

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

—
THIRD SESSION

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1971
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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 35th 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, 14TH 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. Minqo, 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

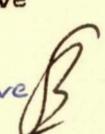
Mr. J.N. Aaron
 Miss M.M. Ackman, Government Whip
 Mr. K. Bancroft
 Mr. N.J. Bissember
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. E.F. Correia
 Mr. M. Corrica
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
 Mr. R.J. Jordan
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.
 Mr. L.E. Willems

(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. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. L.A. Durant
 Mr. V. Teekah
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 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. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip - on leave
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mr. Bholu Persaud - on leave
 Mr. M.F. Singh

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER(1) Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Bholu Persaud for a further period of three months from the 14th of December, 1971.

(2) Interruptions and Points of Order

His Honour drew the attention of Members to Standing Order No. 34, concerning the interruptions of Members and exhorted them to observe the provisions thereof.

(3) Congratulations to the Prime Minister

His Honour the Speaker, on behalf of the Members and himself, extended congratulations and best wishes to the Hon. L.F.S. Burnham, who had been elected to the high office of Prime Minister exactly seven years ago on that day, Tuesday, the 14th of December, 1964.

The Prime Minister thanked His Honour and Members for the congratulations and best wishes extended to him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

The Leader of the Opposition, with the leave of the Speaker, made a personal explanation, with respect to a statement made by the Minister of Labour and Social Security, during the course of his speech at the previous sitting, on the recognition of GAWU.

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, the 7th of December, 1971).

The Minister of Trade concluded his speech.

Mr. Sutton was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

With the leave of the Speaker, the Minister of Finance at this stage made a Statement concerning the International Monetary Crisis.

The Minister stated that he would be introducing the Exchange Control (Amendment)(No. 2) Bill 1971, in the Assembly at its next sitting on the following day, Wednesday, the 15th of December, 1971, and that he would be seeking a suspension of the necessary Standing Orders to enable the Bill to be taken through all its remaining stages at that sitting.

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Mr. Sutton concluded his speech.

Mr. Chandisingh and the Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(2)

At 6.27 p.m., 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. without interruption.

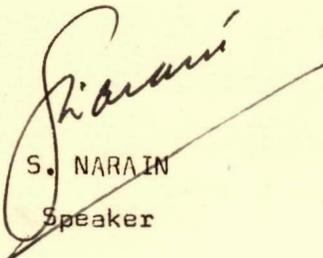
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Mr. Corrica and Mr. R. Ally spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.43 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 15th of December, 1971.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
15th December, 1971.