

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1977

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 115th Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

MONDAY, 17TH 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
- * Cde. C.L. Baird, M.P., Minister of Education and Social Development
- * 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

* Non elected Minister

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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) (Absent)
 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 (Absent)
 * Cde. A. Salim, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (East Demerara/
 West Coast Berbice) (Absent)
 * Cde. F.U.A. Carmichael, M.P., Minister of State - Regional (North
 West)

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
 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. (Absent - on leave)
 Cde. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P., M.P.
 Cde. C. Sukul, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. H.A. Taylor, M.P.
 Cde. R.C. Van Sluytman, M.P.
 Cde. L.E. Willems, M.P.
 Cde. C.E. Wrights, J.P., M.P.
 Cde. M. Zaheeruddeon, J.P., M.P. (Absent)

Members of the Opposition (16)(i) People's Progressive Party (14)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 (12)

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. Mohamed, 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.
 Cde. I. Basir, M.P. (Absent)

(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 SPEAKER(i) Filling of Vacant Seat in the National Assembly

The Speaker informed the Assembly that following his call upon the representative of the People's Progressive Party List of Candidates, the name Isahak Basir had been extracted from the list as the person to fill the seat in the National Assembly vacated by Cde. Basil James.

He was informed by the Chief Election Officer that Cde. Basir had been declared to be elected as a Member of the National Assembly.

Before Cde. Basir could take part in the proceedings of the Assembly, he would have, as required by article 76 of the Constitution, to make and subscribe before the Assembly the Oath of Office.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Cde. Stoby for that sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1977

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

In Committee of Supply

- HEAD 27 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was passed as printed at ... \$ 2,060,542
- HEAD 28 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - AGRICULTURE was passed as printed at ... \$ 9,748,544

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 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

- HEAD 29 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - LANDS AND SURVEYS was passed as printed at ... \$ 2,550,457
- HEAD 30 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - HYDRAULICS was passed as printed at ... \$ 2,893,284
- DIVISION XIII - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE was passed as printed at ... \$14,689,000
- DIVISION XIV - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS - LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT was passed as printed at ... \$ 2,600,000
- DIVISION XVI - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS - TAPAKUMA IRRIGATION PROJECT was passed as printed at ... \$ 5,500,000

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.20 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 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

- HEAD 8 - TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION was passed as printed at ... \$ 118,916
- HEAD 42 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed at ... \$13,335,175

HEAD 43	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - IN-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 357,432
HEAD 44	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$42,801,097
HEAD 45	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - NURSERY SCHOOLS was passed as printed at	... \$ 5,366,600
HEAD 46	- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION CENTRES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	... \$ 2,054,598

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 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 Tuesday, 18th January, 1977.

S. Narain
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Speaker

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Georgetown.
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