

FOURTH SESSION

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

FRIDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1960.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Major I.O. Smith, O.B.E. (Ag.)
The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.
The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. W.P. D'Andrade.

Ministers

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, Q.C.
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. A.L. Jackson
Mr. Jai Narine Singh
Mr. E.B. Beharry
Mr. F. Bowman

Nominated Members

Mr. R.B. Gajraj
Mr. R.C. Tello
Mr. R.E. Davis
Mr. A.M. Fredericks
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree.

Absent:

The Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan,
Minister of Trade and Industry - on leave.
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 15th of December, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTSAppointment of Sessional Committees

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following Sessional Committees:-

(i) PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
Mr. F. Bowman
Mr. A.L. Jackson
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

(ii) PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

The Honourable B.S. Rai (Minister of Community
Development and Education)
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.
Mr. R.C. Tello
Mr. Ajodha Singh
Mr. Jai Narine Singh

(iii) HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Honourable Ram Karran (Minister of
Communications and Works)
The Honourable B.S. Rai (Minister of Community
Development and Education)
Mr. R.E. Davis.

ORAL ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONSQuestion No. 4

Mr. Hubbard asked the Chief Secretary the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Honourable Chief Secretary please state -

- (a) the number of dismissals which have occurred in each grade of prison officer over the past five years;
- (b) the number of resignations which have been received from each grade of prison officer over that period; and
- (c) the names of the Superintendents or Directors of Prisons during that period?

The Chief Secretary gave the following reply:

ANSWER: (a) During the past five years -

- (i) 6 Prison Officers on the permanent establishment were dismissed;

- (ii) 11 Prison Officers on probation were dismissed; and
- (iii) the services of 17 Prison Officers on probation were terminated.
- (b) 12 Prison Officers on probation and 8 on the permanent establishment resigned during the period under reference.
- (c) Mr. R. Aitken was appointed Superintendent of Prisons with effect from 2nd November, 1955, and the post was redesignated Director of Prisons with effect from 8th August, 1959. He was granted vacation leave during the period December, 1957 to August, 1958, and Major L.F. Candy, at the time Deputy Superintendent of Prisons, acted as Superintendent.

Supplementary Questions were asked by Mr. Burnham.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The Minister of Community Development and Education gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

GEORGETOWN (VALUATION AND RATING)(SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 1960.

(Bill No. 36/1960 published 17.12.60).

The Minister intimated that, with Council's consent, he proposed to proceed with the second reading of the Bill on Wednesday, 21st December, or at a subsequent meeting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - First Reading.

Item 1 - The following Bill was read the first time:

GEORGETOWN (VALUATION AND RATING)(SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 36/1960.

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE VALUATION LIST TO COME INTO FORCE IN 1961 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES INCIDENTAL THERETO OR CONNECTED THEREWITH.

BILL - Second Reading.

Item 2 - EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 31/1960.

Mr. Beharry resumed and concluded his speech on the motion for the second reading of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE.

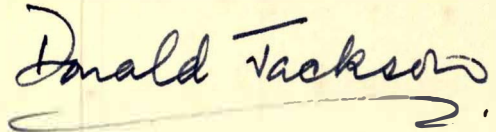
Mr. Tello, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Bowman and Mr. Kendall spoke to the motion.

Mr. Saffee 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 21st of December, 1960.

Confirmed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald Jackson". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

21st December, 1960.