

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 24th Sitting of the National Assembly of Guyana under the Constitution of Guyana, held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1967

PRESENT:

His Honour the Deputy Speaker, Mr. R.C. Tello - In the Chair

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham Q.C.,
Prime Minister
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Minister of
Finance
The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister for
Parliamentary Affairs
The Honourable R.E. Cheeks, Minister of
Local Government
The Honourable E.F. Correia, Minister of
Communications
The Honourable Mrs. W. Gaskin, Minister of
Education
The Honourable L. John, Minister of
Home Affairs
The Honourable W.O.R. Kendall, C.B.E., J.P.,
Minister of Health and Housing
The Honourable C.A. Merriman, J.P.,
Minister of Labour and Social Security
The Honourable M.F. Singh, Minister of Works
and Hydraulics
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of
Information
The Honourable H.C. Spence, Minister of Trade

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. D.B. deGroot, Parliamentary Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister
Mr. G. Bowman, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and Natural
Resources
Mr. O.E. Clarke, Parliamentary Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister
Mr. P. Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government
Mr. J.G. Joaquin, O.B.E., J.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of
Works and Hydraulics
Mr. C.V. Too-Chung, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

(iii) Other Members

Mr. P.S. d'Aguiar
Mr. W.A. Blair
Mr. J. Budhoo
Mr. W.G. Carrington
Mr. R.G. Field-Ridley
Mr. D. Mahraj
Mr. H. Prashad, J.P.
Mr. J.H. Thomas
Rev. A.B. Trotman
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

Mr. A. Chase
Mr. B.H. Benn
Mr. R. Chandisingh
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
Dr. Charles Jacob, Jr.
Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
Mr. M. Hamid, J.P.
Mr. J.R.S. Luck
Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. H. Lall
Mr. M. Khan, J.P.
Mr. Y. Ally
Mr. L. Linde
Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
Mr. M.N. Poonai
Mr. S.M. Saffee

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

Absent

The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister of
Agriculture and Natural Resources - on leave
The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C.,
Attorney-General and Minister of State
Mr. M. Kasim - on leave
Mr. T.A. Sancho - on leave
Dr. C.B. Jagan - on leave
Mr. C.V. Nunes
Mr. Ram Karran
Dr. S.A. Ramjohn
Mr. E.M. Stoby
Mr. M. Bhagwan - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. T.A. Sancho for the period 24th November to 10th December, 1967.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE
ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

On a motion by the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Leader of the House) the Assembly decided that the proceedings at that sitting should be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 9(2) and that the sitting should continue to midnight.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

Item 1 - MOTION ON THE DEVALUATION OF THE GUYANA DOLLAR

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Government of Guyana has changed the par value of the Guyana dollar in terms of gold from 0.518391 to 0.444335 grams per Guyana dollar:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly endorse the aforesaid action of the Government.

Dr. Jacob and Mr. Luck spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Benn, the Minister of Trade and Mr. Lall spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.03 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Wilson, Mr. Poonai and Mr. Chandisingh spoke to the motion.

Mr. Hubbard was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF THE SITTING

At 10.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10.20 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Hubbard concluded his speech.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11.41 p.m. on a motion by the Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00p.m. on Monday, 27th November, 1967.


DEPUTY SPEAKER

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Building,
Georgetown.

27th November, 1967.