

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1975

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 77th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER, 1975

With the Deputy Speaker in the Chair

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, J.P., Speaker (Absent - indisposed)

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 - on leave)

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 (Absent)

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

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

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

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

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

Ministers (5)

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

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)

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

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# Non elected Minister

- Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essoufou Coast/West Demerara) (Absent - on leave)
- Cde. K.B. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro) (Absent)
- # 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
- Cde. S. Prasad, 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

#### Other Members (16)

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

- (i) the Speaker was indisposed and was unable to be present at that sitting,
- (ii) leave had been granted to -
  - (a) Cde. Burnham for that sitting,
  - (b) Cde. Kennard up to the 23rd of November,
  - (c) Cde. Baird up to the 18th of November, and
  - (d) Cde. Zaheeruddeen for that sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection, on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Audited Accounts of Guyana Airways Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 1974.

(GSC:2/402/2) (Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second and Third Readings

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 - Bill No. 32/1975 published 27.10.75

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

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

The Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

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 2.41 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Information and Culture, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



R.C. Van Sluytman  
Deputy Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
7th November, 1975.