

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1967

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 18th 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, 26TH OCTOBER, 1967

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Minister of Finance
The Honourable R.E. Cheeks, Minister of Local Government
The Honourable E.F. Correia, Minister of Communications
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, J.P., Minister of Labour and Social Security

(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. M. Kasim
Mr. D. Mahraj
Mr. T.A. Sancho
Mr. J.H. Thomas
Rev. A.B. Trotman
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

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. Y. Ally
Mr. L. Linde
Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
Mr. M.N. Poonai
Dr. S.A. Ramjohn
Mr. E.M. Stoby

Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly - Mr. M.B. Henry
Class II Clerk - Mr. J.P. Edwards

Absent

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.,
Prime Minister - on leave
The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister of
Parliamentary Affairs (Leader of the House) - on leave
The Honourable Mrs. W. Gaskin, Minister of
Education
The Honourable M.F. Singh, Minister of Works
and Hydraulics - on leave
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of
Information - on leave
The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C.,
Attorney-General and Minister of State
The Honourable H.C. Spence, Minister of Trade - on leave
Mr. H. Prashad, J.P. - on leave
Mr. A. Chase - on leave
Mr. B.H. Benn
Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. M. Bhagwan

PRAYERS

The Deputy Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

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

- (i) The Prime Minister for the period the 22nd to the 30th October, 1967.
- (ii) Mr. Singh for the period the 20th to the 31st October, 1967.
- (iii) Mr. Spence for the period the 22nd to the 28th October, 1967, and
- (iv) Dr. Jagan for the period the 17th October, 1967 to 1st December, 1967

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance

- (1) Annual Report of the Commissioner of Inland Revenue for the year ended 31st December, 1963. VII
(IT. 8/53) (Circulated)
- (2) Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) (No. 2) Order, 1967, made under section 5 of the Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Ordinance, 1962, by the Minister of Finance on the 13th of October, 1967.
(G. 335/63)
- (3) Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1967 (No. 29), made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 6th of October, 1967 and published in the Official Gazette on the 7th of October, 1967.
II(5)
(G. 367/58) (Circulated)

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

On a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly decided that the proceedings at that day's sitting should be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 9(2).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

- (i) NATIONAL REGISTRATION BILL, 1967 - Bill No. 21/1967 published 14.10.67

The Minister of Home Affairs on behalf of the Government presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL REGISTER, FOR THE ISSUE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

(ii) TREASURY SAVINGS CERTIFICATES AND SAVINGS BONDS
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1967 - Bill No. 22/1967
published 19.10.67

The Minister of Finance on behalf of the Government presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AUTHORISE
THE RAISING OF LOANS BY THE ISSUE
OF SAVINGS BONDS.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL. - Second and Third Readings

Item 1 - TREASURY SAVINGS CERTIFICATES AND SAVINGS BONDS
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1967 - Bill No. 22/1967
published 19.10.67

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, Standing Order No. 46 was suspended to enable the Bill to be proceeded with at that sitting.

In terms of article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance laid over the Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the BILL intituled AN ACT TO AUTHORISE THE RAISING OF LOANS BY THE ISSUE OF SAVINGS BONDS.

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

Mr. Hubbard 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 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Hubbard concluded his speech.

Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried on the following division:

FOR

Mr. Wharton
Rev. Trotman
Mr. Sancho
Mr. Field-Ridley
Mr. Budhoo
Mr. Blair
Mr. Too-Chung
Mr. Joaquin
Mr. Duncan
Mr. Clarke
Mr. Bowman
Mr. deGroot
Mr. Merriman
Mr. Kendall
Mr. Jordan
Mr. John
Mr. Correia
Mr. Cheeks
Dr. Reid

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AGAINST

Dr. Ramjohn
Mr. Linde
Mr. Ally
Mr. Khan
Mr. Lall
Mr. Luck
Mr. Hamid
Mr. Wilson
Mr. Nunes
Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Ram Karran

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The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 and 2 were passed as printed.

The Schedule was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

Third Reading

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Bill was read the third time and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.52 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


DEPUTY SPEAKER

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
GUYANA.
31st October, 1967