FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 3rd 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.

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TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1972

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, S.C., Prime Minister
- 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 (Absent - on leave)
- 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 (Absent)
- 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
- 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. Narain, $\lambda.A.$, 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. E.F. Correia

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

Members of the Opposition (23)

People's Progressive Party (17)

Dr. C.B. Jagan, Leader of the Opposition

Mr. Ram Karran

Mr. R. Chandisingh

Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, 5.C. (Absent)

Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker

Mr. E.M.G. Wilson (Absent - on leave)

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. E.M. Stoby, J.P.

Mr. R. Ally

Mr. Balchand Persaud

Mr. Bhola Persaud

Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.

Mr. L.A. Durant

Mr. V. Teekah

United Force (3)

Mr. M.F. Singh (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. E. Da^Silva

Mr. J.A. Sutton

Independents (3)

Mr. R.E. Cheeks

Mr. E.L. Ambrose

Mrs. L.M. Branco

OFFICERS

Mr. F.A. Narain, Clerk of the National Assembly

Mr. M.B. Henry, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to ${\color{red}\textbf{-}}$

- (a) Mr. Hoyte and Mr. M.F. Singh for that day's sitting, and
- (b) Mr. Wilson from 19th November to 15th December, 1972.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ADUMBRATED IN THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Assembly resumed the debate on the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the Government's Policy adumbrated in the President's Address for the present Session of Parliament which was made to the Assembly on Tuesday, the 14th of November, 1972.

Mr. Sutton and Mr. D.C. Jagan spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Mines and Forests was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

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.

The Minister of Mines and Forests concluded his speech.

Mr. M.Y. Ally, Mr. Lall and Mr. Thomas spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.38 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 Wednesday, the 22nd of November, 1972.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Georgetown 22nd November, 1972.