

SECOND SESSION

1967

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 2nd 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

THURSDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 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
The Honourable Dr. P.A. Reid, Minister of Trade
The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister for
Parliamentary Affairs (Leader of the House)
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 R.J. Jordan, Minister of
Agriculture and Natural Resources
The Hon. W.O.R. Kendall, C.B.E., J.P.,
Minister of Health and Housing
The Honourable C.A. Merriman, Minister of Labour
and Social Security
The Honourable M.F. Singh, Minister of Works
and Hydraulics
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of Information

(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,
Ministry of Education
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. W.A..Blair
Mr. J. Budhoo
Mr. M. Kasim
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

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition
Mr. A. Chase
Mr. B.H. Benn
Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. R. Chandisingh
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
Dr. Charles Jacob, Jr.
Mr. C.V. Nunes
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. L. Linde
Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
Dr. S.A. Ramjohn
Mr. M. Bhagwan

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

Absent

The Honourable P.S. d'Aguiar,
Minister of Finance - on leave
The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C.,
Attorney-General and Minister of State - on leave
Mr. W.G. Carrington - on leave
Mr. T.A. Sancho
Mr. Y. Ally
Mr. M.N. Poonai
Mr. E.M. Stoby
Mr. S.M. Saffee

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Messages of Condolence

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced that further messages of condolence on the death of the Speaker were received from:

- (i) The Speaker of the Trinidad and Tobago House of Representatives, and
- (ii) The President of the Eastern Berbice Union of Local Authority

Leave

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:-

- (i) Mr. Ramphal from that day's sitting, and
- (ii) Mr. Singh for the period 11th August to 16th August, 1967

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ADDRESS

Rev. Trotman moved and Mr. Prashad seconded the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly direct that an expression of its sincere appreciation and thanks be conveyed to His Excellency the Governor-General for the Gracious Speech addressed to the Assembly on the occasion of the Opening of the Second Session of the First Parliament of Guyana under the Constitution of Guyana, on Tuesday, 8th August, 1967.

Dr. Jagan spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.38 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The Assembly resumed the debate on Rev. Trotman's motion.

Mr. Nunes and the Minister of Education spoke to the motion.

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

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.07 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Benn concluded his speech.

The Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources spoke to the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 p.m. on a motion by the Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 11th August, 1967.