

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 7th 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, 30TH 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) *(on leave)*
- 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 S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information, Culture and Youth
- The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House (Absent - on leave)
- The Honourable D.A. Singh, Minister of Health (Absent - on leave)
- 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 (Absent - on leave)
- 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 (Absent)
- The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests
- The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education (Absent - on leave)
- The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance and Trade ~~(Absent)~~
- Dr. the Honourable K.F.S. King, Minister of Economic Development (Absent)
- The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Housing and Reconstruction (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent)
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, 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 ~~(Absent)~~
 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 - on leave)
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P. (Absent)
 Mr. L.A. Durant
 Mr. V. Teekah

United Force (3)

- Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

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

- (a) Mr. Ramsaroop from 30th November to 14th December, 1972, and
- (b) Mr. D.A. Singh, Miss Baird, Mr. S.S. Naraine and Mr. Stoby for that day's sitting

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister of Mines and Forests:

Petroleum (Prospecting and Winning)(Amendment) Regulations 1972 (No. 25), made under section 4(1) of the Petroleum Ordinance, Chapter 199, on the 17th of November, 1972, and published in the Gazette on the 25th of November, 1972.

(CMF: 18/26/4)(Circulated)

- (2) By Mr. Ram Karran, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee:

Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly of Guyana on the Accounts of the Country for the years 1962 to 1965 and the Reports of the Director of Audit thereon.

(PARL: 5/6/A/2)(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second Reading

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

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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

Mr. Ram Karran, Mrs. DaSilva and Mr. Hamid spoke to the motion.

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

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.

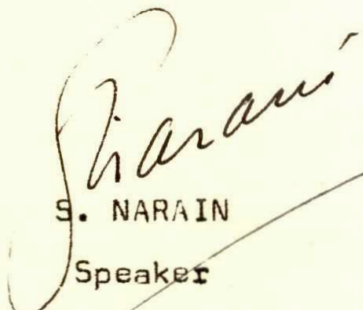
Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud concluded his speech.

The Minister of Local Government and Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

Mr. Lall was speaking to the motion when the time agreed for the adjournment of the sitting was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.32 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Information, Culture and Youth, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 1st of December, 1972.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
1st December, 1972.