

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 15th 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

MONDAY, 18TH 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
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture
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
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
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
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. 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 (Absent)
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 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
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

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.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance and Trade:

Financial Paper No. 6/1972 - Schedule of
Supplementary Provision on the Capital
Estimates for the period ending 15th
December, 1972, totalling \$1,069,058.

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In accordance with Standing Order No. 68(1), the Minister named Wednesday, the 20th of December, 1972, as the day for the consideration of the Financial Paper in Committee of Supply.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION BILL 1972 -
Bill No. 13/1972 published 8.12.72

The Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Attorney-General, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO ENABLE THE IMPLEMENTATION BY GUYANA OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1973

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1973, totalling \$277,712,944. (See Appendix to Minutes of the 7th December, 1972)

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 1 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT was passed as printed at	...	\$	72,288
HEAD 9 - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET was passed as printed at	...	\$	345,535
HEAD 10 - PRIME MINISTER - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE was passed as printed at	...	\$	8,769,900
DIVISION V - PRIME MINISTER was passed as printed at	...	\$	807,900

HEAD 7 - PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS was passed as printed at	...	\$	261,505
HEAD 12 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS was passed as printed at	...	\$	10,450
HEAD 6 - OMBUDSMAN was passed as printed at ..		\$	19,955
HEAD 2 - SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE was passed as printed at	...	\$	612,019
HEAD 3 - MAGISTRATES was passed as printed at..		\$	896,974
DIVISION II - JUDICIARY was passed as printed at	...	\$	15,000

Assembly resumed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Before the sitting was suspended, His Honour the Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the Assembly and himself, extended congratulations and good wishes to the Leader of the Opposition, Dr. C.B. Jagan, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his becoming a Legislator.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.10 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the 1973 Estimates of Expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 8 - PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was passed as printed at	...	\$	126,106
HEAD 15 - ATTORNEY-GENERAL was passed as printed at	...	\$	272,959
HEAD 16 - ATTORNEY-GENERAL - OFFICIAL RECEIVER was passed as printed at	...	\$	99,226
HEAD 17 - ATTORNEY-GENERAL - DEEDS REGISTRY was passed as printed at	...	\$	132,100
HEAD 14 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...	\$	4,216,385
DIVISION IX - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...	\$	436,000
HEAD 4 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE was passed as printed at	...	\$	121,600

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HEAD 5 - AUDIT was passed as printed at	...	\$	494,377
HEAD 13 - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was passed as printed at	...	\$	409,172
DIVISION VIII - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY was passed as printed at	...	\$	730,000
HEAD 18 - MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, CULTURE AND YOUTH was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.			

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the 1973 Estimates of Expenditure.

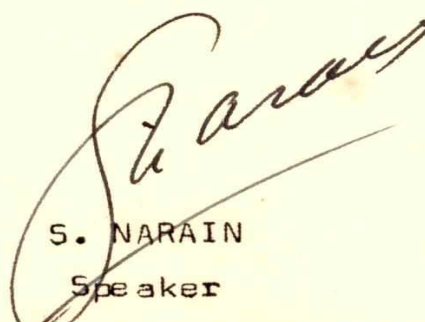
In Committee of Supply

HEAD 18 - MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, CULTURE AND YOUTH was passed as printed at...	\$	2,279,800
DIVISION XI - MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, CULTURE AND YOUTH was passed as printed at	...	\$ 1,609,000
HEAD 19 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was passed as printed at	...	\$ 467,136
HEAD 20 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was under consideration when the time for the adjournment of the sitting was reached.		

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.35 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 Tuesday, the 19th of December, 1972.


S. NARAIN
Speaker