

FIRST PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

SECOND SESSION

1967 - 1968

ORDER PAPER

56TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY, 1968

AT 9.00 A.M.

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MOTIONS

1. The Attorney-General and Minister of State to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of Venezuela by a decree of Dr. Raul Leoni, President of the said Republic, being Decree No. 1,152 published in the Official Gazette of Venezuela (No. 28,672) of 9th July, 1968, has purported to annex as part of the territorial waters and contiguous zone of Venezuela a belt of sea lying along the coast of Guyana between the mouth of the Essequibo River and Waini Point;

AND WHEREAS the said Decree purports to require the armed forces of Venezuela to impose the dominion of Venezuela over the said belt of sea;

/ AND WHEREAS ...

AND WHEREAS the said belt of sea forms part of the territorial sea and contiguous zone of Guyana and is situate over the continental shelf forming part of the territory of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS the said Decree is repugnant to the territorial sovereignty and the established rights of Guyana and is in violation of international law and the accepted practice of nations and is contrary to the provisions of the Geneva Agreement 1966 concluded between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Venezuela:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly -

- (i) consider the said Decree to be a nullity and approve of it being so treated by the Government of Guyana insofar as it purports to relate to any part of the sea, including the territorial sea and the contiguous zone, adjacent to any part of the coast of Guyana and to any part of the continental shelf forming part of the territory of Guyana;
- (ii) consider the said Decree as constituting a threat of aggression against Guyana and a situation likely to endanger international peace and security;
- (iii) consider as an act of aggression against Guyana done contrary to the Charter of the United Nations any attempt by the Government of Venezuela to implement the said Decree over any part of the sea, including the territorial sea and the contiguous zone, adjacent to any part of the coast of Guyana, or any part of the continental shelf forming part of the territory of Guyana;
- (iv) approve of the Government of Guyana taking all necessary steps to secure the territorial integrity of Guyana, including its rights under international law to and over the sea adjacent to its coast, including the territorial sea and the contiguous zone, and the continental shelf forming part of the territory of Guyana.

(Notice was published on 10th July, 1968).

2. The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm Customs Duties (Amendment)(No. 3) Order, 1968 (No. 31), which was made on the 1st of July, 1968, and published in the Gazette on the 6th of July, 1968.

(Notice was published on 12th July, 1968).

3. The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm Customs Duties (Amendment)(No. 4) Order, 1968 (No. 32), which was made on the 1st of July, 1968, and published in the Gazette on the 6th of July, 1968.

(Notice was published on 12th July, 1968).

4. The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the General Electric Company Limited and Telephone Cables Limited have agreed to enter into a contract with the Guyana Telecommunication Corporation for the supply and installation of equipment and telephone cable networks estimated to cost \$17,227,200.00;

AND WHEREAS the Midland Bank has agreed to enter into a financial agreement with the Corporation to assist the financing of the contract to the extent of 80% of the value of United Kingdom goods and services, estimated at \$12,585,600.00 by purchasing promissory notes, bearing interest at 5½% effected by the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS it is required that all payments due under the abovementioned contract and the abovementioned agreement should be guaranteed by the Cabinet, in accordance with section 20(1) of the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962 (No. 23) which guarantee requires the approval of the National Assembly:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly approve that the Cabinet guarantee payments to be made by the Corporation under the abovementioned contract and the abovementioned financial agreement.

(Notice was published on 10th November, 1967).

Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.

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SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

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By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Annual Reports of the Guyana Fire Service for the
years 1965 and 1966.

(H.A/1/1/12)(Circulated).
