

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

WEDNESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 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.

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, 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:

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 16th of December, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the Honourable Chief Secretary on his return from leave.

The Speaker welcomed the Honourable Chief Secretary, Mr. D.M. Hedges, on his return from vacation leave, and intimated that his locum tenens had performed admirably during his absence.

The Chief Secretary thanked the Speaker.

PAPERS LAID

By the Financial Secretary:

Report of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 1st December, 1960.

(LEG. 14/57 III)(Circulated).

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The Minister of Trade and Industry on behalf of the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

HOUSING OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR ESTATES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.

(Bill No. 37/1960 to be published 24.12.60).

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILL - First Reading.

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

HOUSING OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR ESTATES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 37/1960.

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HOUSING OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR ESTATES ORDINANCE.

BILL - Second and Third Readings.

Item 2 - LOAN (ELECTRICITY) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 32/1960.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE RAISING OF A LOAN OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

BILL - Second Reading.Item 3 - ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 33/1960.

The Minister of Communications and Works moved that the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE be read a second time.

The Attorney-General seconded the motion but reserved his right to speak at a later stage.

Mr. Kendall, Mr. Beharry, Mr. Burnham, the Attorney-General, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Bowman spoke to the motion.

Mr. Jai Narine Singh 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 Thursday, the 22nd of December, 1960.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

22nd December, 1960.