

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971 - 1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 55th 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

WEDNESDAY, 31ST MAY, 1972

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Saee 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 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

(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. 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. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. L.A. Durant  
 Mr. V. Teekah  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 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 L.F.S. Burnham, S.C.,  
 Prime Minister  
 The Honourable W.G. Carrington,  
 Minister of Labour and Social Security - on leave  
 The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C.,  
 Attorney-General and Minister of State  
 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  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 1972 (No. 14), made under section 103 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, on the 8th of May, 1972, and published in the Gazette on the 20th of May, 1972.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1972 -  
Bill No. 3/1972 published 3.6.72

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 AMEND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION ORDINANCE.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - ANNULMENT OF MINISTERS, MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND SPECIAL OFFICES (ALLOWANCES) ORDER 1972 (No. 17)

Dr. Jagan moved and Mr. Ram Karran seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Allowances) Order 1972 (No. 17) was laid before the Assembly on the 6th of March, 1972:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Order be annulled.

Mr. M.F. Singh, Mr. D.C. Jagan and the Minister of Finance spoke to the motion.

Thereafter Dr. Jagan replied.

The motion was then put and negatived on the following division:



FOR

Mr. Sutton  
 Mr. M.F. Singh  
 Mrs. DaSilva  
 Mr. Teekah  
 Mr. Durant  
 Mr. Remington  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mrs. Branco  
 Mr. Ambrose  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally  
 Mr. Lall  
 Mr. Hamid  
 Mr. D. Jagan  
 Dr. Ramsahoye  
 Mr. Chandisingh  
 Mr. Ram Karran  
 Dr. Jagan

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AGAINST

Mrs. Willems  
 Mr. Zaheeruddeen  
 Mr. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. Saffee  
 Mr. Jordan  
 Mr. Fowler  
 Mr. Corrica  
 Mr. Correia  
 Mr. Chan-A-Sue  
 Mr. Budhoo  
 Mr. Bissember  
 Mr. Bancroft  
 Miss Ackman  
 Mr. Aaron  
 Mr. Wrights  
 Mr. Thomas  
 Mr. Salim  
 Mr. Duncan  
 Mr. Joaquin  
 Mr. Haynes  
 Mr. Mingo  
 Mr. Clarke  
 Mr. D.A. Singh  
 Mr. Ramsaroop  
 Miss Field-Ridley  
 Mr. Hoyte  
 Mr. Kasim  
 Dr. Reid

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ITEM 2 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1 of 1972

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 1 of 1972.

In Committee of Supply

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1 of 1972 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates, totalling \$1,423,493.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration 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 Financial Paper No. 1 of 1972.

In Committee of Supply

At 6.28 p.m. the proceedings were interrupted to enable the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), to move the suspension of Standing Order No. 9(2).

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(2)

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.

RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS ON FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1 OF 1972

The Committee resumed and completed consideration of the Financial Paper.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.


On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1 of 1972 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates, totalling \$1,423,493."

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 a date to be fixed.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker