

FOURTH SESSION

1972 - 1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 25th 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, 6TH MARCH, 1973

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, O.E., 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 D.E. Clarke, Minister of Home Affairs
The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for the Public Service (Absent - on leave)
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 (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. N.J. Bissember (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
 Mr. M. Corfica
 Mr. E.H.A. Fowler (Absent)
 Mr. R.J. Jordan
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman
 Mr. M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P.
 Mrs. L.E. Willems
 Mrs. J.G. Ramson

Members of the Opposition (23)People's Progressive Party (15)

- Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition (Absent)
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C. (Absent)
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker (Absent)
 Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
 Mr. H.M. Hamid, J.P., Opposition Whip
 Mr. G.H. Lall, J.P.
 Mr. M.Y. Ally
 Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, J.P. ✓
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu Persaud ✓
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P. (Absent)
 Mr. V. Teekah ✓

United Force (3)

- Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mrs. E. DaSilva ✓
 Mr. J.A. Sutton (Absent)

Independents (5)

- Mr. R.E. Cheeks (Absent)
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose
 Mrs. L.M. Branco
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
 Mr. L.A. Durant

OFFICERS

- Mr. F.A. Narain, Clerk of the National Assembly
 Mr. M.B. Henry, AMBIM, 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. Mingo, Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Bissember for that day's sitting.

Congratulations to the Prime Minister

His Honour the Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the Assembly and himself, congratulated the Prime Minister, the Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, on his being awarded the Order of Excellence on the third anniversary of the Republic of Guyana.

The Prime Minister thanked His Honour.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(1) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets)(Amendment) Regulations 1973 (No. 1), made under section 103 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, on the 19th of February, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 24th of February, 1973.

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(2) By the Minister of Finance and Trade:

(a) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Transport and Harbours Department for the financial year ended 31st December, 1969.

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(b) Purchase Tax (Motor Cars) Order 1973 (No. 13) made under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, on the 15th of February, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of February, 1973.

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STATEMENT BY MINISTERSBy the Minister of Home Affairs

The Minister of Home Affairs stated that by Orders and Regulations made on that day under the National Registration Act, 1967, provision was being made for bringing the central register which was last revised to 30th September, 1971, up to date, that is to 30th September, 1973, and that the revision would be carried out so as to ensure that all Guyanese fourteen years and over, whether resident in Guyana or overseas, would be entered on the register.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingEXTERNAL LOANS BILL 1973 - Bill No. 3/1973 published 28.2.73

The Minister of Finance and Trade, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT AUTHORISING THE RAISING OF LOANS OUTSIDE GUYANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONITEM 1 - MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER NO. 46(2) and (3)

The Minister of Finance and Trade moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That paragraphs (2) and (3) of Standing Order No. 46 be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed with the second reading and the remaining stages of the External Loans Bill 1973 (Bill No. 3/1973).

Mr. Ram Karran and Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance and Trade replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

BILL - Second and Third ReadingsITEM 2 - EXTERNAL LOANS BILL 1973 - Bill No. 3/1973 published 28.2.73

In accordance with article 80(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance and Trade signified Cabinet's recommendation and moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT AUTHORISING THE RAISING OF LOANS OUTSIDE GUYANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA.

Mr. Ram Karran, Mr. M.F. Singh and Mr. Balchand Persaud spoke to the motion.

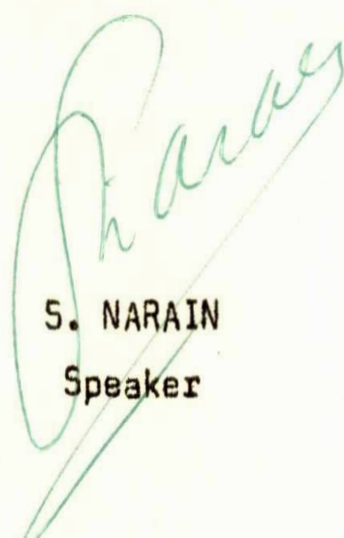
Thereafter the Minister of Finance and Trade replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.10 p.m., on a motion by the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
10th March, 1973.