

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION

1961 - 1962

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 13th Sitting of the Legislative Assembly 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 3.50 P.M.

on

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1962.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj.

(a) Members of the Government

People's Progressive Party

(i) Ministers

Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagan,
Premier and Minister of Development and Planning.
The Honourable B.H. Benn,
Minister of Natural Resources.
The Honourable Ram Karran,
Minister of Works and Hydraulics.
The Honourable B.S. Rai,
Minister of Home Affairs.
The Honourable R. Chandisingh,
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.
Dr. the Honourable Charles Jacob, Jr.,
Minister of Finance.
Dr. the Honourable F.H.W. Ramsahoye,
Attorney-General.
The Honourable E.M.G. Wilson,
Minister of Communications.

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. G. Bowman, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Natural Resources.
Mr. L.E.M. Mann, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Works and Hydraulics.

(iii) Other Members

Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. G.L. Robertson
Mr. J.B. Caldeira
Mr. V. Downer
Mr. M. Hamid
Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. H. Lall
Mr. M. Shakoor

(b) Members Constituting the Minority

(i) People's National Congress

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
Mr. J. Carter
Mr. E.F. Correia

Mr. N.J. Bissember
 Mr. W.A. Blair
 Mr. J.G. Joaquim
 Mr. R.J. Jordan
 Mr. H.M.S. Wharton

(ii) United Force

Mr. P. d'Aguiar
 Mr. S. Campbell
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks
 Mr. E.E. Melville.

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

Absent:

Mr. M. Bhagwan - on leave.
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C. - on leave.
 Mr. R.S.S. Hugh - on leave.
 Mr. C.A. Merriman - on leave.

PRAYERS

The Speaker read prayers.

SENATE INVITED TO BE PRESENT

The Speaker requested the Clerk to invite the Vice-President and Members of the Senate to attend the Sitting.

Shortly thereafter, His Honour the Vice-President and Members of the Senate entered the Chamber and were welcomed by His Honour the Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended to enable the Speaker and the Vice-President to receive His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and His Excellency the Governor, Sir Ralph Grey on their arrival at the Public Buildings.

LOYAL ADDRESS TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCE PHILIP.

The Assembly resumed at 4.15 p.m. when His Royal Highness, the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by His Excellency the Governor, the Speaker and the Vice-President, entered the Chamber.

His Honour the Speaker then read a Loyal Address and on completion presented it to His Royal Highness.

His Royal Highness replied.

Thereafter, His Royal Highness, accompanied by His Excellency the Governor, the Speaker and the Vice-President withdrew from the Chamber.

The Speaker and the Vice-President returned to the Chamber when the Speaker thanked the Vice-President and Senators for attending.

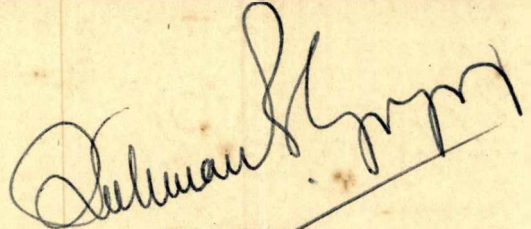
The Vice-President and Senators then withdrew.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker then adjourned the Assembly to 2.00 P.M. on Friday, 9th February, 1962, and returned to the Committee Room where Members of the Legislature and their wives were presented to His Royal Highness.

DEPARTURE OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

A At 4.45 p.m. His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh and His Excellency the Governor departed from the Public Buildings.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William J. ...', written over a diagonal line that extends from the signature down towards the bottom left of the page.

Speaker

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
British Guiana.

9th February, 1962.