

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972 - 1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 26th 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, 6TH APRIL, 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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)

The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour and Social Security (Absent)

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 (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent)

The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Public Affairs

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 (Absent - on leave)

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 (Absent)
 Mr. J. Budhoo, J.P.
 Mr. L.I. Chan-A-Sue
 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
 Mr. J.G. Ramson

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

- 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. R. Ally
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. V. Teekah

United Force (3)

- Mr. M.F. Singh
 Mrs. E. DaSilva
 Mr. J.A. Sutton

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 (Absent)

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 -

- (a) Mr. Clarke for two weeks from 6th April, 1973;
- (b) Mr. S.S. Naraine from 5th to 22nd April, 1973; and
- (c) Dr. Ramsahoye from 26th April to 4th May, 1973.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Works and Communications:

(a) Report of the Ministry of Works and Hydraulics for the year 1968.
(301/2 (69))(Circulated)

(b) Report of the Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply for the year 1969.
(301/2 (69))(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Public Affairs, on behalf of the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) National Registration (Amendment) Regulations 1973 (No. 2), made under section 19 of the National Registration Act 1967 (No. 24), and published in the Gazette on the 6th of March, 1973.
(HAC: 30/1/3)(Circulated)

(b) National Registration (Residents)(Revision of Registers) Regulations 1973 (No. 3) made under section 19 of the National Registration Act 1967 (No. 24), and published in the Gazette on the 6th of March, 1973.
(HAC: 30/1/3)(Circulated)

- (3) By the Minister of Finance and Trade:

(a) Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Allowances)(No. 2) Order 1973 (No. 19), made under section 8 of the Ministers, Members of the House of Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance 1965 (No. 7), on the 24th of February, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 3rd of March, 1973.

(8/10)(Circulated)

(b) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act 1971 (No. 16 of 1971) for quarter ended 31st December, 1972.

(G. 692)(Circulated)

(c) Statement of Guarantees given by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act 1971 (No. 16 of 1971) and remained in force as at 31st December, 1972.

(G. 692)(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Economic Development:

(a) Loan Agreement (Power Project) between International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Guyana Electricity Corporation.

(EcD: 13/2/5)(Circulated)

(b) Guystac Agreement (Power Project) between International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Guyana State Corporation.

(EcD: 13/2/5)(Circulated)

(c) Guarantee Agreement (Power Project) between Guyana and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

(EcD: 13/2/5)(Circulated)

(d) Loan Agreement (Power Project) between the Government of Guyana and the Government of Canada.

(EcD: 13/2/5)(Circulated)

(e) United Kingdom/Guyana (Electrification) Loan 1973. (Letter dated 12th March, 1973, from the British High Commissioner to the Minister of Finance and Trade and reply thereto dated 12th March, 1973.

(EcD: 13/2/5)(Circulated)

(f) Draft Second Development Plan 1972 - 1976.

(Circulated)

(5) By the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister of Housing and Reconstruction:

Housing Development (Mortgage Guarantee) Regulations 1973 (No. 4), made under section 12 of the Housing Development Act 1970 (No. 35), on the 14th of March, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 24th of March, 1973.

(HR: 129/12)(Circulated)

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing the matters concerning -

- (i) the registration exercise in which persons who would be fourteen years and upwards on 30th September, 1973, residents and non-residents, were required to register in accordance with the provisions of the National Registration Act, and
- (ii) the exercise of checking names on the register for the correctness of particulars.

His Honour the Speaker did not allow the claim as he was not satisfied that the matter qualified as one to be raised on a motion for the adjournment of the Assembly.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

MOTION TO CONFIRM PURCHASE TAX (MOTOR CARS) ORDER
1973 (No. 13)

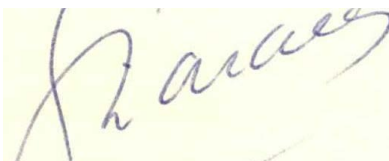
The Minister of Finance and Trade moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 5A(5) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, confirm the Purchase Tax (Motor Cars) Order 1973 (No. 13), which was made on the 15th of February, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of February, 1973

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.20 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.

11th May, 1973.