

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, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1960.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. D.M. Hedges.

The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.

The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex, C.M.G.

Ministers

The Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan,  
Minister of Trade and Industry.

The Honourable B.H. Benn,  
Minister of Natural Resources.

The Honourable Janet Jagan,  
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.

The Honourable Ram Karran,  
Minister of Communications and Works.

The Honourable B.S. Rai,  
Minister of Community Development and Education.

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

Mr. Jai Narine Singh

Mr. F. Bowman

Nominated Members

Mr. R.C. Tello

Mr. R.E. Davis

Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree.

Absent

Mr. E.B. Beharry.

Mr. R.B. Gajraj - on leave.

Mr. A.M. Fredericks.

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 29th of January, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTSLeave

The Speaker announced that -

- (i) Mr. Tasker had asked to be excused from that day's sitting.
- (ii) Mr. Gajraj was engaged at Atkinson Field and would therefore be unable to be present.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILL - Second Reading.

Item 1 - BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 5/1960.

The Minister of Natural Resources moved and the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing seconded that the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION ORDINANCE be read a second time.

After certain members had spoken to the motion, the Bill was read a second time.

At the request of the Minister of Natural Resources, and with Council's consent, further consideration of the Bill was deferred.

Item 2 - MR. JAI NARINE SINGH'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO THE BRITISH WEST INDIAN AIRWAYS.

Mr. Jai Narine Singh moved the following motion and Mr. Hubbard seconded, reserving his right to speak at a later stage:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends to Government the withdrawal of preferential treatment to the British West Indian Airways and the establishment of Atkinson Field as a port of call for as many airlines as may wish to call there.

Mr. Tello spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Communications and Works was speaking when the hour of adjournment was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the Council to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 3rd of February, 1960.

Confirmed,

*Donald Tasker*

Speaker.