

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 5th Sitting of the National Assembly under the Constitution of Guyana, held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1972

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P.

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (37)

Elected Ministers (12)

The Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, S.C., Prime Minister (Absent)  
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture (Absent - on leave)  
The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture  
The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Works and Communications  
The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour and Social Security  
The Honourable Miss G.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information, Culture and Youth  
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House  
The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Health  
The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of Home Affairs  
The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for the Public Service  
The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of Co-operatives and Community Development  
The Honourable A. Salim, Minister of Local Government

Appointed Ministers (7)

The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Attorney-General (Absent)  
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Public Affairs  
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests  
The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education  
The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance and Trade  
Dr. the Honourable K.F.S. King, Minister of Economic Development (Absent)  
The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Housing and Reconstruction

Parliamentary Secretaries (4)

- Mr. J.G. Joaquin, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Trade  
 Mr. P. Duncan, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development and Agriculture  
 Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Information, Culture and Youth  
 Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Communications

Other Members (14)

- Mr. J.N. Aaron  
 Miss M.M. Ackman, Government Whip  
 Mr. K. Bancroft  
 Mr. N.J. Bissember  
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.  
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue  
 Mr. E.F. Correia  
 Mr. M. Corrica  
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler  
 Mr. R.J. Jordan  
 Mr. S.M. Saffee  
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman  
 Mr. M. Zaheruddeen, J.P.  
 Mrs. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition (23)People's Progressive Party (17)

- Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition  
 Mr. Ram Karran  
 Mr. R. Chandisingh  
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C. (Absent - on leave)  
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker  
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson (Absent - on leave)  
 Mr. A.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip  
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.  
 Mr. M.Y. Ally  
 Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P.  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. (Absent)  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. L.A. Durant  
 Mr. V. Teekah

United Force (3)

- Mr. M.F. Singh (Absent - on leave)  
 Mrs. E. DaSilva  
 Mr. J.A. Sutton (Absent - on leave)

Independents (3)

- Mr. R.E. Cheeks (Absent)  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco

OFFICERS

- Mr. F.A. Narain, Clerk of the National Assembly  
 Mr. M.B. Henry, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Sutton for that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONSPrivate Bill

The Clerk read a Petition presented by Mr. Bissember on behalf of the Attorney and the Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Guyana, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Bill to amend the Assemblies of God (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1958 (No. 18), to provide for the controlling authority of the body to be in Guyana instead of in the United States of America.

The question that the promoters be allowed to proceed was put and carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS)  
BILL 1972 - Bill No. 12/1972 published 22.11.72

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS OF COUNCILLORS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5/1972

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance and Trade signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 5/1972 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st October, 1972, totalling \$7,188,422.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was then considered.

The following corrections were made to the Schedule:

CURRENT ESTIMATES

- Item 11 - Substitution of "B7" for "A7" in the notes.
- Item 18 - Deletion of "Grade II" from paragraph (c) of Section B of the notes.
- Item 25 - (i) Insertion of "on the unfixed establishment" between "regrading" and "of" in Section B of the notes.  
(ii) Substitution of "\$62,660" for "\$67,740" under paragraph (n) of the notes.
- Item 71 - Substitution of "January" for "September" in Section B of the notes.
- Item 76 - Substitution of "January" for "September" in the notes.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was still 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 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Schedule to Financial Paper No. 5/1972.

In Committee of Supply

The following corrections were made to the Schedule:

CURRENT ESTIMATES

- Item 105 - Substitution of "January" for "October" in paragraph (b) of the notes.

Item 123 - (i) Substitution of the following for paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of Section A of the notes:

- " (d) two posts of Class I Clerk on the A25 salary scale;
- (e) eleven posts of Class II Clerk on the A32 salary scale;
- (f) twelve posts of **Stenotypist** and Typist/Clerk on the A32 salary scale; "

(ii) Substitution of the following for paragraphs (i), (j) and (k) of Section B of the notes:

- " (i) three posts of Class I Clerk on the A25 salary scale;
- (j) four posts of Class II Clerk on the A32 salary scale;
- (k) one post of **Stenotypist** and Typist/Clerk on the A32 salary scale; "

(iii) Substitution of "165,502" for "\$190,786" in paragraph (y) of Section B of the notes.

#### CAPITAL ESTIMATES

Item 5 - Substitution of "58,653.02" for "\$58,654" in the notes.

After consideration of the Schedule to the Financial Paper, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

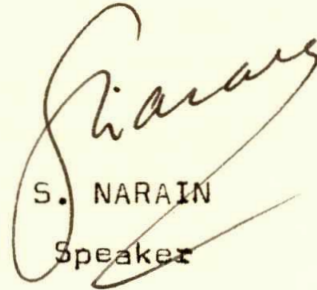
On a motion by the Minister of Finance and Trade the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 5/1972 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 31st October, 1972, totalling \$7,188,422."

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.12 p.m., on a motion by the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 24th of November, 1972.



S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
24th November, 1972.