

BRITISH GULANA

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

MONDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 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 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. 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. E.B. Beharry  
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.

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. S.M. Saffee  
Mr. R.B. Gajraj  
Mr. A.M. Fredericks - excused.

The Clerk read prayers.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 7th of January, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Leave

The Speaker announced that the Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan, Minister of Trade and Industry, had been granted leave until the 20th January, 1960, as he was out of the Colony on official business.

## PAPERS LAID

By the Financial Secretary:

- (i) Report of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 4th December, 1959. (LEG. 14/57 II)(Circulated).

In terms of Standing Order No. 42(7) the question that the Report be adopted was put and carried.

- (ii) Report of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29th December, 1959. (LEG. 14/57 II)(Circulated).

In terms of Standing Order No. 42(7) the question that the Report be adopted was put and carried.

- (iii) Report of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on its consideration of the 1960 Draft Recurrent and Development Estimates (laid in the Legislative Council on 7th January, 1960), together with the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance Committee thereon. (Circulated).

## GOVERNMENT NOTICES

### Motion

The Financial Secretary gave notice of the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council approves of the Estimates of Development Expenditure for the year 1960 which have been laid on the table, with the amendment recommended in the Report of Finance Committee of the Legislative Council dated 15th January, 1960, totalling TWENTY-FOUR MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN DOLLARS as detailed by Heads in the undermentioned schedule and of the projects therein being financed from the Development Fund Ordinance, 1954.

### SCHEDULE

Head No.	Head of Estimate	Estimate in 1960.
I.	Agriculture	\$ 1,426,120
II.	Civil Aviation	540,000
III.	Drainage and Irrigation	7,842,600
IV.	Education	1,086,000

## SCHEDULE (Contd.)

Head No.	Head of Estimate	Estimate in 1960
V.	Finance (Industry and Credits)	\$ 1,500,000
VI.	Geological Surveys	503,019
VII.	Health	306,300
VIII.	Housing	1,239,711
IX.	Lands and Mines	160,000
X.	Land Development	1,661,693
XI.	Post Office	650,000
XII.	Public works	4,930,000
XIII.	Transport and Harbours	2,019,688
XIV.	Miscellaneous	120,787
XV.	Rural Self-Help	150,000
XVI.	Social Welfare	170,000
XVII.	Local Government	120,000
XVIII.	Amerindian Development	208,800
XIX.	Tourism	45,000
		\$ 24,679,718

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

GOWRIE SANKAR (WIDOW'S AND ORPHANS' PENSION) BILL, 1960.  
(Bill No. 4/1960 published 16.1.60).

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILL - First Reading

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

GOWRIE SANKAR WIDOW'S AND ORPHANS' PENSION BILL 1960 -  
Bill No. 4 1 60.

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF A PENSION IN RESPECT OF GOWRIE SANKAR UNDER THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION ORDINANCE.

BILL - Second Reading.

Item 2 - APPROPRIATION (1960) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 36/1959.

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

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Mr. Jackson, Mr. Tello, Mrs. Jagan, Mr. Bowman and Mr. Tasker spoke to the motion.

APPOINTMENT 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  
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.

Hours of Sitting - Programme of Business.

Before the adjournment was taken, the Chief Secretary stated that he had consulted Members concerning the hours of sitting and it was proposed that Council should sit as under to consider the Appropriation (1960) Bill, 1959:-

A. To complete debate on motion for Second Reading of the Bill;

Tuesday, 19th January )  
and )  
Wednesday, 20th January ) From 2.00-5.00 p.m. and from 8.00-10.00 p.m.

B. Committee Stage:

Thursday, 21st January )  
and )  
Friday, 22nd January ) From 2.00-5.00 p.m. and from 8.00-10.00 p.m.

Monday, 25th January: From 2.00 - 5.30 p.m.

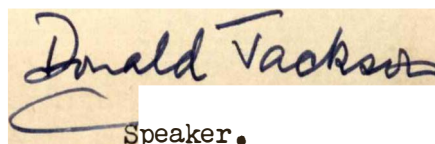
Tuesday, 26th January: From 2.00-5.00 p.m. and from 8.00-10.00 p.m.

Monday, 1st February )  
to )  
Friday, 5th February ) From 2.00-5.00 p.m. and from 8.00-10.00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.25 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the Council to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 19th of January, 1960.

Confirmed,

  
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.  
19th January, 1960.