

THIRD SESSION

1971 - 1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 56th 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, 10TH JULY, 1972

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 W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour and  
Social Security  
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Health  
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 E.B. McDavid, Minister of Information  
and Culture

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. P. Duncan, J.P., 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. 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  
 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. E.M. Stoby, J.P.  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bhola Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. L.A. Durant  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 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 H.D. Hoyte, S.C.,  
 Minister of Finance - on leave  
 The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of  
 Housing and Reconstruction (Leader  
 of the House) - on leave  
 The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Trade - 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 - on leave  
 The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister  
 of Education  
 Mr. J.G. Joaquin, J.P., Parliamentary  
 Secretary, Ministry of Finance - on leave  
 Mr. A. Salim, Parliamentary Secretary,  
 Ministry of Agriculture - on leave  
 Mr. N.J. Bissember  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C. - on leave  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson  
 Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P.  
 Mr. V. Teekah - on leave  
 Mr. M.F. Singh  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERApology for late commencement of Sitting

His honour the Speaker apologized to Members for the late commencement of the Sitting.

Urgent Motions

His Honour reminded Members that their requests seeking permission to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss definite matters of urgent public importance must be submitted not later than 11.00 a.m. on any sitting day and that they must also consult him on such motions at 1.30 p.m. on the day of the sitting.

Leave

His Honour announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Mr. Hoyte for two weeks from 10th July, 1972,
- (b) Mr. Ramsaroop for the period 10th to 17th July, 1972,
- (c) Mr. D.A. Singh for ten days from 6th July, 1972,
- (d) Mr. Jack to 12th July, 1972,
- (e) Mr. Joaquin for two weeks from 10th July, 1972,
- (f) Mr. Salim and Dr. Ramsahoye for that day's sitting,
- (g) Mr. Teekah up to the 27th August, 1972, and
- (h) Mr. Sutton for three weeks from the 10th July, 1972.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Report on the operation of the Guyana Credit Corporation for the year ended 30th June, 1970.

(GSC: 3/8/1)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Communications:

Annual Report of the Postmaster General for the year 1969.

(P.O. 5/1/5)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERSQuestion No. 30

Mr. Bholu Persaud asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture the following question:

Question: Will the Minister state how much money has been paid to rice farmers as loans through the Rice Action Committee for the period 1969/1970 and for 1971, and how much has been repaid?



The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture gave the following reply:

<u>Answer:</u>	<u>Loans to Farmers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	1969	\$ 624,985.05
	1970	647,124.59
	1971	<u>633,206.06</u>
	Total	\$1,905,315.70
	Repayments to date	<u>729,834.20</u>
	Loans Outstanding	<u>\$1,175,481.50</u>

Supplementary questions were asked by Mr. Bhola Persaud.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

#### Presentation and First Reading

- (1) LAW REVISION BILL 1972 - Bill No. 4/1972 published 10.6.72

The Minister of Health, on behalf of the Attorney-General and Minister of State, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVISION OF THE LAWS OF GUYANA, AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, INCLUDING MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS, REPEALS AND VALIDATIONS.

- (2) NATIONAL TRUST BILL 1972 - Bill No. 5/1972 published 17.6.72

The Minister of Information and Culture, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS, SITES, PLACES AND OBJECTS OF HISTORIC INTEREST OR NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

- (3) LAND REGISTRY (VALIDATION OF AWARDS) BILL 1972 - Bill No. 6/1972 published 27.6.72

The Minister of Health, on behalf of the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House) presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO VALIDATE CERTAIN AWARDS OF TITLES PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN MADE UNDER THE LAND REGISTRY ORDINANCE, 1959.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.25 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Health, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
15th July, 1972.