

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 42nd 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

THURSDAY, 23RD 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 W. Haynes, Minister of State for
Co-operatives and Community Development

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

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

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.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 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
 Mr. M.F. Singh
 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 Miss S.M. Field-Ridley
 Minister of Health - on leave
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Attorney-
 General and Minister of State
 The Honourable E.B. McDavid, Minister of
 Information and Culture
 Mrs. L.E. Willems - on leave
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. Bhola Persaud - on leave
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mrs. E. DaSilva - on leave
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Chan-A-Sue for 23rd and 24th December, 1971.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO APPROVE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1972

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration 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)

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 54 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - BACTERIOLOGICAL		
was passed as printed at	...	\$ 377,944
HEAD 55 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - X-RAY was		
passed as printed at	...	200,392
HEAD 56 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - HOSPITALS AND		
DISPENSARIES, ETC., was passed as		
printed at	...	7,916,133
HEAD 57 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ANALYST was		
passed as printed at	...	137,424
HEAD 58 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - REGISTRATION,		
IMMIGRATION, BIRTHS, ETC., was passed		
passed as printed at	...	118,077
DIVISION XXIII - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed		
as printed at	...	777,000
HEAD 33 - MINISTRY OF TRADE was under considera-		
tion 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 the Estimates of Expenditure for 1972.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 33 - MINISTRY OF TRADE was passed as printed at	...	\$ 396,057
HEAD 30 - MINISTRY OF MINES AND FORESTS was passed as printed at	...	175,538
HEAD 31 - MINISTRY OF MINES AND FORESTS - FORESTS was passed as printed at	...	599,297
HEAD 32 - MINISTRY OF MINES AND FORESTS - GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS AND MINES was passed as printed at	...	546,396
DIVISION XVI - MINISTRY OF MINES AND FORESTS was passed at with the following corrections to the Explanatory Notes:	...	1,885,000
<p>(i) <u>Insertion</u> of "3. To provide for the purchase of miscellaneous equipment."; and</p> <p>(ii) <u>Deletion</u> of "male" and <u>substitution</u> of "small" at 9.</p>		
HEAD 34 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS was passed as printed at	...	362,510
HEAD 35 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - POST OFFICE was passed as printed at	...	2,949,444
HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was passed as printed at	...	2,200,000
HEAD 37 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - CIVIL AVIATION was passed as printed at...		542,780
DIVISION XVIII - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS was passed as printed at		2,084,000

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.35 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

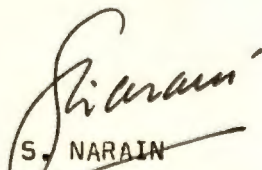
Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1972.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 59 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RE- CONSTRUCTION was passed as printed at	... \$1,438,809
HEAD 60 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RE- CONSTRUCTION - TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING was passed as printed at	... 206,506
DIVISION XXIV - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RE- CONSTRUCTION was passed as printed at	... 407,000
HEAD 40 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION was under consideration when the time for the adjournment of the Assembly was reached.	

Assembly resumed.ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 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 24th of December, 1971.


S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

24th December, 1971.