

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST SENATE

FIRST SESSION

1961 - 1962

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 11th 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 9.00 A.M.

on

MONDAY, 2ND JULY, 1962.

PRESENT:

Senator C.V. Too-Chung, Vic -President - In the Chair.

Appointed under Article 47(2)(a):

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 the Honourable C.V. Christian,
Minister of Home Affairs.
Senator M. Khan
Senator Christina Ramjattan
Senator Ashton Chase

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

Absent:

Senator C.S. Persaud - on leave.
Senator H. Thomas - on leave.
Senator Anne Jardim - on leave.
Senator A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - on leave.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

The Clerk read the Instrument re-appointing Mr. Ashton Chase as a Senator.

Thereafter, Mr. Chase took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT UNDER ARTICLE 52(1) OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The Vice-President extended a warm welcome to Senator Chase and vacated the Chair.

The Clerk then called for nominations for the office of President.

The Minister of Education and Social Development nominated Senator Chase. The Minister of Home Affairs seconded the nomination.

There being no other nomination, the Clerk declared Senator Ashton Chase duly elected President of the Senate.

Senator Chase was then escorted to the Chair by the proposer and seconder.

The Minister of Trade and Industry, on behalf of the Members, congratulated Senator Chase and expressed the gratitude of Members to the Vice-President for the manner in which he had conducted the sittings of the Senate while he occupied the Chair.

Senator Too-Chung thanked the Members.

Mr. President's Expression of Thanks

His Honour the President expressed his thanks to the Senate for having elected him their President, and took the opportunity to congratulate the Hon. C.V. Christian on his appointment as Minister of Home Affairs.

Senator Christian expressed his thanks.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(a) By the Minister of Trade and Industry:

- (i) Statement of Loans from Voted Expenditure written-off during the period ended 31st December, 1961. (MFT. 9)(Circulated).
- (ii) Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the Director of Audit's Report on the Accounts of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year ended 31st December, 1960. (IEG. 5/6/2)(Circulated).

(b) By the Minister of Education and Social Development:

- (i) Interim Report of the Special Select Committee appointed under Resolution No. XX of the 1st of February, 1962, together with the Minutes of Meetings held on 16th March, 21st and 22nd May, and 8th June, 1962. (IEG. 5/5/1)(Circulated).
- (ii) Report of the Second Commonwealth Education Conference, New Delhi, India: 11 - 25 January, 1960. (Circulated).
- (iii) Report of the Advisory Committee appointed by His Excellency the Governor to enquire into a dispute between the Sugar Estates Clerks' Association and the British Guiana Sugar Producers' Association, and to make recommendations. (L: 56/4/5/1)(Circulated).

(c) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (i) Annual Report of the Commissioner of the Interior for the year 1960. (M. 219/4 V)(Circulated).

(ii) Annual Report of the Commissioner of Police
for the year 1960. (P. 77/11 VIII)(Circulated).

(iii) Annual Report of the British Guiana Volunteer
Force for the year 1961. (Circulated).

BILLS - First Reading.

The following Bills received from the Legislative Assembly were presented and read the first time:-

(i) MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 1962.

(ii) PENSIONS (CONSOLIDATION)(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962.

The President read a Certificate from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly advising that the Pensions (Consolidation)(Amendment) Bill, 1962, was a Money Bill, and informed the Senate that the Minister of Trade and Industry had expressed his willingness to take charge of the Bills.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings.

Item 1 - MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL,
1962 - Bill No. 14/1962 (L.A.).

Standing Order No. 45(2) was suspended to enable the Senate to proceed with the remaining stages of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 2 - PENSIONS (CONSOLIDATION)(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 -
Bill No. 15/1962 (L.A.) (Money Bill).

Standing Order No. 45(2) was suspended to enable the Senate to proceed with the remaining stages of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PENSIONS (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE, 1957.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Bill was read a second time, and the third time, and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.50 a.m. the Senate was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.
12th July, 1962.

David Blair
President.