

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 10.00 A.M.

on

SATURDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 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 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. L.F.S. Burnham
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

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

Absent:

The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.
Mr. B.S. Rai - on leave.
Mr. W.O.R. Kendall - on leave.
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 13th of February, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - 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 Committee

SCHEDULE

HEAD 3. AGRICULTURE.

Committee resumed the debate on the amendment moved by Mr. Jai Narine Singh at the previous sitting for a reduction by \$1:- of Subhead 1 - item (19) - 12 Agricultural Officers ... \$52,556:-

After discussion, the amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. Jai Narine Singh then moved the reduction by \$1:- of item (20) - 1 Agricultural Engineer .. \$6,354:-

Committee was considering the amendment when, at 12 noon, Council resumed.

Inaccurate Press Report

The Chief Secretary was granted leave to draw Council's attention to, and to correct, a mis-statement of fact which appeared in that day's Editorial of the Daily Argosy to the effect that the Government had rushed through the second reading of the Appropriation Bill after certain Members of the Opposition had walked out from the meeting.

Hours of next Sitting.

It was agreed that the Council would sit on Tuesday, the 17th of February, from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m. with a night sitting, if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12.05 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the Council to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 17th of February, 1959.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown,
17th February, 1959.