

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 76th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 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 (Absent)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ministers (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 (Absent - on leave)

# 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. O.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent - on leave)

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

(Absent - on leave)

Cde. C.A. Nascimento, Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent)

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

# Non elected Minister

- Cde. K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro)  
 # Cde. W. Haynes, Minister of State for Consumer Protection (Absent -  
 on leave)  
 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 (Absent)  
 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 (Absent - on leave)  
 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

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, Deputy Speaker (Absent)

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 (Absent)  
 Cde. J.G. Ramson  
 Cde. P.A. Rayman  
 Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., (Absent)  
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.  
 Cde. C. Sukul, J.P. ~~(Absent)~~  
 Cde. H.A. Taylor (Absent)  
 Cde. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition  
 Mrs. E. Da Silva (Absent - on leave)

OFFICERS

- Clerk of the National Assembly (F.A. Narain)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

# Non elected Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (i) Cdes. Ramsaroop, Ackman and Da Silva, up to the 15th of November, 1975, and
- (ii) Cdes. Kennard, Clarke and Duncan for that sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister of Information and Culture, on behalf of the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources:

State Paper on Policy on utilising the Forest Resources.

(ENR:20/1 IITJ (4)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Agreement made on 12th June, 1975, between the Government of Canada and the Government of Guyana in connection with a development loan for the purchase of water well-drilling equipment.

(F.58/3)(Circulated)

- (b) Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 1975 (No.90), made under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, on the 29th of September, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 4th of October, 1975.

(CEX.22 II) (Circulated)

- (3) By the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice:

Enactments (Amendment) Order 1975 (No. 88), made under section 3 of the Interpretation and General Clauses (Amendment) Act 1975, on the 23rd of September, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 27th of October, 1975.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL 1975 - Bill No.32 1 75  
published 27.10.75

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice, on behalf of the Government presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONCONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1975 (NO. 90).

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:


That this National Assembly in terms of section 9 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirm the Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 1975 (NO. 90), which was made on the 29th of September, 1975, and published in the Gazette on the 4th of October, 1975.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.14 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Information and Culture, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday the 6th of November, 1975.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
**Public Buildings,**  
**Georgetown.**  
4th November, 1975.