

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

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121ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

—
WEDNESDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1977

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AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Guyana Agricultural Co-operative Development Bank (Reconstitution) Order 1977 (No. 12), made under sections 15 and 28 of the Co-operative Financial Institutions Act 1976 (No. 8), and published in the Gazette on the 21st of February, 1977.
(F. 57/1)(Circulated)
- (b) GNCB Trust Corporation Order 1977 (No. 13), made under sections 15 and 28 of the Co-operative Financial Institutions Act 1976 (No. 8), and published in the Gazette on the 21st of February, 1977.
(F. 57/1)(Circulated)
- (c) Guyana National Co-operative Bank (Reconstitution) Order 1977 (No. 14), made under sections 15 and 28 of the Co-operative Financial Institutions Act 1976 (No. 8), and published in the Gazette on the 21st of February, 1977.
(F. 57/1)(Circulated).
- (d) Guyana Co-operative Mortgage Finance Bank (Reconstitution) Order 1977 (No. 15), made under sections 15 and 28 of the Co-operative Financial Institutions Act 1976 (No. 8), and published in the Gazette on the 21st of February, 1977.
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- (e) Report of the Director of Audit on the Public Accounts of Guyana for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1969.

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QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

Question No. 9

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

QUESTION: Is the Minister aware that residents of Pln. Success, East Coast, Demerara, are suffering as a result of the water supply being cut off at 8.00 p.m.?

Will the Minister consider operating the pump up to 10.00 p.m. as was done previously before the take-over by the Guyana Water Authority?

(Notice Paper No. 96 published 16.2.77)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS -

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

Presentation and First Reading

GENERAL LOCAL LOAN (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 - Bill No. 6/1977 published 19.3.77

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL LOCAL LOAN ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

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)

BILLS - Second Reading

2. TAHRIK-I-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)

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

The Minister of Labour to move the second reading of the following Bill:

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

(Read a first time on 16.2.77)

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

The Minister of Labour to move the second reading of the following Bill:

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

(Read a first time on 16.2.77)

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

The Prime Minister to move the second reading of the following Bill:

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

(Read a first time on 16.2.77)

MOTIONS

6. GRANT OF ANNUAL ALLOWANCES TO OPEN VOTE EMPLOYEES ON RETIREMENT

The Prime Minister to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the conditions governing the payment of superannuation benefits to non-pensionable employees of the Government as authorised by Legislative Council Resolutions NO. LII of 6th July, 1951, and No. LVI of 8th May, 1957, provide inter alia that an employee who at the date of his retirement holds an "approved appointment" and has served in an approved appointment for at least twenty continuous years immediately preceding the date of his retirement will be eligible for an annual allowance;

AND WHEREAS provision has been made in the Pensions Act (Chapter 27:02) with effect from 1st July, 1975 conferring authority on the Minister assigned responsibility for the public service, in the special circumstances of any particular case, to approve the grant of an annual allowance on retirement to a person who has held a non-pensionable office for a period shorter than twenty years;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it desirable that similar authority should be conferred on the Minister in relation to employees of the Government whose emoluments are paid out of an open vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approves that the conditions authorised by the aforementioned Resolutions of the Legislative Council be varied with effect from 1st July, 1975 to authorise the Minister assigned responsibility for the public service, in the special circumstances of any particular case, to approve of the grant of an annual allowance on retirement to an employee of the Government whose emoluments are paid out of an open vote and who has served in the public service for a shorter period than twenty years.

(Notice Paper No. 98 published 22.3.77)

7. PAYMENT OF GRATUITIES TO FEMALE EMPLOYEES ON RETIREMENT ON ACCOUNT OF MARRIAGE

The Prime Minister to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Resolution No. VI passed by the Legislative Council on 12th December, 1940 authorised the payment to a female employee who served in the public service for at least seven continuous years and retired or was required to retire from the public service for the reason that she married or was about to marry, of a gratuity at the rate of one-eighteenth of a month's pay for each completed month of service with a maximum of one year's pay, provided that at the time of such retirement she held -

- (a) a permanent non-pensionable post; or
- (b) a pensionable post but was not eligible for a gratuity under the Pensions Ordinance 1933;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the enactment of the Pensions (Amendment) Act 1976, a female officer who holds a pensionable office will no longer be required to retire from the public service on marriage with the consequential abolition of the payment of a gratuity on marriage except that a female officer who was unmarried at the time of the enactment of the Pensions (Amendment) Act 1976 may exercise the option to retire from the public service on or with a view to marriage with payment of a gratuity if she qualifies for such payment to be made to her under the Pensions Act (Chapter 27:02), or to continue in employment in the public service;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it desirable that the new conditions should apply to female employees mentioned in the first recital hereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the conditions authorised by Resolution No. VI passed by the Legislative Council on 12th December, 1940, being varied to abolish with effect from the date of the enactment of the Pensions (Amendment) Act 1976 the payment of a gratuity on marriage to female employees to whom the Resolution relates except that after the date of the enactment of the Pensions (Amendment) Act 1976 payment of a gratuity on retirement from the public service on marriage may be granted in the manner provided in the said Resolution No. VI of 12th December, 1940 to a female employee who is unmarried at the date of the enactment of the Pensions (Amendment) Act 1976 and who held -

- (a) a permanent non-pensionable post; or
- (b) a pensionable post but is not eligible for a gratuity under the Pensions Act (Chapter 27:02).

(Notice Paper No. 99 published 22.3.77)

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SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

121ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1977

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

(1) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, Chapter 77:01, for the quarter ended 30th September, 1976. (Circulated)
- (b) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, Chapter 77:01, for the quarter ended 31st December, 1976. (Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Report of the Commission of Inquiry conducted by the Honourable Mr. Justice Dhanessar Jhappan, a Judge of the High Court of the Supreme Court of Judicature, into the circumstances which Bholanauth Parmanand, Jagan Ramessar and Vernon Campbell died. (Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

Presentation and First Reading

- (1) CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 - Bill No. 7/1977 published 26.3.77

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 73 THEREOF.

(2) NATIONAL DEFENCE BONDS BILL 1977 - Bill No. 8/1977

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AUTHORISE THE RAISING
OF MONEY BY THE ISSUE OF DEFENCE BONDS.
