

# PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

## OFFICIAL REPORT

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PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA  
UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF GUYANA

*3rd Sitting*

*2 p.m.*

*Thursday, 2nd August, 1973.*

### MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

#### *Speaker*

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

*Members of the Government — People's National Congress (49)*

#### *Prime Minister (1)*

The Honourable L. F. S. Burnham, O.E., S.C.,  
*Prime Minister*

*(Absent — on leave)*

#### *Deputy Prime Minister (1)*

Dr. the Honourable P. A. Reid,

*Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and  
Agriculture*

*(Absent)*

#### *Senior Ministers (7)*

The Honourable H. D. Hoyte, S.C.,  
*Minister of Works and Communications*

\*The Honourable S. S. Ramphal, S.C.,  
*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice*

*(Absent)*

\*The Honourable H. Green,  
*Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation*

*(Absent)*

\*The Honourable H. O. Jack,  
*Minister of Energy and Natural Resources*

\*The Honourable F. E. Hope,  
*Minister of Finance*

\*Non-elected Minister

\*Dr. **the Honourable K. F. S. King**,  
*Minister of Economic Development*

\*The Honourable S. S. Naraine, A.A.,  
*Minister of Housing*

*Ministers (5)*

The Honourable W. G. Carrington,  
*Minister of Labour*

The Honourable Miss S. M. Field-Ridley,  
*Minister of Information and Culture*

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

*(Absent – on leave)*

\*The Honourable Miss C. L. Baird,  
*Minister of Education*

\*Dr. the Honourable O. M. R. Harper,  
*Minister of Health*

*Ministers of State (9)*

The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A.,  
*Minister of State for Agriculture*

The Honourable O. E. Clarke,  
*Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice / Corentyne)*

The Honourable P. Duncan, J.P.,  
*Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)*

The Honourable C. A. Nascimento,  
*Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister*

The Honourable M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.,  
*Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/ West Demerara)*

\*The Honourable C. V. Mingo,  
*Minister of State for Home Affairs*

\*The Honourable W. Haynes,  
*Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/ Potaro)*

*(Absent)*

\*The Honourable A. Salim,  
*Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/ West Coast Berbice)*

\*The Honourable F. U. A. Carmichael,  
*Minister of State - Regional (North West)*

\*Non-elected Minister

*Parliamentary Secretaries (8)*

- Mr. J. R. Thomas,  
*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing*
- Mr. C. E. Wrights, J.P.,  
*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Communications*
- Miss M. M. Ackman,  
*Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, and Government  
Chief Whip*
- Mr. E. L. Ambrose,  
*Parliamentary Secretary, (Agriculture), Ministry of National  
Development and Agriculture*
- Mr. K. B. Bancroft,  
*Parliamentary Secretary, (Hinterland), Ministry of National  
Development and Agriculture*
- Mr. S. Prashad,  
*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and  
National Mobilisation*
- Mr. J. P. Chowritmootoo,  
*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education*
- Mr. R. H. O. Corbin,  
*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and  
National Mobilisation*

*Other Members (18)*

- Mr. J. N. Aaron  
Mrs. L. M. Branco  
Mr. M. Corrica  
Mr. E. H. A. Fowler  
Miss J. Gill  
Mr. W. Hussain  
Miss S. Jaiserrisingh  
Mr. K. M. E. Jonas  
Mr. M. Nissar  
Dr. L. E. Ramsahoye  
Mr. J. G. Ramson  
Mrs. P. A. Rayman  
Mr. E. M. Stoby, J.P. (Absent)  
Mr. S. H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.  
Mr. C. Sukul, J.P.  
Mr. H. A. Taylor  
Mr. R. C. Van Sluytman  
Mrs. L. E. Willems

**Members of the Opposition**

*Liberator Party (2)*

Dr. G. Kumar

*(Absent)*

Mr. M. F. Singh, *(Deputy Speaker)*

**OFFICERS**

Clerk of the National Assembly—Mr. F. A. Narain

Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly—Mr. M. B. Henry, AMBIM.

2.10 p.m.

[Prayers]

### OATH OF OFFICE

*The oath of office was made and subscribed by:*

The Hon. S. S. Naraine, A. A., *Minister of Housing*.

Mr. J. P. Chowritmootoo, *Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education*.

Mr. R. H. O. Corbin, *Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation*.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

#### Congratulations to New Members

**The Speaker:** Hon. Members, may I congratulate you on your appointment to the National Assembly of Guyana.

#### Leave to Members

Leave has been granted to the hon. Prime Minister to the 13th August, 1973, and to the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House to the same date.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS — FIRST READING

The following Bills were introduced and read the First time.

Trade (Amendment) Bill 1973 — Bill No. 14/1973. [The Minister of Information and Culture].

Pounds (Amendment) Bill 1973 — Bill No. 15/1973. [The Minister of State for (Home Affairs).]

### ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, That this Assembly do now adjourn until Friday, 3rd August, 1973 at 2 p.m., [Miss Field-Ridley.]

*Adjourned accordingly at 2.20 p.m.*