

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1967

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 20th 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, 7TH NOVEMBER, 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 Mrs. W. Gaskin, Minister of Education
The Honourable L. John, Minister of Home Affairs
The Honourable C.A. Merriman, J.P., Minister of Labour and Social Security
The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C., Attorney-General and Minister of State
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. M. Kasim
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

Mr. B.H. Benn
Mr. R. Chandisingh
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
Dr. Charles Jacob, Jr.
Mr. C.V. Nunes
Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye
Mr. M. Hamid, J.P.
Mr. J.R.S. Luck
Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. H. Lall
Mr. Y. Ally
Mr. R.D. Persaud, J.P.
Mr. M.N. Poonai
Dr. S.A. Ramjohn
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 L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.,
Prime Minister
The Honourable N.J. Bissember, Minister for
Parliamentary Affairs - on leave
The Honourable R.J. Jordan, Minister of
Agriculture and Natural Resources - on leave
The Honourable W.O.R. Kendall, C.B.E., J.P.,
Minister of Health and Housing
The Honourable M.F. Singh, Minister of Works
and Hydraulics
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of
Information - on leave
Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition - on leave
Mr. A. Chase - on leave
Mr. Ram Karran - on leave
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
Mr. M. Khan, J.P.
Mr. L. Linde
Mr. E.M. Stoby
Mr. M. Bhagwan - on leave

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTION NO. 4

Dr. Jacob asked the Minister of Finance the following question:

- Question: (i) Will the Minister furnish an itemised statement showing the composition of the foreign assets of the Bank of Guyana on July 31, 1967 (or as near to that date as possible), and the amount invested in each type of the foreign securities held in the Bank's investment portfolio?
- (ii) If there are investments in sterling securities, will the Minister state:
- (a) the amount invested in each type of such securities with the rate of interest being received?
- (b) whether it is intended that Guyana's currency backing should continue to be so invested?

At the request of the Minister of Home Affairs, the answer to this question was deferred as the Minister of Finance was absent

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second Reading

Item 1 - NATIONAL REGISTRATION BILL, 1967 - Bill No. 21/1967
published 14.10.67

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the following Bill:

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.

Mr. Lall concluded his speech.

Mr. D. Jagan and Mr. Hamid spoke to the motion.

Mr. Poonai 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 4.39 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Poonai concluded his speech.

Mr. Ally and the Attorney-General and Minister of State spoke to the motion.

Dr. Ramjohn was speaking to the motion when the time agreed for the adjournment of the sitting was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th November, 1967.


DEPUTY SPEAKER

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

8th November, 1967