

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 16th 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

TUESDAY, 19TH 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 (Absent)  
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 (Absent)  
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  
 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.  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. L.A. Durant (Absent)  
 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Chandisingh for that day's sitting.

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 of December, 1972)

In Committee of Supply

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| HEAD 20 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE was passed as printed at   | ... | \$ 8,926,256 |
| HEAD 21 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS was passed as printed at  | ... | \$ 1,228,650 |
| HEAD 22 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES was passed as printed at   | ... | \$ 1,027,684 |
| HEAD 23 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached. |     |              |

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 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 to resume consideration of the 1973 Estimates of Expenditure.

In Committee of Supply

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| HEAD 23 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS was passed as printed at.. | \$ 555,209 |
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HEAD 24 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PROBATION  
AND WELFARE SERVICE was passed as  
printed at ... \$ 437,296

HEAD 25 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - REGISTRATION,  
IMMIGRATION, BIRTHS, ETC. was passed as  
printed at ... \$ 125,203

DIVISION XII - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was  
passed as printed at ... \$ 1,305,900

HEAD 26 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The following amendment by Mr. Remington  
was put and negatived:

Reduction of the Head by \$4,500 by leaving  
out subhead 17 - Allowances to Members  
of Local Government Board.

HEAD 26 was then passed at ... \$ 864,046  
with the following change at item (5)  
of subhead 1:

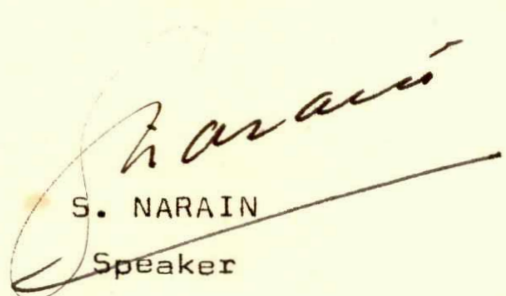
Substitution of the words "Assistant  
Secretary" for the words "Executive  
Officer and Secretary Local Govern-  
ment Board" with effect from the  
23rd of September, 1972.

DIVISION XIII - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT was  
passed as printed at ... \$ 561,500

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.10 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 Wednesday, the 20th of December, 1972.

  
S. NARAIN

Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
20th December, 1972.