

BRITISH GUIANA

SECOND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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, 28TH 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

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. 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. Ajodha Singh.
Mr. E.B. Beharry.
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 23rd of December, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PAPERS LAID(a) By the Financial Secretary:

- (i) Report of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on its consideration of the 1961 Draft Recurrent and Development Estimates (laid in the Legislative Council on 9th December, 1960), together with the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance Committee thereon.
(LEG. 14/57 III)(Circulated).
- (ii) Report of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20th 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.

- (iii) Order in Council No. 97 of 1960 made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 7th day of December, 1960, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of December, 1960.
(F.S.G. 336/60)(Circulated).
- (iv) Order in Council No. 98 of 1960 made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 9th day of November, 1960, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of December, 1960.
(C.Ex. 26/56 III(2))(Circulated).

(b) By the Minister of Natural Resources:

Report of the Lands and Mines Department for the year 1959.
(LM 58/4/7 II)(Circulated).

GOVERNMENT NOTICESMotions

The Financial Secretary gave notice of the following motions:

(a) BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council approves of the Estimates of Development Expenditure for the year 1961 which have been laid on the Table and recommended in the Report of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council dated 23rd December, 1960, totalling TWENTY-THREE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND ONE DOLLARS as detailed by Heads in the undermentioned SCHEDULE and of the projects therein being financed from the Development Fund established under the Development Fund Ordinance, 1954.

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SCHEDULE

Head No.	Head of Estimate	Estimate in 1961 \$
I.	Agriculture	1,346,276
II.	Civil Aviation	314,000
III.	Drainage and Irrigation	6,046,550
IV.	Education	1,032,638
V.	Industry and Credits	1,250,000
VI.	Geological Surveys	517,133
VII.	Health	426,000
VIII.	Housing	1,000,000
IX.	Lands and Mines	160,000
X.	Land Development	1,242,474
XI.	Post Office	1,050,000
XII.	Public Works	5,683,720
XIII.	Transport and Harbours	2,141,000
XIV.	Miscellaneous	61,510
XV.	Rural Self Help	100,000
XVI.	Social Welfare	175,000
XVII.	Local Government	150,000
XVIII.	Amerindian Development	247,000
XIX.	Tourism	45,000
XX.	Electricity Development	1,000,000
XXI.	Forests	100
		\$23,988,401

(b) BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirms Order in Council No. 97 of 1960, which was made on the 7th day of December, 1960, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of December, 1960.

(c) BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirms Order in Council No. 98 of 1960, which was made on the 9th day of November, 1960, and published in the Gazette on the 17th of December, 1960.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLSPrivate Bill

Mr. Davis gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (INCORPORATION) BILL, 1960.
(Bill No. 29/1960 published 10.12.60, 17.12.60
and 24.12.60).

PUBLIC BUSINESS
ORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - First Reading.

Private Bill.

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

CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH INCORPORATION) BILL
1960 - Bill No. 29 1960.

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT
THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (INCORPORATION)
ORDINANCE.

BILL - Second Reading, and Committee.

Item 2 - APPROPRIATION (1961) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 30/1960.

Council resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Davis spoke to the motion.

As no other Member wished to speak, the question was put and the Bill was read a second time.

Suspension of Sitting (4.15 p.m.)

At this stage the Speaker suspended the sitting to afford the Financial Secretary an opportunity of deciding what he proposed to do.

Resumption of Sitting

The sitting was resumed at 4.30 p.m.

Mr. Kendall moved that the sitting be adjourned to the following day as he was not aware that the Appropriation Bill would have been proceeded with that day.

Mr. Bowman seconded the motion.

The Speaker pointed out that Members were informed at the meeting held on Thursday, 22nd December, that it was proposed to consider the Appropriation Bill the following Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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

FOR	AGAINST	DID NOT VOTE
Mr. Bowman	Mr. Hubbard	Mr. Gajraj
Mr. Davis	Mr. Saffee	
Mr. Tello	Mr. Rai	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Ram Karran	
Mr. Campbell	Mrs. Jagan	
Mr. Burnham	Mr. Benn	
Mr. Kendall	Dr. Jagan	
	The Financial Secretary	
	The Attorney-General	
	The Chief Secretary	

As ^{some} Members did not have their copies of the Estimates with them, the Chief Secretary moved that Council be adjourned until 8.30 p.m.

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

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

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Accordingly, Council was adjourned to 8.30 p.m.

Resumption of Sitting

Council resumed at 8.30 p.m. and was resolved into Committee to consider the Appropriation Bill clause by clause, together with the Report of the Finance Committee on its consideration of the Draft Estimates for 1961.

In Committee

Clause 1 - Short Title - was passed as printed.

Clause 2 - Deferred.

SCHEDULE Committee considered the Heads in the 1961 Draft Estimates together with the recommendations of the Finance Committee as set out in its Report which was tabled in Council that day, and passed the Heads as follows:-

HEAD	AMOUNT
1. GOVERNOR.	
<u>Mr. Burnham</u> moved the reduction by \$1,000: of OTHER CHARGES. Subhead 2 - Upkeep of Government House ... \$3,000:	
After discussion, the question was put and the amendment <u>negatived</u> .	
Thereafter, the Head was passed at ..	\$ 18,868:
1A. GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT.. was passed at ..	\$ 42,934:
2. LEGISLATURE .. was passed at ..	\$ 44,683:

HEAD	AMOUNT
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3. AGRICULTURE.

Mr. Jackson moved the reduction by \$1: of MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES - Subhead 35 - Milk Pasteurisation Plant ... \$100,000:

After discussion, the question was put and the amendment negatived.

Thereafter, the Head was passed at .. \$2,138,152:

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| 4. ANALYST .. | was passed at .. \$ | 69,589: |
| 5. AUDIT .. | was passed at .. \$ | 174,442: |
| 6. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEPARTMENT .. | was passed at .. \$ | 74,118: |
| 7. CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE - | was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at .. | .. \$ 68,919: |

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the Council to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 29th of December, 1960.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

29th December, 1960.