

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971 - 1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 49th 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, 6TH MARCH, 1972

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 Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Health  
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.O. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests

(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. 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. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip  
 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. Bholu Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 Mr. M.F. Singh

Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. F.A. Narain  
 Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. M.B. Henry

Absent:

The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C.,  
 Attorney-General and Minister  
 of State  
 The Honourable E.B. McDavid,  
 Minister of Information and Culture  
 The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird,  
 Minister of Education  
 Mr. E.F. Correia - on leave  
 Mr. L.A. Durant - on leave  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - 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. Correia and Mr. Sutton for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Guyana Post Office Savings Bank for the year ended 31st December, 1970.  
(P.O.S.B.6 IX)(Circulated)
- (ii) State Pensions Order, 1972 (No. 13), made under the State Pensions Act, 1971 (No. 24 of 1971), on the 19th of February, 1972, and published in the Gazette on the 23rd of February, 1972.  
(348/54)
- (iii) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Allowances) Order 1972 (No. 17), made under the Ministers, Members of the House of Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance, 1965 on the 17th of February, 1972, and published in the Gazette on the 4th of March, 1972.  
(8/5/3)

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - MOTION TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Development Programme of Guyana for the period 1966 to 1972 was approved by Resolution No. LXXIV of the 25th April, 1966, of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 3 of the Public Loan Ordinance, 1966 that any modification, amendment or extension of, and substitution for, the said Development Programme may be approved by the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the said Development Programme so as to provide additional capital expenditure in the sum of \$10,000,000 under Chapter XX in so far as it relates to rural water supply, to provide for accelerated pure water supply services to several rural areas:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in pursuance of section 3 of the Public Loan Ordinance, 1966, approve of the amendment of Guyana's Development Programme for the period 1966 to 1972, by increasing the sum provided for pure water supply under the said Chapter XX, by \$10,000,000 to provide for accelerated pure water supply services to several rural areas.

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, Mr. R. Ally, Mrs. DaSilva, Dr. Ramsahoye, the Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Wilson spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ITEM 2 - MOTION TO APPROVE CANADIAN LOAN FOR PURE WATER SUPPLY

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion which was put and carried:

WHEREAS for the purpose of Guyana's Development Programme for the period 1966 to 1972, as amended, the sum of (Guyana) \$10,000,000 is required to provide for accelerated pure water supply services to several rural areas;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to authorise the raising of a loan in the sum of (Canadian) \$2,315,000 i.e. approximately (Guyana) \$4,630,000, from the Government of Canada for the purpose aforesaid:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in pursuance of section 4 of the Public Loan Ordinance, 1966, authorise the raising from the Government of Canada of a loan of (Canadian) \$2,315,000 that is to say, approximately (Guyana) \$4,630,000 for the purposes of accelerated pure water supply services to several rural areas.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings

ITEM 3 - ADAPTATION OF LAWS BILL 1972 - Bill No. 1/1972 published 19.1.72

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO EFFECT ADAPTATIONS TO CERTAIN LAWS.



The motion was put and carried:

The Bill was then read a second time.

Thereafter, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

#### In Committee

Clauses 1 to 5 were passed as printed

Schedule - The following amendment by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture to item 10 was put and carried:

Substitution of the words "public safety and order" for the words "national security" in the proposed new section 7 of Chapter 197.

The Schedule was then passed as amended.

#### Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture the Bill was read a third time and passed as amended in Committee.

#### ITEM 4 - PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL 1971 - Bill No. 15/1972 published 14.7.71

A point of order by Mr. D.C. Jagan on the propriety of the moving of the second reading of the Private Hospitals Bill 1971 by the present Minister of Health was under consideration when the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

#### SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3.50 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

#### RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

His Honour the Speaker ruled that the second reading of the Private Hospitals Bill 1971, could properly be moved by the present Minister of Health.

The Minister of Health then moved the second reading of the following Bill:

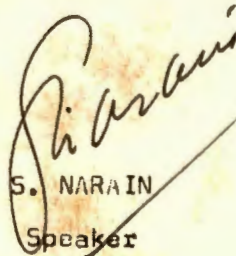
A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Mrs. DaSilva, Mr. R. Ally and Mr. Wilson spoke to the motion.

Mr. Chandisingh was speaking to the motion when the time agreed for the adjournment was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.26 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 8th of March, 1972.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

7th March, 1972.