

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1973 - 1974

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 53rd Sitting of the National Assembly held in the Parliament Chamber at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON

WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1974

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Sase Narain, J.P.

Members of the Government - People's National Congress (50)

Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister (2)

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

Senior Ministers (8)

- The Honourable H.D. Hoyte, S.C., Minister of Economic Development  
# The Honourable S.S. Ramphal, S.C., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice (Absent)  
# The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Co-operatives and National Mobilisation  
# The Honourable H.O. Jack, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (Absent)  
# The Honourable F.E. Hope, Minister of Finance  
# The Honourable S.S. Naraine, A.A., Minister of Works and Housing  
# The Honourable G.A. King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection (Absent - on leave)  
# The Honourable G.B. Kennard, C.C.H., Minister of Agriculture

Ministers (5)

- The Honourable W.G. Carrington, Minister of Labour (Absent)  
The Honourable Miss S.M. Field-Ridley, Minister of Information and Culture  
The Honourable B. Ramsaroop, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House  
# The Honourable Miss C.L. Baird, Minister of Education and Social Development (Absent)  
# Dr. the Honourable O.M.R. Harper, Minister of Health

Ministers of State (10)

- The Honourable M. Kasim, A.A., Minister of State for Agriculture  
The Honourable O.E. Clarke, Minister of State - Regional (East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent- on leave)  
The Honourable P. Duncan, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Rupununi) (Absent)  
The Honourable C.A. Nascimento, Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister (Absent- on leave)  
The Honourable M. Zaheeruddeen, J.P., Minister of State - Regional (Essequibo Coast/West Demerara) (Absent)

# Non elected Minister

The Honourable K.D. Bancroft, Minister of State - Regional  
(Mazaruni/Potaro) (Absent- on leave)

- # The Honourable C.V. Mingo, Minister of State for Home Affairs
- # The Honourable W. Haynes, Minister of State for Consumer Protection  
(Absent)
- # The Honourable A. Salim, Minister of State - Regional (East  
Demerara/West Coast Berbice) (Absent)
- # The Honourable F.U.A. Carmichael, Minister of State - Regional  
(North West) (Absent)

Parliamentary Secretaries (7)

- Mr. J.R. Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and  
Housing
- Mr. C.E. Wrights, J.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of  
Works and Housing
- Miss M.M. Ackman, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime  
Minister, and Government Chief Whip (Absent- on leave)
- Mr. E.L. Ambrose, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
- Mr. S. Prasad, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives  
and National Mobilisation
- Mr. J.P. Chowritmootoo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of  
Education and Social Development
- Mr. R.H.G. Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime  
Minister (Absent)

Deputy Speaker (1)

- Mr. R.C. Van Sluytman, Deputy Speaker

Other Members (17)

- Mr. J.N. Aaron
- Mrs. L.M. Branco
- Mr. M. Corrica
- Mr. E.H.A. Fowler
- Miss J. Gill
- Mr. W. Hussain
- Miss S. Jaiserrisingh
- Mr. K.M.E. Jones
- Mr. M. Nissar
- Dr. L.E. Ramsahoye (Absent- on leave)
- Mr. J.G. Ramson
- Mrs. P.A. Rayman
- Mr. E.M. Stoby, J.P.
- Mr. S.H. Sukhu, M.S., J.P.
- Mr. C. Sukhul, J.P.
- Mr. H.A. Taylor
- Mrs. L.E. Willems

Members of the Opposition - Liberator Party (2)

- Mr. M.F. Singh, Leader of the Opposition
- Mrs. E. Da Silva

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.

# Non elected Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

- (a) Mr. Clarke, Mr. Nascimento, Mr. Bancroft and Dr. Ramsahoye for that day's sitting, and
- (b) Miss Ackman for 18th and 19th December, 1974.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPresentation and First Reading

RENT CONTROL (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 -  
Bill No. 41/1974

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Works and Housing, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT TO AMEND THE RENT CONTROL (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1974.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONAPPROVAL OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1975

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1975, totalling \$458,687,527. (See Appendix to Minutes of the 9th of December, 1974).

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 18	- MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$2,916,188
DIVISION XI	- MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	..... \$2,795,190
HEAD 70	- MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILISATION WAS <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$1,619,298
DIVISION XXVIII	- MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILISATION - CO-OP- ERATIVES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$4,900,000
HEAD 71	- MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$2,879,000
DIVISION XXIX	- MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILISATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	..... \$4,300,000

Assembly resumed.SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.32 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1975.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD 29	- MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$2,531,200
DIVISION XVII	- MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$ 500,000
HEAD 2	- SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$ 824,536
HEAD 3	- MAGISTRATES was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$1,130,677
HEAD 6	- UMBUDSMAN was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$ 29,605
HEAD 8	- PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$ 188,661
HEAD 15	- ATTORNEY GENERAL was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$ 431,309
HEAD 16	- ATTORNEY GENERAL - OFFICIAL RECEIVER was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$ 120,730
HEAD 17	- ATTORNEY GENERAL - DEEDS REGISTRY was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$ 174,447
HEAD 14	- MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$7,954,556
DIVISION IX	- MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS was <u>passed</u> as <u>printed</u> at	.... \$ 665,300

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.40.<sup>p.m.</sup> on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Leader of the House, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 19th of December, 1974.

  
S. NARAIN  
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PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

19th December, 1974