

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 8th 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

FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 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
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)
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 (Absent)
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

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. Wights, 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. Zahooruddeen, 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)
 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 (Absent - on leave)

Independents (3)

- Mr. R.E. Cheeks
 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 Miss Baird and Mr. Sutton for that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second and Third Readings

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

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for 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. Lall concluded his speech.

Mr. Bholu Persaud, Mr. R. Ally and Mr. Balchand Persaud spoke to the motion.

Mr. M.F. Singh 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. M.F. Singh concluded his speech.

Mr. Cheeks and the Leader of the Opposition spoke to the motion.

At 5.45 p.m. the proceedings were interrupted to enable the Minister of Information, Culture and Youth to move the suspension of Standing Order No. 9(1) and (2).

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(1) and (2)

The Minister of Information, Culture and Youth moved the suspension of Standing Order No. No. 9(1) and (2) to enable the sitting to continue beyond 6.30 p.m. without interruption, if necessary, until the completion of the proceedings on the Local Authorities (Postponement of Elections) Bill 1972.

Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS ON BILL NO. 12/1972

The Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the Local Authorities (Postponement of Elections) Bill 1972.

The Minister of Works and Communications spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the motion was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 5 were passed as printed.

Clause 6 - The following amendments by Mr. M.F. Singh were put and negatived:

- (i) Insertion of a full stop after the word "thereto" in the fourth line of subsection (3) and the deletion of all the words from "subject" to the end of the subsection.
- (ii) Insertion of the following as subsection (4):
 "(4) Any order made under subsection (3) shall be subject to affirmative resolution."

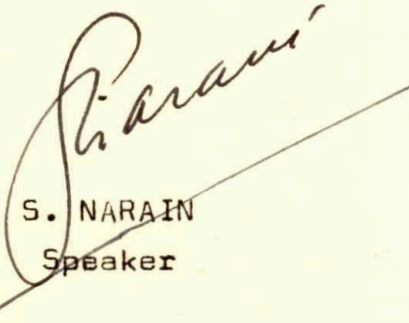
Clause 6 was then passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs the Bill was read the third time and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Information, Culture and Youth, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 7th of December, 1972.


S. NARAIN
Speaker