

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

FRIDAY, 8TH MAY, 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. G.M. Farnum (Ag.).
The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Esser.

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.

Elected Members, Majority Party.

Mr. F. Bowman
Mr. S.M. Saffee

Other Elected Members.

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. A.L. Jackson
Mr. Jai Narine Singh

Nominated Members

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

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

Absent:

The Honourable Janet Jagan,
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - on leave.
The Honourable Ram Karran,
Minister of Communications and Works.
Mr. B.S. Rai
Mr. Ajodha Singh
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham.

PRAYERS

Prayers were read by the Most Reverend Dr. Alan John Knight, C.M.G., Archbishop of the West Indies.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 7th of May, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

At this stage the Speaker suspended the sitting for a short while in order to receive His Excellency the Governor who was coming to the Council to present awards to persons who had been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

At 2.10 p.m. His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Speaker, entered the Council Chamber and made the following presentations:-

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| (i) Mr. J.I. Ramphal, O.B.E. | - The Insignia appertaining to the Award of an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. |
| (ii) Mr. H.E. Turner, O.B.E. | - The Insignia appertaining to the Award of an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. |
| (iii) Mrs. Eleanor D. Kerry, M.B.E. | - The Insignia appertaining to the Award of a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. |
| (iv) Miss L. De W. Dolphin, M.B.E. | - The Insignia appertaining to the Award of a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. |
| (v) Mr. T.S. Felix. | - The Imperial Service Medal. |

Thereafter, His Excellency withdrew from the Chamber.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.30 p.m., on a motion by the Chief Secretary, the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 14th of May, 1959.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

14th May, 1959.