

FIRST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THIRD SESSION

1956

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a meeting of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Order in Council, 1953, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

FRIDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1956.

PRESENT:

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. W.A. Macnie, C.M.G., O.B.E. - In the Chair.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. F.D. Jakeway, C.M.G., O.B.E.
The Honourable the Attorney General, Mr. G.M. Farnum (Ag.)
The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex.

Nominated Members of Executive Council

The Honourable Sir Frank McDavid, C.M.G., C.B.E.
(Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines).
The Honourable P.A. Cummings
(Member for Labour, Health and Housing).
The Honourable W.O.R. Kendall
(Member for Communications and Works).
The Honourable G.A.C. Farnum, O.B.E.
(Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development).
The Honourable R.B. Gajraj
The Honourable L.A. Luckhoo, Q.C.

Nominated Unofficials

Mr. T. Lee
Mr. W.A. Phang
Mr. C.A. Carter
Mr. E.F. Correia
Mr. H. Rahaman
Miss Gertie H. Collins
Mrs. Esther E. Dey
Mr. R.D. Jailal
Mr. Sugrim Singh

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. B.M. Viapree (Ag.)

Absent

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Eustace Gordon Woolford, O.B.E.,
Q.C. - on leave.
The Honourable R.C. Tello - on leave.
Mr. W.T. Lord, I.S.O. - on leave.
Mr. J.I. Ramphal - on leave.
Rev. D.C.J. Bobb - on leave.
Dr. H.A. Fraser - on leave.

The Deputy Speaker read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 11th of October, 1956, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS(i) Leave.

(a) The Deputy Speaker announced that His Excellency the Governor had granted the Speaker, His Honour Sir Eustace Woolford, O.B.E., Q.C., an extension of leave to the 7th of November.

(b) The Deputy Speaker announced that leave of absence had been granted to Rev. D.C.J. Bobb and Dr. Fraser from that day's meeting.

(ii) Honourable Chief Secretary - Return from leave of absence.

The Deputy Speaker extended a welcome to the Honourable Chief Secretary, Mr. F.D. Jakeway, C.M.G., O.B.E., on his return from leave of absence in the United Kingdom.

The Deputy Speaker also took the opportunity to pay tribute to the able manner in which Mr. M.S. Porcher had performed the duties of Chief Secretary.

Mr. Jakeway thanked the Deputy Speaker for his welcome and added that it was gratifying to hear that Mr. Porcher had done very good work during his absence on leave.

(iii) Letter from the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Deputy Speaker read a letter received from the Speaker of the House of Commons acknowledging receipt of the letter conveying the Council's appreciation of the assistance rendered by Mr. D. Lidderdale, Fourth Clerk at the Table, House of Commons, to the Select Committee appointed to revise the Standing Orders of the Council.

PAPERS LAID.(a) By the Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines:

Financial Statements of the Milk Marketing Organisation for the year 1955 together with the Certificate of the Director of Audit thereon.

(AGR. 2/114/2/1).

/(b) ...

(b) By the Member for Labour, Health and Housing:

- (i) Report of the Georgetown Planning Commissioners in respect of the period 1st February to 31st July, 1956.
(HTP.342/36/2).
- (ii) Order in Council No. 31 of 1956 - Minimum Wages (Building Trade Employees) Order, 1956.
- (iii) Order in Council No. 56 of 1956 - Minimum Wages (Grocery Employees) Order, 1956.
- (iv) Order in Council No. 57 of 1956 - Minimum Wages (Hardware Store Employees) Order, 1956.
- (v) Order in Council No. 58 of 1956 - Minimum Wages (Dry Goods Store Employees) Order, 1956.
- (vi) Order in Council No. 59 of 1956 - Minimum Wages (Drug Store Employees) Order, 1956.
- (vii) Order in Council No. 60 of 1956 - Minimum Wages (Georgetown and New Amsterdam Cinema Employees) Order, 1956.
- (viii) Order in Council No. 61 of 1956 - Minimum Wages (Georgetown and New Amsterdam Laundry Employees) Order, 1956.
- (ix) Order in Council No. 62 of 1956 - Minimum Wages (Hire Car Chauffeurs) Order, 1956.
- (x) Order in Council No. 63 of 1956 - Minimum Wages (Watchmen) Order, 1956.
- (xi) Order in Council No. 64 of 1956 - Minimum Wages (Sawmill Workers) Order, 1956.

(c) By the Member for Communications and Works:

Report of the Director of Civil Aviation for the year 1955.

{C.Av.9/58/11/5}.
(Circulated).

RAISING OF A MATTER OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Lee referred to the enforcement of Standing Order 35(2) at the previous meeting when he was speaking to the motion concerning the Development Programme 1956 - 1960 and suggested that the question of amending this Order to enable Members to speak for a longer period on financial matters should be considered.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

- (i) The Chief Secretary gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956.
(Bill No. 46/1956 published 13.10.56).

- (ii) The Attorney General gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956.
(Bill No. 45/1956 published 13.10.56).

PUBLIC BUSINESS
ORDER OF THE DAY

BILLS - First Reading.Item 1 - (a) EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956 - Bill No.46/1956.

The BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE was read a first time.

(b) SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956 - Bill No. 45/1956.

The BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SUPREME COURT ORDINANCE was read a first time.

BILLS - Second Reading.Item 2 - MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956 - Bill No. 44/1956.

On a motion by the Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines seconded by the Financial Secretary, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE MINING ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PAYMENT OF ROYALTY ON TIMBER was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

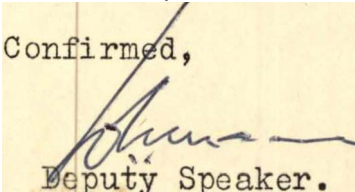
Item 3 - PUBLIC UTILITY UNDERTAKINGS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ARBITRATION BILL, 1956 - Bill No. 43/1956.

At the request of the Member for Labour, Health and Housing and with the consent of Council, consideration of item 3 was deferred.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.30 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 26th of October, 1956.

Confirmed,



Deputy Speaker.

Public Buildings,
British Guiana.
26th October, 1956.