

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

THIRD SESSION

1971 - 1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 57th 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, 20TH 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 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 S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Attorney-General and  
Minister of State  
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

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

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. R. Ally  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. L.A. Durant  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 Mr. M.F. Singh  
 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 Miss C.L. Baird,  
 Minister of Education  
 Mr. J.G. Joaquin, J.P., Parliamentary  
 Secretary, Ministry of Finance - on leave  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. - on leave  
 Mr. V. Teekah - on leave  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.



ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Spaker announced that leave had been to ~~granted~~ Mr. Bissember for that day's sitting.

Mr. Bissember however joined the meeting later that day.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Eleventh Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Guyana Electricity Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 1971.

(GSC: 5/8/1)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Finance:

Financial Paper No. 2/1972 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st May, 1972, totalling \$3,725.913.

(2/5 V)(Circulated)

In accordance with Standing Order No. 68(1), the Minister of Finance named Thursday, the 27th of July, 1972, as the day for consideration of the Financial Paper in Committee of Supply.

- (3) By the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), on behalf of the Minister of Mines and Forests:

Annual Report of the Forest Department for the year 1970.

(MF: 4/9)(Circulated)

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the granting of diplomatic status to Sir Lionel Luckhoo. His Honour did not allow the claim.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second ReadingITEM 1 - LAW REVISION BILL 1972 - Bill No. 4/1972 published 10.6.72

The Attorney-General and Minister of State moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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.

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud and Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

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.

Mr. D.C. Jagan, Dr. Ramsahoye and the Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

The Attorney-General and Minister of State replied.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.36 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

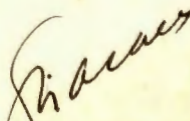
At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

BILL - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 2 - LAND REGISTRY (VALIDATION OF AWARDS) BILL 1972 - Bill No. 6/1972 published 27.6.72

On a motion by the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Leader of the House), the BILL intituled AN ACT TO VALIDATE CERTAIN AWARDS OF TITLES PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN MADE UNDER THE LAND REGISTRY ORDINANCE, 1959, was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8.08 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 21st of July, 1972.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
21st July, 1972.