

SECOND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FOURTH SESSION

1960 - 1961

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

THURSDAY, 5TH JANUARY, 1961.

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. Bern,  
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. 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.C. Tello  
Mr. R.E. Davis  
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

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

Absent:

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall - indisposed.  
Mr. R.B. Gajraj.  
Mr. A.M. Fredericks - 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 Wednesday, the 4th of January, 1961, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTSLeave

The Speaker announced that Mr. W.O.R. Kendall was indisposed and had asked to be excused from that sitting.

ORAL ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONSQuestion No. 5

Mr. Bowman asked the Minister of Community Development and Education the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister of Community Development and Education tell this Council how much money, if any, was spent by Government from Colonial Development and Welfare grants for building and repairing schools in the Colony, from the time the Colony started to receive Colonial Development and Welfare grants, and how much was spent from the revenue of the Colony for the same purpose over the same period?

The Minister of Community Development and Education gave the following reply:

ANSWER: The sum of \$1,668,424.36 was spent from Colonial Development and Welfare funds during the period 1945-1959 for the building of primary schools. During the same period the Government spent out of local funds the sum of \$2,019,784.41 for the building and maintenance of Primary Schools. This latter figure does not include the amount spent by the Government out of local funds for the maintenance of Government-owned and Government-controlled schools.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYMOTIONItem 1 - MOTION CONCERNING APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATES FOR 1961.

Mr. Tello resumed and concluded his speech on the following motion:

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.

## 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

Mr. Jackson, Mr. Beharry and Mr. Campbell spoke to the motion.

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

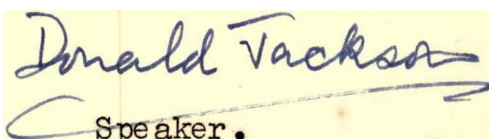
### Night Sitting

The Chief Secretary stated that in order to complete consideration of the 1961 Draft Development Estimates, it might be necessary for Council to sit at night on Friday, the 6th of January.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 5.01 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the Council to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 6th of January, 1961.

Confirmed,

  
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

6th January, 1961.