

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972 - 1973

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 30th 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

THURSDAY, 24TH 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, D.E., S.C., Prime Minister (Absent)  
Dr. the Honourable P.A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture (Absent - on leave)  
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 (Absent)  
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House (Absent - on leave)  
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 (Absent)  
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 (Absent)  
The Honourable H.D. Jack, Minister of Mines and Forests (Absent)  
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 (Absent)  
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. 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 (Absent - on leave)

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 - on leave)  
 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. Balchand Persaud  
 Mr. R. Ally  
 Mr. Bhola Persaud  
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.  
 Mr. V. Teekah ✓

United Force (3)

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

Independents (5)

- Mr. R.E. Cheeks (Absent)  
 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 -

- (a) Dr. Reid, Mr. Ramsaroop and Mr. Ramson for that day's sitting, and
- (b) Dr. Ramsahoye to the end of June, 1973.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance and Trade:

Loan Agreement between the Government of Guyana  
and Millbank Technical Services Limited.

(4/2/1/4 II)(Circulated)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First ReadingPUBLIC LOAN BILL 1973 - Bill No. 8/1973

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 AUTHORISE THE  
RAISING OF LOANS IN GUYANA NOT EXCEED-  
ING TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS  
IN THE AGGREGATE FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES  
AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONSITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1973

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 3/1973.

In Committee of Supply

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1973 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 30th April, 1973, totalling \$1,469,579.

The Schedule to the Financial Paper was under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

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 Schedule to the Financial Paper.

In Committee of Supply

After consideration of the Schedule to the Financial Paper, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance and Trade, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Committee of Supply approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1973 - Schedule of Supplementary Provision on the Current and Capital Estimates for the period ending 30th April, 1973, totalling \$1,469,579."

ITEM 2 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) ORDER 1973 (No. 40)

The Minister of Finance and Trade moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirm the Customs Duties (Amendment)(No. 3) Order 1973 (No. 40), which was made on the 8th of May, 1973, and published in the Gazette on the 12th of May, 1973.

Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance and Trade replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.55 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Works and Communications, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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Speaker *28/5/73*

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

26th May, 1973.