

THIRD SESSION

1956 - 1957.

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, 21ST JUNE, 1957.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Eustace Gordon Woolford, O.B.E., Q.C.

Ex-Officio Members.

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. M.S. Porcher (Ag.)
The Honourable the Attorney General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin.
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 R.B. Gajraj.
The Honourable R.C. Tello.

Nominated Official.

Mr. J.I. Ramphal.

Nominated Unofficials.

Mr. W.A. Phang
Mr. C.A. Carter
Mr. E.F. Correia
Mr. H. Rahaman
Miss Gertie H. Collins
Mrs. Esther E. Dey
Dr. H.A. Fraser
Mr. R.B. Jailal
Mr. Sugrim Singh
Mr. W.T. Lord, I.S.O.

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree.

Absent.

The Honourable G.A.C. Farnum, O.B.E.,
(Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and
Co-operative Development).- on leave.
Mr. T. Lee - on leave.
Mr. L.A. Luckhoo, Q.C. - on leave.
Rev. D.C.J. Bobb - on leave.

The Speaker read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 20th of June, 1957, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTSLeave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to the following members from that day's meeting:-

- (i) The Hon. G.A.C. Farnum, O.B.E.
Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development;
- (ii) Mr. L.A. Luckhoo, Q.C.; and
- (iii) Rev. D.C.J. Bobb.

PAPERS LAID

By the Attorney General:

Preliminary Report of the Land Registration Committee appointed by the Executive Council to consider and report on the desirability of the introduction of a modern Land Registration System in British Guiana and the form which such system should take - dated the 30th day of April, 1957, together with Sessional Paper No. 11/1957 thereon.

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PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYMOTION

Item 1 - MOTION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 48.

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by the Chief Secretary, Council unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this House agrees to proceed forthwith with the Second Reading of the following Bills:

1. D'Abreu Pension Bill, 1957.
2. Dias Pension Bill, 1957.
3. Volunteer (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
4. Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
5. Development Fund (1955 and 1956 Appropriation) Bill, 1957.
6. Excise Regulations (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
7. Post and Telegraph (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
8. Local Government (Hopetown and Bel Air Country Districts)(Special Provisions) Bill, 1957.
9. Animals (Control of Experiments) Bill, 1957,

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and a resolution regarding superannuation benefits of the Government House Staff.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings.

Item 2 - D'ABREU PENSION BILL, 1957 - Bill No. 29/1957.

On a motion by the Chief Secretary seconded by the Attorney General the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISION IN REGARD TO THE PENSION AND GRATUITY PAYABLE TO PAULINE GOMES D'ABREU was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 3 - DIAS PENSION BILL, 19 7 - Bill No. 27/1957.

On a motion by the Chief Secretary seconded by the Attorney General the BILL inti uled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISION IN REGARD TO THE PENSION AND GRATUITY PAYABLE TO VIVIAN CHARLES DIAS was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 4 - VOLUNTEER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1957 - Bill No. 26/1957.

On a motion by the Chief Secretary seconded by the Attorney General the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 5 - DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1957 - Bill No. 24/1957.

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by the Financial Secretary the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE DEEDS REGISTRY ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 6 - DEVELOPMENT FUND (1955 AND 1956 APPROPRIATION) BILL, 1957 - Bill No. 31 1957.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney General, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT FUND OF CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED THERETO FROM THE REVENUES AND FUNDS OF THE COLONY was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed with the following amendments in Committee:-

- (i) Preamble - the deletio of the Preamble.
- (ii) Enacting Clause - the elation of the words and commas "BE IT, THEREFORE,".

Item 7 - EXCISE REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1957 -
Bill No. 32/1957.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Member for Labour, Health and Housing, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EXCISE REGULATIONS ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 8 - POST AND TELEGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1957 -
Bill No. 33/1957.

On a motion by the Member for Communications and Works seconded by Mr. Gajraj the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POST AND TELEGRAPH ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 9 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOPETOWN AND BEL AIR COUNTRY
DISTRICTS)(SPECIAL PROVISIONS BILL, 1957 -
Bill No. 30/1957.

On a motion by Mr. Gajraj, on behalf of the Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development, seconded by the Member for Communications and Works the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF RATES LEVIED BY THE HOPETOWN AND BEL AIR COUNTRY AUTHORITIES IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1956, AND TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE COLLECTION OF MONEYS DUE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 10 - ANIMALS CONTROL OF EXPERIMENTS) BILL 1957 -
Bill No. 21/1957.

On a motion by the Member for Labour, Health and Housing seconded by the Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF EXPERIMENTS ON LIVING ANIMALS, AND MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed with the following amendment in Committee:-

Clause 14 - the deletion of the word "of" in the fourth line of the clause and the substitution therefor of the words "not exceeding".

MOTIONS

Item 11 - MOTION BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY CONCERNING PERSONS
EMPLOYED AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

On a motion by the Chief Secretary seconded by the Member for Labour, Health and Housing Council adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That this Council approves of the service prior to the 1st January, 1955, of persons employed as domestic employees on and after that date at Government House being deemed to be service with the Government so that such service may be included in calculating the superannuation benefits to be paid to such employees on their retirement in accordance with the existing rules governing such awards approved by Council by Resolution No. LII of the 6th July, 1951 as amended by Resolution No. LVI of the 8th May, 1957.

Item 12 - MOTION BY THE MEMBER FOR AGRICULTURE, FORESTS, LANDS AND MINES FOR APPROVAL OF FISHERIES (LICENCES) REGULATIONS, 1957, AND FISHERIES (MARKETING) REGULATIONS, 1957.

At the request of the mover consideration of this item was deferred.

BILL - Second Reading.

Item 13 - MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1957 - Bill No. 17/1957.

The Chief Secretary moved that the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE be read a second time.

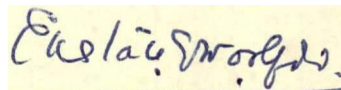
The Attorney General seconded the motion.

Mr. Sugrim Singh and Mr. Gajraj spoke to the motion. Thereafter further discussion was deferred.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.15 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 25th of June, 1957.

Confirmed,



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
British Guiana.

25th June, 1957.