

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, 25TH 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 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.

Elected Members, Majority Party

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

Other Elected Members

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

Nominated Members

Mr. R.E. Davis
Mr. A.M. Fredericks
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 Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C. -
on leave.
The Honourable Ram Karran,
Minister of Communications and Works.
Mr. B.S. Rai.
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham.
Mr. Jai Narine Singh.
Mr. R.B. Gajraj.
Mr. R.C. Tello - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker announced that -

(i) A letter had been received from Mrs. Evelyn Luckhoo acknowledging receipt of Council's Resolution of Sympathy (No. VIII of the 17th of March) concerning the death of her husband, the late Mr. E.A. Luckhoo, O.B.E.

(ii) An invitation had been received from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Australia Branch) to send a delegate to a Conference to be held in Australia from 24th September to 7th November, 1959, and that a Meeting of the Local Branch would be convened shortly to consider the matter.

PAPERS LAID

By the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing:

- (i) In terms of section 36 of the Trades Unions Ordinance, Chapter 113 - Annual Report of the Registrar of Trade Unions for 1957.
(L: 56/4/1 II)(Circulated).
- (ii) In terms of section 34(1) of the Town Planning (Georgetown Fire Area) Ordinance, Chapter 159 - Reports of the Georgetown Planning Commissioners for the periods 1st February to 31st July, 1958 and 1st August, 1958 to 31st January, 1959.
(HTP. 342/36/2).

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Minister of Trade and Industry made statements concerning -

- (i) Government's Rice Milling Policy; and
- (ii) The Appointment of a Trade and Goodwill Mission comprising ten persons to visit Venezuela from 7th to 11th April, 1959.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - Second and Third Readings.

Item 1 - CURRENCY BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 13/1959.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO CURRENCY AND TO IMPLEMENT AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR A UNIFORM CURRENCY IN THE EASTERN GROUP OF THE BRITISH CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES was read a second time and was thereafter

taken through its remaining stages and passed with the following amendment in Committee:-

Clause 14: Substitution of the following for the printed Clause 14:

"14. The Currency Ordinance and any Ordinance amending the same are hereby repealed:

Provided that regulations made under the Currency Ordinance in force at the date of commencement of this Ordinance shall, until amended or revoked by regulations made under this Ordinance, remain good and valid as if made under this Ordinance.

Provided further that references in regulations made under the said Currency Ordinance to sections of the Ordinance shall be construed as references to corresponding sections of this Ordinance."

ADJOURNMENT

At 1.35 p.m., on a motion by the Chief Secretary, the Speaker adjourned Council to a date to be fixed.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

7th May, 1959.