

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

FRIDAY, 23RD 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

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. E.B. Beharry.
Mr. F. Bowman.
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 22nd of December, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - Second and Third Readings.

Item 1 - GEORGETOWN (VALUATION AND RATING)(SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 36/1960.

The Minister of Community Development and Education laid over the permission of His Excellency the Governor as required under section 48(2) of the British Guiana (Constitution) (Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, to suspend the Standing Orders in order to proceed with the remaining stages of the 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.

On a motion by the Minister of Community Development and Education seconded by the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing the Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed with the following amendment in Committee:

Clause 7 - Substituted: the word "Principal" for the words "Georgetown (Valuation and Rating)".

MOTIONS

Item 2 - MOTION TO CONFIRM ORDER IN COUNCIL NO. 95 OF 1960.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General, Council adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this Council in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirms Order in Council No. 95 of 1960, which was made on the 24th day of November, 1960, and published in the Gazette on the 10th of December, 1960.

Item 3 - MOTION TO CONTINUE IN FORCE THE RENT RESTRICTION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 186.

On a motion by the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing seconded by the Minister of Natural Resources, Council adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Rent Restriction Ordinance, Chapter 186, shall continue in force for a period of one year up to and including the 31st day of December, 1961.

BILL - Second Reading.

Item 4 - EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 31/1960.

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

Mr. Burnham spoke to the motion.

Mr. Benn was speaking when the hour of adjournment was reached.


CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As this was the last meeting before the Christmas holidays, His Honour the Speaker extended to Members best wishes for a happy holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the Council to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 28th of December, 1960.

Confirmed,


Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

28th December, 1960.