

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 33rd 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, 10TH DECEMBER, 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 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

(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

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader 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. R. Ally  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 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:

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, S.C.,  
 Prime Minister  
 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   
 The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird,  
 Minister of Education  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud - on leave  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Speaker (Chairman, Committee of Selection):

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Tuesday, the 7th of December, 1971.

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PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO APPROVE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1972

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1972, totalling \$197,846,560. (See Appendix to Minutes of 32nd Sitting held on Tuesday, 7th December, 1971).

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

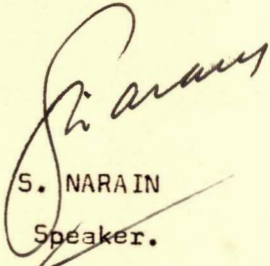
At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Attorney-General and Minister of State and Mr. Lall spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Labour and Social Security was speaking to the motion when the time agreed for the adjournment was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.35 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 13th of December, 1971.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
11th December, 1971.