

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1977

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 114th Sitting of the National Assembly, held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

FRIDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1977

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

Cde. Sase Narain, O.R., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

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

Prime Minister (1)

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

Deputy Prime Minister (1)

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

Senior Ministers (9)

Cde. H.D. Hoyte, S.C., M.P., Minister of Economic Development (Absent - on leave)

* Cde. H. Green, M.P., Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation (Absent - on leave)

* Cde. H.O. Jack, M.P., Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)

* Cde. F.E. Hope, M.P., Minister of Finance

* Cde. S.S. Naraine, A.A., M.P., Minister of Works and Housing

* Cde. G.A. King, M.P., Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection

* Cde. G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Agriculture (Absent)

* Cde. C.L. Baird, M.P., Minister of Education and Social Development (Absent)

* Cde. F.R. Wills, S.C., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice (Absent)

Ministers (5)

Cde. W.G. Carrington, M.P., Minister of Labour

Cde. S.M. Field-Ridley, M.P., Minister of Information and Culture (Absent - on leave)

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

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

* Cde. C.V. Mingo, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

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* Non elected Minister

Ministers of State (9)

- Cde. M. Kasim, A.A., M.P., Minister of State for Agriculture
 Cde. O.E. Clarke, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne)
 Cde. P. Duncan, J.P., M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi)
 Cde. C.A. Nascimento, M.P., Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister
 Cde. K.B. Bancroft, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Mazaruni/Potaro)
 Cde. J.P. Chowritmootoo, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) (Absent)
 * Cde. W. Haynes, M.P., Minister of State for Consumer Protection
 * Cde. A. Salim, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/West Coast Berbice)
 * Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - (Regional (North) West) (Absent)

Parliamentary Secretaries (6)

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

Other Members (19)

- Cde. L.M. Branco, M.P.,
 Cde. E.M. Bynoe, M.P.
 Cde. E.H.A. Fowler, M.P.
 Cde. J. Gill, M.P.
 Cde. W. Hussain, M.P.
 Cde. S. Jaiserrisingh, M.P.
 Cde. K.M.E. Jonas, M.P.
 Cde. M. Nissar, M.P.
 Cde. L.E. Ramsahoye, M.P.
 Cde. J.G. Ramson, M.P.
 Cde. P.A. Rayman, M.P.
 Cde. E.M. Stoby, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P., M.P.
 Cde. C. Sukul, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. H.A. Taylor, M.P. (Absent)
 Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P.
 Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P.
 Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., M.P.

Members of the Opposition (15)(i) People's Progressive Party (13)Leader of the Opposition (1)

- Cde. C. Jagan, M.P., Leader of the Opposition (Absent - on leave)

Deputy Speaker (1)

Cde. Ram Karran, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Other Members (11)

Cde. J. Jagan, M.P.

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P., M.P. Opposition Chief Whip

Cde. N. Persaud, M.P.

Cde. C. Collymore, M.P.

Cde. S.F.M. Hamod, M.P.

Cde. L. Lalbahadur, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Cde. C.C. Belgrave, M.P.

Cde. R. Ally, M.P.

Cde. Dalchand, J.P., M.P.

Cde. Dindayal, M.P.

Cde. H. Nokta, M.P.

(ii) Liberator Party (2)

Mr. M.F. Singh, M.P.

Mrs. E. Da Silva, M.P.

OFFICERS

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

Acting Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (A. Knight)

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) the Minister of Economic Development from 14th to 20th January, 1977, and
- (b) the Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation for one month from 13th January, 1977.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1977

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1977, totalling \$417,283,736.

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (WORKS)
was passed as printed at ... \$28,108,727

DIVISION XXI- MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (WORKS)
was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.47 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1977

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 1977.

In Committee of Supply

DIVISION XXI	-	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (WORKS), was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$31,325,000
DIVISION XXII	-	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (WORKS)- IBRD/IBA PROJECTS - WEST COAST DEMERARA ROAD PROJECT was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 3,300,000
HEAD 37	-	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (HOUSING) was <u>passed as printed</u> at		\$ 2,086,611.
DIVISION XXIII	-	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (HOUSING) was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 3,200,000.
HEAD 38	-	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (COMMU- NICATIONS) was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 803,522
HEAD 39	-	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (COMMUNICATIONS) - POST OFFICE was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 40
HEAD 40	-	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (COMMUNICATIONS) - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was under consideration when the time for the suspension was reached:		

Suspension of Standing Order No.9(2)

At 6.30 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, Standing Order No. 9(2) was suspended to permit the sitting to continue without being suspended at 6.30 p.m.

HEAD 40	-	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (COMMUNICATIONS) - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was <u>passed as printed</u> at	...	\$ 1,500,000
HEAD 41	-	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (COMMUNICATIONS) - CIVIL AVIATION		

Items (3) and (6) of subhead 1 were
corrected to read as follows:-

<u>1977</u>	<u>Subhead</u>	<u>Notes</u>
3	1(3) Aviation Inspector A 27	(3) One Office vacant and one New Office.

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- 30 1 (6) 2 Senior Air Traffic Control Officer A 25
4 Air Traffic Control Officer III A 23.
6 Air Traffic Control Officer II A 22.
18 Air Traffic Control Officer I/Air Traffic Control Apprentice A 21/A9
- (6) Office of Air Traffic Control Officer II on salary range A 23 redesignated Air Traffic Control Officer III on salary range A23. One Office of Senior Air Traffic Control Officer on salary range A25, Two Offices of Air Traffic Control Officer III on salary range A 23, Six Offices of Air Traffic Control Officer II on salary range A 22 created.

HEAD 41 - was then passed as corrected at ... \$ 1,519,451
DIVISION XXIV - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING.
(COMMUNICATIONS)

The following corrections were made:

(i) Subhead 7

The figures "300,000" under the columns "Total" and "Other Finance" of the "1977 Estimates" to be corrected to read "200,000".

(ii) Total Division XXIV

The figures "2,100,000" under the columns "Total" and "Other Finance" of the "1977 Estimates" to be corrected to read "2,000,000".

DIVISION XXIV - was then passed as corrected at ... \$ 2,000,000
HEAD 81 - MINISTRY OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION was passed as printed at ... \$13,528,962

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.40 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 17th January, 1977.

S. Narain
S. NARAIN, 17.1.77
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
17th January, 1977.