

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1967 - 1968

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 43rd 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

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1968

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj, C.B.E., J.P.

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

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 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
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. W.A. Blair
Mr. J. Budhoo
Mr. M. Kasim
Mr. R.G.B. Field-Ridley
Mr. H. Prashad
Mr. T.A. Sancho
Mr. R.C. Tello, Deputy Speaker
Rev. A.B. Trotman
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton, J.P.

(b) Members of the Opposition

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 Mrs. W. Gaskin,
Minister of Education - on leave
The Honourable L. John, Minister
of Home Affairs - on leave
The Honourable M.F. Singh, Minister
of Works and Hydraulics -
The Honourables S.S. Ramphal, C.M.G., Q.C.,
Attorney-General and Minister of State
The Honourable M.W. Carter, Minister of
Information
Mr. P.S. d'Aguiar
Mr. W.G. Carrington
Mr. D. Mahraj
Mr. J.H. Thomas
Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the
Opposition
Mr. A. Chase
Mr. B.H. Benn - on leave
Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. R. Chandisingh
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard - on leave
Dr. Charles Jacob, Jr. - on leave
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
Mr. M. Bhagwan

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. John for the period 18th March to 11th April, 1968.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Speaker

Report of the Ombudsman for the year ended 31st December, 1967.

(Circulated).

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Question No. 14

Owing to the absence of Mr. Khan, Question No. 14 was not asked.

The reply as submitted by the Minister of Finance is at the Appendix to these Minutes.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and Third Readings

DEVELOPMENT TAX BILL, 1968 - Bill No. 6/1968
published 12.3.68

In terms of article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified the Cabinet's recommendation to enable the Assembly to proceed upon this Bill.

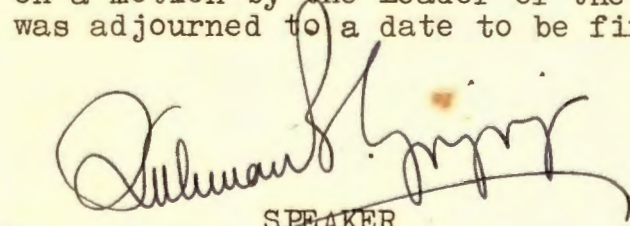
The Minister of Finance then moved the second reading of the BILL intituled AN ACT TO IMPOSE A DEVELOPMENT TAX ON COMPANIES.

Mr. Too-Chung and Mr. Saffee spoke to the motion.

The Bill was then read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.52 p.m., on a motion by the Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


SPEAKER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

22nd March, 1968.

APPENDIX

QUESTION NO. 14

QUESTION by Mr. Khan and REPLY by the Minister
of Finance:

Question: Will the Minister say what amount
of money was expended by the Guyana
Rice Marketing Board during 1965,
1966 and 1967 (up to August 31) on -

- (a) vehicles, machinery,
furniture and equipment,
- (b) renovation, and
- (c) technical and expert
services received?

Answer:

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
(a)	\$24,255.99	\$35,373.11	\$172,242.83
(b)	\$29,925.05	\$37,178.05	\$ 50,796.23
(c)	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.