

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FOURTH SESSION

1972

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 13th 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, 14TH 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. 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 (Absent - on leave)
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 (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
The Honourable S.S. Narain, 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
Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. R. Chandisingh
Dr. F.H.W. Ramsahoye, S.C.
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. E.M. Stoby, J.P. (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
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.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Private Bill

The Clerk read a Petition presented by Miss Ackman on behalf of Dr. Claude Denbow of 67 Second Avenue, Subryanville, Georgetown, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly, a Private Bill to amend the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1959 (No.25), to make it clear that the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Guyana is a Branch of the Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House, on behalf of the Minister of Mines and Forests:

Report on the Geological Survey Department
for the year 1971.

(MF: 4/8)(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

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)

The Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development and Agriculture concluded his speech.

Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development and Agriculture spoke to the motion.

Mr. Teekah was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRIME MINISTER

Before the sitting was suspended, His Honour the Speaker on behalf of the Members of the Assembly and himself extended congratulations and good wishes to the Honourable L.F.S. Burnham, S.C., on the occasion of the eighth anniversary of his appointment as Prime Minister.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.07 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.


Mr. Teekah concluded his speech.

Mr. Chandisingh and the Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works and Communications spoke to the motion.

Mr. Ram Karran was speaking to the motion when the time agreed for the adjournment of the sitting was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.45 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Information, Culture and Youth, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 15th of December, 1972.



S. NARAIN
Speaker

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
15th December, 1972.