

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 12th 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

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 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
The Honourable M. Kasir, 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 (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 (~~Absent~~) *on leave B*
The Honourable D.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
The Honourable H. Green, Minister of Public Affairs
The Honourable H.U. 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
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. 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 (Absent)
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Mr. R. Chandisingh
 Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.
 Mr. D.C. Jagan, J.P., Deputy Speaker
 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. E.M. Stoby (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. R. Ally
 Mr. Balchand Persaud
 Mr. Bholu Persaud
 Mr. I.R. Remington, J.P.
 Mr. L.A. Durant
 Mr. V. Teekah

United Force (3)

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

Independents (3)

- Mr. R.E. Cheeks (Absent)
 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 Mr. Stoby up to the end of the week.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1973

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1973, totalling \$277,712,944. (See Appendix to the Minutes of 7th December, 1972)

Mr. Hamid, Mr. Bissember and Mr. Sutton spoke to the motion.

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.

Mr. Balchand Persaud, the Minister of Economic Development and Mr. Remington spoke to the motion.

At this stage the debate on the Estimates was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed with the motion to amend the Development Programme.

ITEM 2 MOTION TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Minister of Finance and Trade moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Development Programme of Guyana for the period 1966 to 1972 was approved by Resolution No. LXXIV of the 27th April, 1966, of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 3 of the Public Loan Ordinance, 1966, that any modification, amendment or extension of, and substitution for, the said Development Programme may be approved by the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the said Development Programme so as to provide additional capital expenditure in the sum of \$5,400,000 under Chapter XX in so far as it relates to rural water supply, to provide for accelerated pure water supply services to several rural areas:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in pursuance of section 3 of the Public Loan Ordinance, 1966, approve of the amendment of Guyana's Development Programme for the period 1966 to 1972, by increasing the sum provided for pure water supply under the said Chapter XX, by \$5,400,000 to provide for accelerated pure water supply services to several rural areas.

Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance and Trade replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

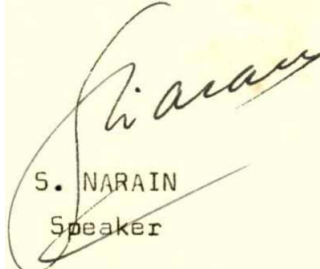
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The Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development and Agriculture was speaking to the motion when the time agreed for the adjournment of the sitting was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.40 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 14th of December, 1972.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
14th December, 1972.