

BRITISH GUIANA

SECOND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SECOND SESSION

1958 - 1959

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution) (Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1959.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. M.S. Porcher (Ag.)
The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.
The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex.

Ministers

The Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan,
Minister of Trade and Industry.
The Honourable B.H. Benn,
Minister of Community Development and Education.
The Honourable E.B. Beharry,
Minister of Natural Resources.
The Honourable Janet Jagan,
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.
The Honourable Ram Karran,
Minister of Communications and Works.

Elected Members, Majority Party

Mr. F. Bowman
Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. Ajodha Singh

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. A.L. Jackson

Nominated Members

Mr. R.C. Tello
Mr. R.E. Davis
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

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

Absent:

Mr. B.S. Rai.
Mr. Jai Narine Singh.
Mr. R.B. Gajraj.
Mr. A.M. Fredericks - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, the 3rd of March, 1959, as printed and circulated, were amended as under and thereafter confirmed:-

Page 4: HEAD 32 - MISCELLANEOUS .. \$1,837,661:-

The reduction moved by Mr. Burnham in respect of subhead 2 - Public Printing by Contract .. \$375,000:- was amended to read \$15,000:- instead of \$1:-

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILL - In Committee.

Item 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 37/1958.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary, Council was resolved into a Committee to resume consideration of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, clause by clause.

In CommitteeSCHEDULE

HEAD 32 - MISCELLANEOUS \$1,837,661:-

Subhead 2 - Public Printing
by Contract .. \$375,000:-

The Chief Secretary resumed his speech on the motion moved by Mr. Burnham at the previous meeting for a reduction by \$15,000:- of subhead 2 - Public Printing by Contract .. \$375,000:-

After further consideration, the question was put and the amendment negatived.

Subhead 2 - Public Printing by Contract was then passed at \$375,000:-

HEAD 32 - MISCELLANEOUS was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at ... \$1,837,661:-

HEAD 33 - MISCELLANEOUS - SUBVENTIONS, MUNICIPAL, ETC. was passed at \$ 389,225:-

HEAD 34 - MISCELLANEOUS, SUBVENTIONS, ETC., OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at \$1,349,196:-

A motion by Mr. Burnham for the recommittal of Head 34 was negatived.

HEAD 35 - OFFICIAL RECEIVER was passed at .. \$ 17,990:-

In CommitteeSCHEDULE (Contd.)

HEAD 36 - PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES was .. \$ 519,070:-
 passed at

HEAD 37 - POLICE was passed at \$3,469,704:-

HEAD 38 - POST OFFICE .. \$1,231,703:-

Mr. Jackson moved the reduction by \$1:- of subhead 5 - Conveyance of Mails -

(a) Internal .. \$20,600:-

Mr. Jackson was speaking to the motion when the hour of adjournment was reached.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 5th of March, 1959.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

5th March, 1959.