

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

TUESDAY, 17TH 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 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.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:

The Honourable B.H. Benn,
Minister of Community Development and Education - on leave.
Mr. B.S. Rai.
Mr. Jai Narine Singh.
Mr. R.B. Gajraj - on leave.
Mr. R.C. Tello - on leave.
Mr. A.M. Fredericks - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker announced that -

Letter from His Excellency the Governor re Resolution No. VII.

(i) He had received a letter dated 16th March, 1959, from His Excellency the Governor acknowledging receipt of Council's Resolution No. VII of the 13th March, 1959, concerning the disturbances in Nyasaland, and stating that he was arranging for the early transmission of a copy of the Resolution to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Leave

(ii) Mr. Gajraj had asked to be excused from that meeting.

PAPERS LAID

By the Attorney-General:

Report of the Supreme Court Registry and Deeds Registry for the year 1957.

(L. 44/2 III)(Circulated).

MOTIONMOTION OF SYMPATHY RE DEATH OF MR. E.A. LUCKHOO, O.B.E.

With Council's consent in terms of Standing Order No. 24, Mr. Kendall moved and the Attorney-General seconded the following motion which was adopted unanimously, all standing:-

RESOLVED, That this Council records its profound regret at the death of Mr. E.A. Luckhoo, O.B.E., and pays tribute to the long and devoted service rendered by him to the Colony as a former Member of the Legislative Council, and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his widow and children.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - Second Reading.

Item 1 - TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 6/1959.

Council resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE.

Dr. Jagan concluded his speech.

The Financial Secretary was replying when the Chief Secretary moved the adjournment to enable Members to attend the late Mr. E.A. Luckhoo's funeral.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.04 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to
2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 18th of March, 1959.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

18th March, 1959.