

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 20th 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

WEDNESDAY, 27TH 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)  
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture (Absent)  
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 (Absent)  
The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests (Absent)  
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 (Absent)  
 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 (Absent)  
 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  
 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.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONMOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1973

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of 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

HEAD 38 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
(WORKS) - ESTABLISHMENT was passed as  
printed at ... \$ 5,826,206

HEAD 39 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
(WORKS) - ANNUALLY RECURRENT was  
passed as printed at ... \$ 9,681,754  
with the following amendment to the  
description of subhead 39:

Substitution of the words  
"Miscellaneous Works and  
Services" for the words  
"Hire of Transport".

DIVISION XIX - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICA-  
TIONS - WORKS was passed as printed  
at ... \$38,883,650  
with the following amendments:

- (i) Insertion of subhead No. 14 against  
the subhead described "Parika/  
Bartica Road" and deletion of the  
of the subhead No. 14 against  
description "Essequibo Roads".
- (ii) Amendment of Code number for sub-  
head 14 - Parika/Bartica Road  
to read "114,010" instead of  
"114,014".

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 ~~Estimates~~ of Expenditure for 1973.

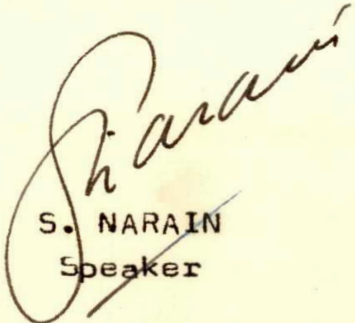
In Committee of Supply

DIVISION XX - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS - WORKS - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS (FIRST SEA DEFENCE PROJECT) was passed as printed at	...	\$ 4,470,000
DIVISION XXI - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS - WORKS - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS (SECOND SEA DEFENCE PROJECT) was passed as printed at	...	\$ 7,084,000
DIVISION XXIA - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS - IBRD/IDA PROJECTS (ROAD PROJECT) was passed as printed at...		\$ 3,809,000
HEAD 52 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as printed at	...	\$ 774,952
HEAD 53 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MEDICAL was passed as printed at	...	\$ 3,146,117
HEAD 54 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - BACTERIOLOGICAL was passed as printed at	...	\$ 434,359
HEAD 55 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - X-RAY was passed as printed at	...	\$ 221,355
HEAD 56 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES ETC. was passed as printed at	...	\$ 8,338,859
HEAD 57 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ANALYST was passed as printed at	...	\$ 147,655
HEAD 58 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - PALMS was passed as printed at	...	\$ 554,577
DIVISION XXIV - MINISTRY OF HEALTH was passed as printed at	...	\$ 2,373,500

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.35 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 Thursday, the 28th of December, 1972.

  
S. NARAIN  
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.  
28th December, 1972.