from 4th December, 1971 to 4th February, 1972.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Estimates of the Revenues and Expenditure
of Guyana for the financial year 1972.

(1^{IV}) (Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

STATE PENSIONS BILL 1971 - Bill No. 24/1971 published
6.12.71

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO REGULATE THE
AWARDS OF STATE PENSIONS IN RESPECT OF
SERVICE TO THE STATE IN CERTAIN SPECIAL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO APPROVE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1972

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified that the Cabinet had recommended that the Assembly should proceed upon the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1972, totalling \$197,846,560 net of appropriations-in-aid, and excluding \$27,452,826 which is chargeable by law. (See Appendix).

The Minister of Finance then moved the motion and read the Budget Statement.

The motion was then proposed.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance named Friday, the 10th of December, 1971, as the day for the resumption of the debate on the motion.

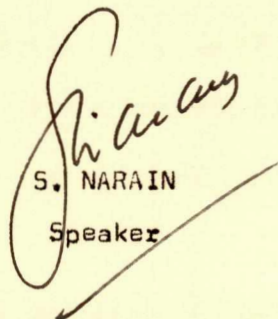
Copies of the following were then circulated to Members:-

- (i) The Estimates of Revenues and Expenditure of Guyana for the financial year 1972.

- (ii) The Budget Speech for 1972.
- (iii) The Motion by the Minister of Finance seeking approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1972.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.17 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 Friday, the 10th of December, 1971.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

10th December, 1971.

APPENDIX

MOTION BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

WHEREAS the Constitution of Guyana requires that estimates of the revenues and expenditure of Guyana for any financial year should be laid before the National Assembly not later than sixty days after the commencement of that year;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution also provides that when the estimates of expenditure have been approved by the Assembly an Appropriation Bill shall be introduced in the Assembly providing for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet that expenditure;

AND WHEREAS estimates of the revenues and expenditure of Guyana for the financial year 1972 have been prepared and laid before the Assembly on 7th December, 1971:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve the estimates of expenditure for the financial year 1972, of a total sum of one hundred and ninety-seven million, eight hundred and forty-six thousand, five hundred and sixty dollars, net of appropriations-in-aid, and excluding twenty seven million, four hundred and fifty-two thousand, eight hundred and twenty-six dollars which is chargeable by law, as detailed therein and summarized in the under-mentioned schedule, and agree that it is expedient to amend the law and to make further provision in respect of finance.

Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
	1	Office of the President		74,742
I		President	-	
	2	Supreme Court of Judicature		592,492
	3	Magistrates		860,758
II		Judiciary	-	
	4	Parliament Office		113,476
III		Parliament	-	
	5	Audit		386,018
	6	Ombudsman		15,486
	7	Public and Police Service Commissions		253,683
	8	Public Prosecutions		127,764
IV		Other Services not under Ministerial Control	-	
	9	Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		1,019,490
	10	Guyana Defence Force		7,042,901
V		Prime Minister	231,000	
	11	Public Service Ministry		314,226
VI		Public Service Ministry	570,000	
	12	Ministry of Public Corporations		10,450
VII		Ministry of Public Corporations	-	
	13	Ministry of External Affairs		3,504,020
VIII		Ministry of External Affairs	444,000	
	14	Ministry of Economic Development		1,971,421
IX		Ministry of Economic Development	6,470,000	
	15	Attorney General		243,897 243,057
	16	Official Receiver		99,577
	17	Deeds Registry		127,279
X		Attorney General	-	

C/Forward 7,715,000 16,757,680

Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
		B/Forward	7,715,000	16,757,680
	18	Ministry of Information and Culture		920,508
XI		Ministry of Information and Culture	262,000	
	19	Ministry of Home Affairs		426,620
	20	Police		9,194,900
	21	Prisons		1,180,439
	22	Fire Protection Services		996,669
	23	Registration and Elections		474,584
	24	Probation and Welfare Service		417,741
XII		Ministry of Home Affairs	743,000	
	25	Ministry of Local Government		838,682
XIII		Ministry of Local Government	59,000	
	26	Ministry of Agriculture		1,002,755
	27	Agriculture		4,321,822
	28	Lands		812,687
	29	Interior Development		488,963
XIV		Ministry of Agriculture	7,637,000	
XV		Ministry of Agriculture IBRD/IDA Project, Livestock Development	1,368,000	
	30	Ministry of Mines and Forests		175,538
	31	Forests		599,297
	32	Geological Surveys and Mines		546,396
XVI		Ministry of Mines and Forests	1,885,000	
	33	Ministry of Trade		396,057
XVII		Ministry of Trade	-	
	34	Ministry of Communications		362,510
		C/Forward	19,669,000	39,913,848 /...

Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)	AMOUNT		
		Capital \$	Current \$	
		B/Forward	19,669,000	39,913,848
	35	Post Office		2,949,444
	36	Transport and Harbours		2,200,000
	37	Civil Aviation		542,780
XVIII		Ministry of Communications	2,084,000	
	38	Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply-Establishment		5,403,571
	39	Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply - Annually Recurrent		8,618,210
XIX		Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply	27,549,000	
XX		Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply - IBRD/IDA First Sea Defence	4,941,000	
XXA		Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply - IBRD/IDA Second Sea Defence Project	3,839,000	
	40	Ministry of Education		4,448,395
	41	In-Service Teacher Training Programme		182,799
	42	Primary Multi-Lateral and Secondary Schools		15,208,896
	43	Practical Instruction Centres		735,235
	44	Government Training College		217,445
	45	Technical Institute, Georgetown		514,964
	46	Carnegie School of Home Economics		119,326
	47	Queen's College		331,116
	48	Bishops' High School		264,308
	49	Anna Regina Secondary School		121,819
	50	Berbice High School		197,898
	51	Technical Institute New Amsterdam		195,796
XXI		Ministry of Education	1,722,600	
XXII		Ministry of Education IBRD/IDA Project	5,630,000	
		C/Forward	65,434,600	82,165,850 /...

Division No. (Capital)	Head No. (Current)		AMOUNT	
			Capital \$	Current \$
		B/Forward	65,434,600	82,165,850
	52	Ministry of Health		747,772
	53	Medical		2,986,587
	54	Bacteriological		377,944
	55	X - Ray		200,392
	56	Hospitals and Dispensaries etc.		7,916,133
	57	Analyst		137,424
	58	Registration, Immigration, Births, etc.		118,077
XXIII		Ministry of Health	777,000	
	59	Ministry of Housing and Reconstruction		1,438,809
	60	Town and Country Planning		206,506
XXIV		Ministry of Housing and Reconstruction	407,000	
	61	Ministry of Labour and Social Security		705,700
	62	Employment Exchange		71,709
	63	Social Assistance		4,329,479
XXV		Ministry of Labour and Social Security	176,000	
	64	Ministry of Finance		669,127
	65	Accountant General		1,405,331
	66	Customs and Excise		1,876,725
	67	Inland Revenue		2,073,346
	68	Post Office Savings Bank		76,194
	69	Pensions and Gratuities		888,355
	70	Public Debt		10,000
	71	Revision of Wages, Salaries and Related Payments		10,000,100 10,000,000
XXVI		Ministry of Finance	12,650,400	
			79,445,000	118,401,560
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>197,846,560</u>	