

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 72nd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1975

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY:

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, J.P., Speaker

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (50)

Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister (2)

Cde. L.F.S. Burnham, O.E., S.C., Prime Minister (Absent)

Cde. P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development

Senior Ministers (9)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Economic Development (Absent)

# Cde. H. Green, Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation (Absent)

# Cde. H.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)

# Cde. F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance (Absent)

# Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Works and Housing

# Cde. G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent)

# Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)

# Cde. C.L. Baird, Minister of Education and Social Development (Absent)

# Cde. F.R. Wills, S.C., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice

Minister (5)

Cde. W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour (Absent)

Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture

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

# Cde. O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health (Absent)

# Cde. C.V. Mingo, Minister of Home Affairs (Absent)

Ministers of State (9)

Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture

Cde. D.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne)

Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi) (Absent)

# Non elected Minister

- Cde. C.A. Nascimento, Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister  
 Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara)  
 Cde. K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro (Absent)  
 # Cde. W. Haynes, Minister of State for Consumer Protection (Absent)  
 # Cde. A. Salim, Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice (Absent)  
 # Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, Minister of State - Regional (North West) (Absent)

Parliamentary Secretaries (8)

- Cde. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development  
 Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing  
 Cde. M.M. Ackman, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, and Government Chief Whip  
 Cde. E.L. Ambrose, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture (Absent)  
 Cde. S. Prashad, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation  
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Social Development  
 Cde. R.H.O. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister  
 Cde. M. Corrica, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, Deputy Speaker

Other Members (16)

- Cde. J.N. Aaron  
 Cde. L.M. Branco  
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler  
 Cde. J. Gill  
 Cde. W. Hussain  
 Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. K.M.E. Jonas (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. M. Nissar  
 Cde. L.E. Ramsahoye  
 Cde. J.G. Ramson (Absent - on leave)  
 Cde. P.A. Rayman (Absent)  
 Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P.  
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.  
 Cde. C. Sukul, J.P.  
 Cde. H.A. Taylor (Absent)  
 Cde. L.E. Willems (Absent)

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition  
 Mrs. E. Da Silva

OFFICERS

- Clerk of the National Assembly (F.A. Narain)  
 Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (M.B. Henry, AMBIM)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL. - Second and Third ReadingsINTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 -  
Bill No. 30/1975 published 26.7.75

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice moved the second reading of the following Bill :

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE  
INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES  
ACT.

Mrs. Da Silva and the Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was, thereafter, taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.05 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

*S. Narain*  
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S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown,  
1st August, 1975.