

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972 - 1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 27th 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, 14TH MAY, 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  
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 (Absent - on leave)  
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 (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. Zahæeruddeen, 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. (Absent)  
 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. H. Ally  
 Mr. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. Bholu Persaud (Absent - on leave)  
 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  
 Mr. E.L. Ambrose  
 Mrs. L.M. Branco  
 Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P. (Absent)  
 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 Miss Baird from 21st April to 16th May, 1973.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS NOS. 12 AND 23

On a motion by the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, Standing Orders No. 12 - Order of Business - and No. 23 - Period of Notice - were suspended to enable a presentation to be made by the Acting Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, and a motion of thanks to be moved.

PRESENTATION OF MICROPHONE, LOUDSPEAKER AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT

His Honour the Speaker welcomed the Acting Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Klaus Scheliga, and invited him to formally make the presentation. The Acting Ambassador, on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, presented to the Parliament of Guyana a Gift of a Microphone, Loudspeaker and Recording Equipment and invited His Honour to switch on the Equipment.

His Honour thereafter invited Mr. Albrecht Hunger, the German Engineer, who had installed the Equipment in the Parliament Chamber, to explain its operation.

MOTION OF THANKS

The Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House then moved and Mr. Ram Karran seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana expresses its appreciation of, and requests that its sincere thanks be conveyed to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for presenting to the Parliament of Guyana and installing in the Parliament Chamber, the Gift of a Microphone, Loudspeaker and Recording Equipment.

Mr. M.F. Singh spoke to the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

His Honour delivered to the Acting Ambassador a copy of the Resolution for transmission to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS

The Business of the Assembly was then resumed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONSPrivate Bill

The Clerk read a Petition presented by Mr. Van Sluytman on behalf of Rev. I. Griffith of 8 Norton Street, Wortmanville, Georgetown, and Mrs. Wilhelmina Martin of 176 James Street, Albouystown, Georgetown, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Gladdidings Assembly Guyana Mission, seeking the leave of the National Assembly to proceed with a Private Bill to incorporate the Gladdidings Assembly Guyana Mission.

The question that the Promoters be allowed to proceed was put and carried.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

- (1) By the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture, on behalf of the Prime Minister:

(a) The Georgetown Accord - The Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community and Related Documents.

(Circulated)

(b) Guyana Forest Industries Corporation Order 1973 (No. 38), made under section 34 of the Public Corporations Ordinance 1962 (No. 23), on the 27th of April, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 5th of May, 1973.

(CMF: 26/14)(Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Works and Communications:

Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Board of Commissioners of the East Demerara Water Conservancy for year ending 31st December, 1972.

(DI: 23/3) (Circulated)

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

Customs Duties (Carifta Rate)(Amendment) Order 1973 (No. 37), made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 26th of April, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 28th of April, 1973.

(G. 580<sup>VIII</sup>)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

- (1) GUYANA TIMBER EXPORT BOARD BILL 1973 - Bill No. 5/1973

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GUYANA TIMBER EXPORT BOARD AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

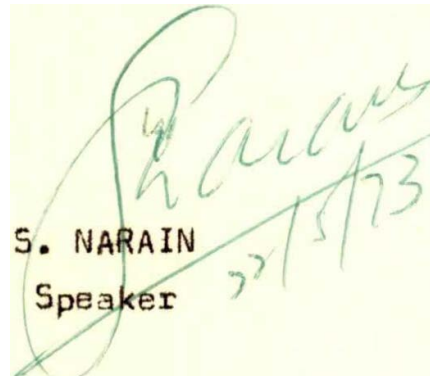
(2) MISCELLANEOUS GOVERNMENT SECURITIES BILL 1973 -  
Bill No. 4/1973 published 5.5.73

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 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE OF DUPLICATES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES LOST, DESTROYED OR DEFACED AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.35 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 17th of May, 1973.



S. NARAIN  
Speaker

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PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

17th May, 1973.