

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

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120TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1977

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

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By the Minister of Finance:

Inter-American Development Bank. (Amendment of Agreement) Order 1977; made under section 7 of the Inter-American Development Bank Act 1976 (No. 11), on the 27th of January, 1977, and published in the Gazette on the 29th of January, 1977.

(TJ I.A.D.B.)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

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PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS -

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -Presentation and First Reading

- (1) SAINT PETER'S TEMPLE (INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES) BILL 1977 - Bill No. 1/1977 published 8.1.77, 15.1.77 and 22.1.77

Cde. Fowler to present the following Private Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SAINT PETER'S TEMPLE IN GUYANA AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

- (2) SHOPS (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 - Bill No. 3/1977 published 5.2.77

The Minister of Labour, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE SHOPS (CONSOLIDATION) ACT.

- (3) HOUSING OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR ESTATES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 - Bill No. 4/1977 published 5.2.77

The Minister of Labour, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE HOUSING OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR ESTATES ACT.

- (4) SUGAR INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUNDS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 - Bill No. 5/1977 published 5.2.77

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUGAR INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUNDS ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONS

1. RECOMMENDING RATIFICATION OF AND ACCESSION TO INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS AND CONVENTIONS

The Leader of the Opposition to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, as of June 1976, Guyana had not ratified or acceded to -

- (a) the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which came into force on January 3, 1976;

- (b) the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which came into force on March 23, 1976, and
- (c) the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which had been adopted by the General Assembly on December 21, 1965 and entered into force on January 4, 1969;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that Guyana should ratify and be signatory to these important documents.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly urges the Government to ratify and accede to the Covenants and Conventions as early as possible

(Notice Paper No. 90 published 5.1.77)

2. GUARANTEE OF LOAN FROM CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK TO LIAT (1974)

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Leeward Islands Air Transport Limited (1974) (otherwise known as Liat (1974)) is a Company incorporated in Antigua, the shareholders being the Governments of the territories of the Caribbean Community with Guyana holding 6.06094 per cent of the equity in the issued share capital of the Company;

AND WHEREAS Liat (1974) requires moneys to repay the sum of five million, eight hundred and forty-three thousand, two hundred and seventy United States dollars (U.S. \$5,843,270) to the Industrial Bank of Venezuela representing the proceeds of a loan by that Bank to Liat (1974);

AND WHEREAS by virtue of the Caribbean Development Bank having indicated its willingness to make available to Liat (1974) by way of a loan the sum of five million, five hundred and nine thousand, six hundred and forty United States dollars (U.S. \$5,509,640) for the purpose of effecting repayment to the Industrial Bank of Venezuela, subject to a guarantee being given by Guyana to Liat (1974), this National Assembly by Resolution No. LXXVII on 5th December, 1975, authorised a guarantee being given by Guyana to the Caribbean Development Bank in the sum of one hundred and ninety-two thousand, eight hundred and thirty-seven United States dollars (U.S. \$192,837) in accordance with the State Enterprises (Guarantee) Act 1974;

AND WHEREAS the Caribbean Development Bank has indicated its willingness to make further available the additional sum of three hundred and thirty-three thousand, six hundred and thirty United States dollars (U.S. \$333,630) to complement the aforementioned sum of five million, five hundred and nine thousand, six hundred and forty United States dollars (U.S. \$5,509,640) for the similar purpose of the repayment to the Industrial Bank of Venezuela, subject

to a guarantee being given by Guyana in the sum of fifty-five thousand, and seventy-three United States dollars (U.S. \$55,073);

AND WHEREAS the Caribbean Development Bank and Liat (1974) are a lending agency and a regional institution, respectively, within the meaning of the State Enterprises (Guarantee) Act 1974:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly authorises the Minister of Finance or such other person duly authorised by him, acting on behalf of the Government of Guyana, to give a guarantee for the aforesaid purpose in accordance with the State Enterprises (Guarantee) Act 1974, to the Caribbean Development Bank in the sum of fifty-five thousand and seventy-three United States dollars (U.S. \$55,073).

(Notice Paper No. 93 published 10.2.77)

BILL - Second Reading

- # 3. TAHRIK-JADID AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MISSION OF GUYANA (INCORPORATION) BILL 1976 - Bill No. 19/1976 published: Gazette - 18.12.76, 25.12.76 and 1.1.77 Newspaper: 25/12/76, 1.1.77 and 8.1.77

Cde. Gill to move the second reading of the following Private Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF A BODY TO BE KNOWN AS THE TAHRIK-I-JADID AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MISSION IN GUYANA.

(Read a first time on 19.1.77)

Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting

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- (1) By the Speaker (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Committee of Selection, held on Friday, 21st January, 1977.

(PARL: 5/5 VI)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Prime Minister:

Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Guyana Telecommunication Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 1974.

(GSC:9/404/2)(Circulated)

- (3) By the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources:

Report on the working of the Miners Assistance Fund for the period 29th May to 31st December, 1975.

(MAF: 5) (Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

Question No. 8

Cde. Dindayal to ask the Minister of Works and Housing the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister of Works and Housing say whether Cde. Ralph Van Sluytman, M.P., who has since 1968 been occupying a Government building which was supposed to house a doctor at Charity, is paying rent or not?