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154TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1978

AT 2.00 P.M.

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By the Minister of Finance:

Consumption Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1978
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CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 - Bill No. 8/1978

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO EFFECT CERTAIN
ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 73 THEREOF.

Minister of State (9)

- Cde. O.E. Clavko, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/
Ctrentyno)
- Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Economic
Development and Co-operatives (Absent)
- Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime
Minister (Absent)
- Cde. K.B. Bancroft, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional
(Mazaruni/Potaro) (Absent)
- Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional
(Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)
- Cde. J.R. Thomas, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of Health,
Housing and Labour
- Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, M.P., Minister of State, Ministry of National
Development (Absent)
- * Cde. A. Salim, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/
West Coast Berbice) (Absent)
- * Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional
(North West)

Parliamentary Secretaries (4)

- Cde. M.M. Ackman, C.C.H., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Office of
the Prime Minister, and Government Chief Whip
- Cde. E.L. Ambrose, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of
Agriculture
- Cde. S. Prashad, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Economic
Development and Co-operatives
- Cde. M. Corrica, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of
Education, Social Development and Culture

Other Members (21)

- Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P.
- Cde. W.G. Carrington, M.P.
- Cde. L.A. Durant, M.P.
- Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
- Cde. J. Gill, M.P.
- Cde. W. Hussain, M.P.
- Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh, M.P.
- Cde. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P.
- Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., M.P.
- Cde. M. Nissar, M.P.
- Cde. L.E. Ramsahoye, M.P.
- Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P.
- Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
- Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., M.P. (Absent)
- Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., M.P.
- Cde. C. Sukul, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. H.A. Taylor, M.P.
- Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, J.P., M.P.
- Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P.
- Cde. C.E. Wrights, M.P.
- Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, M.P.

Members of the Opposition (16)(i) People's Progressive Party (14)Leader of the Opposition (1)

- Cde. C. Jagan, M.P., Leader of the Opposition (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent -
on leave)

* Non elected Minister

Other Members (12)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.
Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P., Opposition Chief Whip
Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.
Cde. C. Collymore, M.P.
Cde. S.F. Mohamed, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. L. Lalbahadur, M.P. (Absent)
Cde. I. Basir, M.P.
Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.
Cde. R. Ally, M.P.
Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.
Cde. Dindayal, M.P.
Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) Liberator Party (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, J.P., M.P.
Mr. M.A. Abraham, M.P.

OFFICERS

Clerk of the National Assembly (F.A. Narain, A.A.)
Acting Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (A. Knight)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

Mr. Michael Anthony Abraham, whose name was extracted from the Liberator Party List of Candidates and who was declared to be an elected Member of the National Assembly to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mrs. Elinor Da Silva, made and subscribed the oath of office as required by Article 76 of the Constitution.

The Speaker then congratulated Mr. Abraham on his election and welcomed him to the Assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Cdes. Burnham and C. Jagan for that sitting; and
- (b) Cde. Ram Karran for one month.

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By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister of Finance

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Supply of Electricity in the country

At the request of Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, permission was granted to him to move the adjournment of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing the question of the supply of electricity in the country.

It was, however, agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next sitting of the Assembly on Wednesday, 5th April, 1978.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - DEATH OF CDE. DAVID ARTHUR SINGH

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED

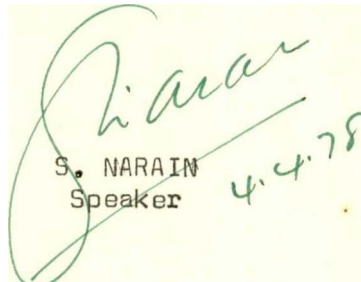
That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Cde. David Arthur Singh and pays tribute to the distinguished service which he rendered to Guyana and to its Parliament and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing widow and children.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud and Mr. Singh spoke to the motion.

The motion was then put and carried with all members standing.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 2.50 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m on Wednesday, 5th April, 1978.



S. NARAIN
Speaker 4.4.78

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
4th April, 1978.