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Wednesday, 21st May, 1975

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

SPEAKER

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P.

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The Hon. H.D. Hoyte, S.C.,
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*The Hon. S.S. Ramphal, S.C.,
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*The Hon. H. Green,
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*The Hon. H.O. Jack,
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*The Hon. F.E. Hope,
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Minister of Information and Culture

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The Hon. B. Ramsaroop,
Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House

*The Hon. Miss. C.L. Baird,
Minister of Education and Social Development

(Absent)

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*Dr. the Hon O.M.R. Harper,
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*The Hon. C.V. Mingo,
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The Hon. M. Kasim, A.A.,
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The Hon. O.E. Clarke
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Minister of State – Regional (Essequibo coast/West Demerara)

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(Absent)

*The Hon. A. Salim,
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(Absent)

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Parliamentary Secretary
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(Absent)

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Mr. R. C. Van Sluytman, Deputy Speaker

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Mrs. L.E. Willems

(Absent)

Members of the Opposition – Liberator Party (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition

(Absent – on leave)

Mrs. E. DaSilva

OFFICER

Acting Clerk of the National Assembly – Mr. M.B. Henry, AMBIM

PRAYERS**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER****Leave to Members**

Mr. Speaker: Leave has been granted to the Hon Prime Minister, the hon. Member Mr. Green, the hon. Member Miss Field-Ridley and the hon. Member Mr. Duncan for today's Sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

The following Papers were laid:

- (1) Thirteenth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Guyana Electricity Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1975. **(The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development on behalf of the Prime Minister)**
- (2) Rose Hall Town (Constitution)(Amendment) Order 1975 (No. 44), made under section 33 of the Municipal and District Councils Act, Chapter 28:01, on the 24th of April, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 10th of May, 1975. **(The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation)**
- (3) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act 1971, (No. 16), and remained in force at 31st December, 1974. **(The Minister of Finance)**
- (4) (i) Post Office (Overtime)(Amendment) Regulations 1975 (No.2), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, Chapter 47:01, on the 10th of April, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 12th of April, 1975.

- (ii) British Postal Order Regulations 1975 (No. 7), made under section 97 of the Post and Telegraph Act, chapter 47:01, on the 2nd May, 19075, and published in the Gazette on the 10th of May, 1975. **(The Ministry of Works and Housing)**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS – FIRST READING

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

- (1) Widows and Orphans Pension (Amendment) Bill 1975 – Bill No. 21/1975
(The Minister of Finance)
- (2) Vesting of Property (Acquisition by Purchase) Bill 1975 – Bill No. 22/1975
(The Minister of Economic Development)
- (3) Prisons (Amendment) Bill 1975 – Bill No. 23/1975 **(The Minister of Home Affairs)**

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS – SECOND READING

BAUXITE NATIONALISATION (MODIFICATION) BILL 1975

A Bill Intituled:

“An Act to modify the Bauxite Nationalisation Act 1971 consequent on the incorporation of the Berbice Mining Enterprise Limited.”

(The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources)

The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Mr. Jack): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the Bauxite Nationalisation (Modification) Bill 1975 be read a Second time.

In 1971 when we passed the Bauxite Nationalisation Act to take into public ownership the assets of what was formerly the Demerara Bauxite Company, the Guyana Bauxite Company was not yet created. For this reason, Section 10 of that Bauxite Nationalisation Act provided that the Guyana Development Corporation would be the entity which would be the employer, so to speak, of the persons who had formerly been employed by the Demerara Bauxite Company. This, of course, was a temporary measure and by virtue of the Bauxite Nationalisation (Modification) Act 1971, the Guyana Bauxite Company was substituted for the Guyana Development Corporation.

In 1975 when we moved the second nationalisation – that is the nationalisation of what was formerly the Reynolds enterprise – we used the same Bill for nationalizing that enterprise as had been used for GUYBAU. And so it was that the entity which became legally the employer of the persons who had been formerly employed by Reynolds was the Guyana bauxite Company.

This Bill seeks to regularize that position, substituting BERMINE for the Guyana Bauxite Company, and this is done by a very small amendment which would be noticed in clause 3 of the present Bill whereby we are amending section 10 of the original Act as it was amended by the bauxite Nationalisation (Modification) Act 1971. I ask, therefore, that this Bill be now read a Second time.

Question proposed

Mrs. DaSilva: Mr. Speaker, as has already been explained by the Hon. Minister, this Bill merely seeks to regularize the position and empower BERMINE to be responsible for the employment of their own personnel so that they do not have to come under GUYBAU. It is a very practical and sensible requirement and as such we are willing to give our support to this Bill.

On occasions such as these the Opposition is given a chance – indeed the Government is given a chance to let the nation know what is going on. The Government can give, as it were, a report on the position at BERMINE since Vesting day, which was just about six months ago. I

should, however, like to take this opportunity to ask a few questions that come to mind. I should like through you, sir, to ask the Hon. Minister.

Sometime during February this year – that is just about a month after Vesting Day – the hon. Minister of Finance came to the House for permission to contract a loan of \$16.5 million as working capital for the Berbice Mining Enterprises Limited. The Hon. Minister of Finance told us, and I quote:

“It is necessary for a substantial sum to be injected into the enterprise to mobilise the equipment and to provide working capital so that all assets would be bought into their best working conditions.”

We on this side of the House fully appreciated the need for working capital and gladly gave our consent.

2:20 – 2:30p.m.

Prior to this we were told that when Reynolds handed over to BERMINE, they left the equipment in pretty bad shape as it had been allowed to run down. We were also told that the employees lived under poor housing conditions. Could the hon. Minister tell us, in view of the fact that they had this \$16.5M for working capital, what improvements have been done since then and if they had been able to do anything to help the workers with their housing.

Another point, too, is that if the equipment was taken over in pretty poor shape the risk to the workers must have increased. If they are using equipment that is not up to standard, the chances of accidents are greater.

In view of the fact that the enterprises have had \$16.5 M have they been able to get the equipment up to a better standard, maybe not up to the perfection they would like to have but at least to a better and safer degree? It should be borne in mind how difficult it is nowadays to get

spare parts for anything. I wonder if such spare parts as the Bauxite Company would need could be easily had and if they have been able to get any.

Another point I wish to mention is this: we understand that personnel from GUYBAU, technical administrative, have been seconded to the administrative section at BERMINE. We appreciate this and acknowledge the need for it at this stage. Also we understand that the men on secondment are doing an excellent job at BERMINE.

Some time ago, the Guyana Electricity Corporation, I think, made a statement saying that it has been asked to sell at cost some of its equipment to help do the work at Kimbia. We applaud the fact that one Government corporation should be able to help another. Indeed, we would like to feel that each should be able to help somebody else. That is the way we ought to live, not to fight each other, but to try to help each other.

We appreciate this but we wonder, sir, if this state of affairs does not hamper the person who has given the help. In other words, it is all very well to help and appreciate the help. But the person giving the help must not be hampered in his work. The Guyana Electricity Corporation pointed out that it could not get through with its work because it could not replace the equipment it had sold, or loaned to Kimbia, in time to finish this phase of the work.

We wonder if this state of affairs exists at GUYBAU, where GUYBAU because of its help to BERMINE, is suffering. We, as I have said before, are pleased for one corporation to help another but it should not be to the detriment of the one that is doing the helping. How long will the administrative men from GUYBAU remain at BERMINE? Are there any plans for people to be trained to replace them so that they could return to their posts at GUYBAU?

When Reynolds was being nationalised to become BERMINE, we supported Government's policy, and we still support Government's policy to own and control the commanding heights of our economy, but we do not support nationalisation done on a willy-nilly basis. Nationalisation is indeed something for us to aim at but we must be quite sure before we nationalise, that we are prepared, that we have planned and organized properly. This would also

apply in the case of mines, industries or what have you. It is very important to plan properly in advance.

When Reynolds Company was in control of the bauxite industry, its interests was not primarily in extracting and exporting the ore. Its concern, we understand, was to have large quantities of the ore left in reserve for future supplies when other sources of supply had been used up. When it was compelled by the 1965 agreement with the Guyana Government to increase production of bauxite, Reynolds met that commitment by entering into the production of calcined bauxite and not metal grade ore. We understand that it pushed ahead and did all it could to get out and process the calcined bauxite and not work the metal ore.

In view of the fact that we have been told that the quality of the calcined bauxite from BERMINE is not of the same high standard as at GUYBAU could the Hon. Minister tell us if any improvement has been made in the quality of the calcined bauxite since Vesting Day, although it is just under 6 month ago?

It was reported some time ago in the Press that 2,500 tons of calcined bauxite was shipped to North America. Was this shipment of the same standards as that which GUYBAU produced? Are they able at BERMINE to process the calcined bauxite to the required standard? We ask this, sir, because we want the best price for our bauxite and we appreciate the fact that the higher the quality, the better the price will be. So could the hon. Minister tell us how we are getting on in that field?

I have seen a report which stated that about 12,000 tons of the metal grade ore have been exported since Vesting Day. I wonder if the hon. Minister could say how many tons of metal grade ore were exported during the first six months of last year. I do not wish him to tell me to the last ton, but generally speaking. Have we exported more metal grade ore this year as against last year? It would be interesting if the hon. Minister could tell us that.

My last question, sir, concerns the workers. Some time ago there was a report in the Press by the President of the Guyana Mine Workers' Union, Mr. Winston Verbeke. He said that the

old agreement that existed between the Union and Reynolds came to an end on the 31st December last year. On the 1st January, Reynolds became the property of the Government of Guyana. The government did not enter into a new contract with the Union but agreed to carry on the same basis. In fact, it was pointed out that the workers at Everton and Kwakwani will enjoy conditions that are no less favourable than those enjoyed by their counterparts at GUYBAU. I wonder, sir, if the hon. Minister could tell us if any new contract has been entered into between BERMINE and the union, and if not, what is the position with regard to the Union and BERMINE now? I trust the hon. Minister will answer these few and very simple questions.

As I have said before, the people of Guyana need to be told what is going on and what the position in their country. And on occasions such as this, the minister has an opportunity to give that information. If the people see and understand what the Government is doing, they would have all the more confidence in the Government of the country. That is surely what the Government wants.

I think the Minister should find no problem in answering this question especially as we shall have the Jessels Group, Demerara Company, coming up very shortly for vesting Day, that is nationalisation. This is a good opportunity to let the nation know what is happening. I now wish, formally to give the support of the Opposition to this Bill before the House.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Member Mrs. DaSilva, normally I would not have permitted these questions because they would require research, but knowing what a very competent and capable Minister we have I am sure we will have some enlightening information.

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Mr. Jack: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, first of all, with regard to the loan, the loan which we required was a loan of \$16 million. It has not been necessary to utilise the entire amount so far. This loan, I may say, was divided into three parts: \$6.5 million from Royal Bank; \$6.5 million from Barclays and \$3 million from the Cooperative Bank. Of this amount, we have

drawn down so far \$1.6 million from royal bank and \$1.1 million from the Guyana National Co-operative Bank.

With regard to the Barclays Bank drawing down, we have not drawn down any of that amount yet. However, we have on order some equipment including three large trucks. Each of these trucks costs over \$300,000 and it is expected that those trucks would arrive around the middle of June. At that time we would propose to draw down from the Barclays Bank amount, about \$1.2 million to cover that. The rest of the money has gone into material for production and initially to pay salaries. That is, as far as the loan is concerned.

With regard to the housing, the Housing Corporation will be paying a visit to the area shortly and there is a plan to upgrade the entire area. I myself have already indicated to the management at Kwakwani that we propose to re-plan Kwakwani and I have already put in train a scheme for repainting all the buildings which the Company owns at Kwakwani. This is being worked out at the present moment. We would expect, of course, that with this face-lift, so to speak, we would have the active participation on a self-help basis of many of the workers whose homes will be improved by this operation.

With regard to the equipment, as I have already mentioned, some of the equipment is already on order. That includes the trucks that I spoke about as well as spare parts. We have improved the equipment considerably due to the energy of the workers themselves who have rehabilitated many of the trucks, bulldozers etc., which were being allowed to get into a state of disrepair. On the whole, the morale of the people, both at Everton and Kwakwani, is particularly high. I myself went on Labour Day at Kwakwani and discussed with the workers there some of these very matters that have been raised here this afternoon.

With regard to the people who were seconded from GUYBAU, I have no first-hand knowledge of the statement made by the Hon. Member with regard to the electricity corporation, but I can say that while GUYBAU is under some strain in order to help BERMINE, that strain is

not of a nature to cause any serious reduction either in the quantity or quality of production at GUYBAU. The four persons who have been seconded – and I am very happy to learn that their services are appreciated because in fact they are doing a good job – are senior officers of GUYBAU but they are being seconded on a business arrangement. It is not charity that BERMINE is getting from GUYBAU but management services, so to speak.

Why I am careful in answering this particular question is that we would not like to give the impression that GUYBAU is so strong, that it can, without any adverse effect whatever, allow its officers in large numbers to be moved out of the system to go to help other areas. So, while we have done so in this instant case, it is not something that we would like to make a general practice.

Now the question of the bauxite and production. It is true that as a result of the 1965 agreement Reynolds put in a calcine kiln. That kiln had an estimated rated capacity of approximately 100,000 tons. Reynolds, during the whole course of its operation, never attained this goal. The highest that it made was, I think 92,000 or 94,000 tons one year. Generally, it has averaged something in the region of about 60,000 tons. In 1974 with the approaching nationalisation and with the levy which was imposed it attempted to step up the production of calcine bauxite and to reduce the production of metal grade bauxite. It worked the kiln so badly that by the time we took it over we had to stop the operations for repairs.

I am happy to say that since we have repaired that particular kiln we are getting better service with less downtime than the Reynolds Company had ever had while it ran it and this is all praise to the workers and management at Everton who are doing a very fine job. Nevertheless, we could not increase the production significantly without introducing another kiln. We have this under consideration at the moment and dependent upon the result of the studies that we are doing, we may be introducing another kiln at Everton.

There was a question asked about the comparison in tonnage of metal grade bauxite produced in 1974 as against 1975. Let me say at the outset that, as Hon. Members would know, 1975 has not been a good year for aluminum. There has been over-stocking, as a result of which

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the large bauxite companies like ALCOA, ALCAN, Kaiser etc. have all cut back production to the tune of something in the region of 10% and in some cases more. The sale of our bauxite depends upon the production of aluminum so that the market for metal grade bauxite is not as firm in 1975 as it was in 1974. As against that, we had the acceleration of production which Reynolds attempted when it saw the end was approaching. It would be true to say that for the first five months of this year, we have not exceeded the first five months of last year; we have dropped to somewhat less. But if one takes into account the state of the equipment when we took over, the necessity for reorganization of staff and the fact that we have to produce and not stockpile but sell immediately, then our production, which is quite close to what was achieved in 1974, has been quite creditable so far. This, I think, answers the questions that the Hon. Member raised.

There was one last question with regard to the union. I think there was a misapprehension here. There was nothing in that Act which says that the workers at Kwakwani will enjoy conditions no less favourable than the workers at GUYBAU. The Act, as originally envisaged at the time of the nationalisation of DEMBA, was that the workers will enjoy conditions no less favourable than what they had enjoyed previously with Reynolds. But, there has always been a difference in conditions of work between what Reynolds gave and what ALCAN gave and this is now reflected in what GUYBAU gives and what BERMINE gives.

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We would expect that with the passage of time there would be a coming together and a uniformity of conditions, but this was not contemplated by the Act.

In any case, just prior to the nationalisation, the workers come to agreement with the Management with regard to a new contract and received an increase. We have honoured that contract until such time as we open negotiations with them for a new contract with the new Berbice Mining enterprise.

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Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read a Second time.

Assembly in Committee.

Bill considered and approved.

Assembly Resumed.

Bill reported without Amendment, read the third time and passed.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY (INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES) BILL

PRIVATE BILL

A Bill Intituled:

“An Act to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Church of God of Prophecy.”

(Mrs. Branco)

Mrs. Branco: On the presentation of a petition on 18th July, 1974, Mr. Compton Wharton of 177 James Street, Albouystown, and Mr. Frank Reece of Meten-Meer-Zorg, West Coast Demerara, were allowed to present to this Honourable House a Bill to incorporate the Church of God of Prophecy in Guyana. This Bill, Hon. Members will remember, was read the First time on the 5th of this month.

I may state briefly that the promoters are seeking the incorporation of the Church of God of Prophecy to enable it to acquire and dispose of property in Guyana. As you are aware, Mr. Speaker, Guyanese are taking possession and control of all their institutions and this is just another example. I now move that the Bill Intituled an Act to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Church of God of Prophecy be read a Second time.

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Mr. Speaker: Hon. Leader of the House, will there be somebody who will second this Motion.

Mr. Taylor seconded.

Question proposed, put, and agreed to.

Bill read a Second time.

Assembly in Committee.

Bill considered and approved.

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Assembly Resumed.

Bill reported without Amendment, read the Third time and passed.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES) BILL 1975

PRIVATE BILL

A Bill Intituled:

“An Act to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Church of Christ in Guyana and for purposes connected therewith. (**Mr. Corrica**)

Mr. Corrica: Mr. Speaker, on Thursday 28th March, 1974, the hon. Members of this House granted leave to Evangelist Alfred McCurchin of 200 Almond street, Queenstown, Georgetown, to have introduced in the Assembly a Bill to incorporate the Church of Christ, a church established on 10th August, 1968, at Buxton, East Coast, Demerara, as a branch of the parent Church of Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. Since then, there are other places of worship set up in Demerara and in the county of Berbice. It now has a membership of 325 persons.

The Bill of 12 clauses was duly presented on the 5th of this month and I now have great pleasure in moving that the Bill intituled an Act to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Church of Christ in Guyana and for the purposes connected therewith, be read a Second time.

Mr. Sukhu seconded.

Question proposed, put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Assembly in Committee.

Bill considered and approved.

Assembly Resumed.

Bill reported without Amendment, read the Third time and passed.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH OF SCIENTIFIC TRUTH (INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES)

BILL 1975

PRIVATE BILL

A Bill Intituled:

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2:50 – 3:00p.m.

“An Act to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the universal Church of Scientific Truth in Guyana and for purposes connected therewith.”

(Mr. Van Sluytman)

Mr. Van Sluytman (Deputy Speaker): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move that the Bill intituled an Act to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Universal Church of Scientific Truth in Guyana and for purposes connected therewith be read a Second time.

The Bill was introduced in this Assembly just over two weeks ago and seeks, among other things, to incorporate the Universal Church of Scientific Truth with a right to determine its own affairs through or by a Board of Trustees, to act and dispose of property and to provide for other matters relevant to the administration of the Church.

In commending this measure to the members for their unanimous approval, it is fitting for me to draw attention to the People’s National Congress Party and its Government’s undeviating attitude to and respect for freedom of conscience.

Mr. Hussain seconded.

Question proposed, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second time.

Assembly in Committee.

3:00 – 3:10 p.m.

Bill considered and approved.

Assembly resumed.

Bill reported without Amendment, read the Third time and passed.

SEA DEFENCE (AMENEMENT) BILL 1975

A Bill Intituled:

“An Act to amend the Sea Defence Act.”

[The Minister of Agriculture]

The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Kennard): Your Honour, I beg to move that the Bill intituled an Act to amend the Sea Defence Act, which was published on the 15th April, 1975 be read a Second time. This is Bill No. 19, Sea Defence (Amendment) Bill 1975.

The person designated in the Sea Defence Act as the Chief Works, Hydraulics and Supply Officer is a member of the Sea Defence Board and he performs certain statutory functions under the Act. As a result of the integration of the Hydraulics Division with the Ministry of Agriculture, it has become necessary for the Chief Hydraulics officer, who is in charge of the Division, to carry out these functions. This Bill seeks to provide the legislation for the purpose.

Question proposed

Mrs. DaSilva: Mr. Speaker, I just rise to give our support to this Bill. It is just a question of regularizing the situation. As a matter of fact I think it was only on the 5th May that there was another Bill – this is No. 19, that was No. 14 – in which we dealt with the Sea defences with an ‘s’ at the end. Of course, it was a different chapter in the law Books. Now this is to regularize the position as it pertains to chapter 64:03 and we are pleased to give our support to this Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Assembly in Committee.

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Bill considered and approved.

Assembly resumed.

Bill reported without Amendment, read the Third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved,

“That this Assembly do now adjourn until Friday, 23rd May, 1975 at 2p.m. (**Mr. Ramsaroop**)

Adjourned accordingly at 3:10 p.m.
