

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, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1959.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

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. 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.B. Gajraj  
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:

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. M.S. Porcher (Ag.) -  
on leave.  
Mr. F. Bowman - on leave.  
Mr. B.S. Rai  
Mr. Jai Narine Singh.  
Mr. A.M. Fredericks - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 20th of February, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTSLeave

The Speaker announced that:-

- (i) The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. M.S. Porcher (Acting) had been granted leave from 24th February to 3rd March, inclusive, as he was out of town on official duty.
- (ii) Mr. A.M. Fredericks and Mr. F. Bowman had asked to be excused from the meeting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - Second Reading.

Item 1 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (VALUATION OF PROPERTY) BILL, 1959 -  
Bill No. 1/1959.

The Minister of Community Development and Education moved and the Minister of Trade and Industry seconded that the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR VALUATION OF PROPERTY FOR RATING PURPOSES AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH, be read a second time.

Mr. Gajraj, Mr. Tasker and Mr. Kendall spoke to the motion.

Suspension of Sitting - Tea Interval.

Mr. Burnham was speaking to the motion when, at 4.30 p.m., the sitting was suspended for a short tea interval.

Resumption of Sitting.

The sitting was resumed at 5.00 p.m.

After Mr. Burnham had concluded his speech, Mr. Davis, the Attorney-General and Mr. Tello spoke to the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 25th of February, 1959.

Confirmed,

*Donald Tasker*

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.  
25th February, 1959.