

FIRST SENATE  
FIRST SESSION  
1961

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Third Sitting of the Senate of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council, 1961, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.  
on

THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1961

PRESENT:

Appointed under Article 47(2)(a):

His Honour the President, Senator Ashton Chase.

Senator the Honourable H.J.M. Hubbard,  
Minister of Trade and Industry.

Senator the Honourable C.V. Nunes,  
Minister of Education and Social Development.

Senator C.V. Christian

Senator M. Khan

Senator C.S. Persaud

Senator Christina Ramjattan

Senator H. Thomas.

Appointed under Article 47(2)(b):

Senator Ann Jardim

Appointed under Article 47(2)(c):

Senator A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

Senator C.V. Too-Chung

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

PRAVERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Letter received from His Excellency the Governor.

The President informed the Senate that His Excellency the Governor had acknowledged receipt of the letter conveying to him an expression of the Senate's appreciation of the Speech delivered to the Legislature at the opening ceremony on 6th October, 1961.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

Item 1 - MOTION CONCERNING INDEPENDENCE FOR BRITISH GUIANA.

The Minister of Education and Social Development moved the following motion:-

WHEREAS it is the inherent right of all people to administer their own affairs and to determine their own destinies;

AND WHEREAS it is the declared policy of Her Majesty's Government to grant independence to their subject people;

AND WHEREAS Her Majesty's Government has accepted the principle of independence for British Guiana:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this House requests Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to fix a date during 1962 when this Country shall become fully independent within the Commonwealth of Nations.

After discussion, the question was put and the Senate divided and voted as follows:-

FOR	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Too-Chung	Miss Jardim
Mr. Tasker	
Mr. Thomas	
Mrs. Ramjattan	
Mr. Persaud	
Mr. Khan	
Mr. Christian	
Mr. Nunes	
Mr. Hubbard	
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Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 4.58 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Senate was adjourned to 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th November, 1961, when the following Bills would be considered:-

#### Second Reading:

- (1) INTERPRETATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961
- (ii) FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT BILL, 1961.

*ASH S. EL*  
President.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

10th November, 1961.