

SECOND SESSION

1967

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 5th 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

TUESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1967

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

(1) 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 Honourable 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.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. 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. T.A. Sancho  
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. 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. Iall  
Mr. M. Khan, J.P.  
Mr. L. Linde  
Mr. E.M. Stoby  
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 M.F. Singh, Minister of Works and Hydraulics - on leave  
The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C., Attorney-General and Minister of State - on leave  
Mr. J.G. Joaquin, O.B.E., J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Hydraulics-on leave  
Mr. W.G. Carrington  
Dr. Charles Jacob, Jr.  
Mr. C.V. Nunes - on leave  
Mr. Y. Ally - on leave  
Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.  
Mr. M.N. Poonai  
Dr. S.A. Ramjohn  
Mr. S.M. Saffee

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Resolution of Sympathy

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced that a resolution of sympathy passed on the death of the Speaker had been received from the Kitty and Alexanderville Village Council.

Leave

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced that the following Members had been excused as they were accompanying the Chairman of the General Council of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, on a visit to the Kaieteur Falls:

Mr. Joaquin  
Mr. Budhoo  
Rev. Trotman  
Mr. Nunes  
Mr. Ally

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of the Minister of Works and Hydraulics

Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Board of Commissioners of the East Demerara Water Conservancy for the year ending 31st December, 1966.

(D.I. 23/3)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ADDRESS

Assembly resumed the debate on 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.

Mr. Wilson concluded his speech.

Mr. Stoby and Mr. Chandisingh spoke to the motion.

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

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.

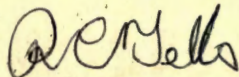
Mr. Chase concluded his speech.

The Prime Minister then replied.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.52 p.m. on a motion by the Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 24th August, 1967.



Deputy Speaker

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown,

18th August, 1967

House, the Assembly  
24th August, 1967

Deputy Speaker