

BRITISH GUIANA

SECOND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THIRD SESSION

1959 - 1960

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

THURSDAY, 2ND JUNE, 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. W.P. D'Andrade (Ag.)

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. F. Bowman

Nominated Members

Mr. R.C. Tello
Mr. R.E. Davis
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree.
Class I Clerk - Mr. F.A. Narain.

Absent:

Mr. Jai Narine Singh - indisposed.
Mr. E.B. Beharry.
Mr. R.B. Gajraj.
Mr. A.M. Fredericks - out of town.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, the 1st of June, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leave

The Speaker announced that -

- (i) Mr. Jai Narine Singh was indisposed and therefore unable to attend that sitting.
- (ii) Mr. A.M. Fredericks was out of town and had asked to be excused from that sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The Chief Secretary gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

PENSIONS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 1960.
(Bill No. 15/1960 to be published 4.6.60).

The Financial Secretary gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

TAX (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL, 1960.
(Bill No. 14/1960 to be published 4.6.60).

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

BILLS - First Reading.

Item 1 - The following Bills were read the first time:-

(a) PENSIONS SPECIAL PROVISIONS BILL 1960 -
Bill No. 15 19 0.

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISION FOR THE OFFICE OF HEAD CARPENTER, GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL, TO BE PENSIONABLE.

(b) TAX (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL, 1960 - Bill No.
14/1960.

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings.

Item 2 - RICE MARKETING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No.
12/1960.

Council resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE RICE MARKETING ORDINANCE AND TO MAKE A MINOR CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION ORDINANCE.

Mr. Tello concluded his speech.

The Minister of Trade and Industry replied to the motion.

The question was then put and carried on the following division:-

FOR	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Hubbard	Mr. Bowman
Mr. Ajodha Singh	Mr. Davis
Mr. Saffee	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Rai	Mr. Campbell
Mr. Ram Karran	Mr. Kendall
Mrs. Jagan	
Mr. Benn	
Dr. Jagan	
The Financial Secretary	
The Attorney-General	

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Thereafter, the Bill was read a second time.

Council then resolved itself into a Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 - Short Title - was passed as printed.

Clause 2 - was passed as printed.

Clause 3 - The Minister of Trade and Industry moved the following amendments:-

- (i) Substitution of the word "persons" for the words "rice producers" between the words "twelve" and "appointed" in the new subsection (2)(b).
- (ii) Substitution of the word "person" for the words "rice producer" between the words "one" and "nominated" in the new subsection (2)(b)(iii).
- (iii) Substitution of the words "experienced in marketing" for the words "nominated as being persons experienced in marketing by the rice producers appointed under the preceding paragraph" in the new subsection (2)(c).

Mr. Davis moved the following amendments:-

- (i) Substitution of the word "seven" for the word "nine" in the new subsection (2)(b)(i).
- (ii) Substitution of the word "four" for the word "two" in the new subsection (2)(b)(ii).

The Minister of Trade and Industry moved the following further amendments:-

- (i) Substitution of the word "eight" for the word "nine" in the new subsection (2)(b)(i).
- (ii) Substitution of the word "three" for the word "two" in the new subsection (2)(b)(ii).
- (iii) Substitution of the word "paragraph" for the word "paragraphs" and Deletion of "and (c)" in the first line of the new subsection (3).

Mr. Davis moved the following further amendment:

Deletion of paragraph (b) of the new subsection (3).

After discussion, Clause 3 was put and carried with the amendments moved by the Minister of Trade and Industry.

Clauses 4 to 12 - were passed as printed.

TITLE - was passed as printed.

Council resumed.

Thereafter, on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

Item 3 - GEORGETOWN SEWERAGE AND WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 11/1960.

On a motion by the Minister of Community Development and Education seconded by the Minister of Natural Resources, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GEORGETOWN SEWERAGE AND WATER ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 4 - INTERPRETATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 13/1960.

On a motion by the Attorney-General seconded by the Financial Secretary, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed with the following amendment in Committee:-

Clause 3 - Substitution of the following for the new subsection 9A:-

"Time for performance of act in relation to Sunday or public holiday.

9A(1) Where by or under any Ordinance anything is required or authorised to be done on a certain day, then if that day is a Sunday or public holiday, unless the contrary intention appears, the thing shall be deemed to have been done in due time if it is done on the next following day which is not a Sunday or public holiday.

(2) Where by or under any Ordinance, any period of time dating from a given day, act, or event, is prescribed or allowed for any purpose, and the last day of any such period falls on a Sunday or public holiday, unless the contrary intention appears, the period shall include the next following day which is not a Sunday or public holiday."

MOTIONS

Item 5 - MR. BOWMAN'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THE REPEAL OF THE LAND BONDS ORDINANCE, 1959.

Council resumed the debate on the following motion:-

WHEREAS enactment of the Land Bonds Ordinance, 1959 (No. 21) has caused dissatisfaction and grave concern among the landed proprietors of the Colony:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends the repeal of the Land Bonds Ordinance, 1959 (No. 21).

Mr. Bowman concluded his reply to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was put and negatived on the following division:-

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DID NOT VOTE</u>
Mr. Bowman	Mr. Tasker	Mr. Davis
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hubbard	
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Ajodha Singh	
Mr. Burnham	Mr. Saffee	
Mr. Kendall	Mr. Rai	
	Mr. Ram Karran	
	Mrs. Jagan	
	Mr. Benn	
	Dr. Jagan	
	The Financial Secretary	
	The Attorney-General	
	The Chief Secretary	
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Item 6 - MR. BURNHAM'S MOTION RE TRAINING SCHEME FOR GUIANESE.

Mr. Burnham moved and Mr. Kendall seconded the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends to Government the immediate preparation and implementation of an extensive and thorough scheme for the training of Guianese with a view to the latter's filling all the higher posts in the administrative and technical branches of the country's Public Service.

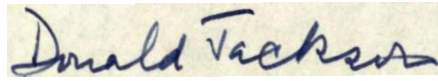
Mr. Tasker and the Chief Secretary spoke to the motion.

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At 5.05 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 3rd of June, 1960.

Confirmed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald Jackson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, rectangular piece of paper or cardstock.A simple, horizontal handwritten flourish or underline stroke, drawn in dark ink.

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

3rd June, 1960.