

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION

1961 - 1962

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 25th 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 2.00 P.M.

on

TUESDAY, 17TH APRIL, 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. 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. M. Bhagwan
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. L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.
Mr. W.O.R. Kendall, Deputy Speaker.
Mr. J. Carter
Mr. E.F. Correia

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

(ii) United Force

Mr. P. d'Aguiar
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks

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

Absent:

Mr. G. Bowman, Parliamentary Secretary to the
 Ministry of Natural Resources - on leave.
 Mr. S. Campbell - on leave.
 Mr. E.E. Melville - on leave.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

In Committee of Supply

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill No. 4/1962.

Consideration of DRAFT ESTIMATES, 1962, resumed.

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
25. PROBATION .. was passed at ..	\$ 92,797:
26. ESSEQUIBO BOYS' SCHOOL .. was passed at ..	\$ 99,268:
27. MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND HOUSING.. was passed at ..	\$ 237,707:
28. MEDICAL - ESTABLISHMENT.. was passed at ..	\$1,567,268:

Suspension of Sitting

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
29. MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL. Consideration of this Head was deferred to Wednesday, 18th April.	
30. MEDICAL - X-RAY .. was passed at ..	\$ 108,201:
31. MEDICAL - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES. Consideration of this Head was deferred to Wednesday, 18th April.	

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
32. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING was passed at .. \$	89,553:
33. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, IMMIGRATION, ETC. .. was passed at .. \$	88,987:
34. ANALYST. was passed at .. \$	78,912:
35. LABOUR. .. .	
Consideration of this Head was deferred to Wednesday, 18th April.	
36. MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY .. was passed at .. \$	555,728:
37. MINISTRY OF FINANCE .. was passed at .. \$	568,942:

Suspension of Sitting

At 6.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended for dinner.

Resumption of Sitting

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
38. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL .. was passed at .. \$	1,567,712:
39. CENTRAL REGISTRY.	
Consideration of this Head was deferred to Wednesday, 18th April.	
40. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE. .. was passed at .. \$	781,258:
41. INLAND REVENUE. .. was passed at .. \$	191,415:
42. LICENCE REVENUE .. was passed at .. \$	70,895:
43. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK was passed at .. \$	64,314:
44. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.	
Consideration of this Head was deferred to Wednesday, 18th April.	
45. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS.	
Consideration of this Head was deferred to Wednesday, 18th April.	
46. THE PALMS was passed at .. \$	365,746:
47. ATTORNEY GENERAL .. was passed at .. \$	120,138:
48. CROWN SOLICITOR, PUBLIC TRUSTEE AND OFFICIAL RECEIVER .. was passed at .. \$	36,976:

HEADAMOUNT

49. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

At the request of the Minister of Finance, the total of HEAD 49 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, was amended to read \$71,497: and passed \$ 71,497:

50. POST OFFICE was passed at .. \$1,618,289:

51. POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTION.

Consideration of this Head was deferred to Wednesday, 18th April.

52. TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS .. was passed at .. \$2,199,300:

53. CIVIL AVIATION.

Consideration of this Head was deferred to Wednesday, 18th April.

54. AUDIT was passed at .. \$ 209,361:

55. PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS.

Consideration of this Head was deferred to Wednesday, 18th April.

56. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION was passed at .. \$ 170,740:

57. PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES was passed at .. \$ 505,624:

58. PUBLIC DEBT was passed at .. \$3,969,401:

59. LOANS FROM PUBLIC FUNDS.. was passed at .. \$ 340,000:

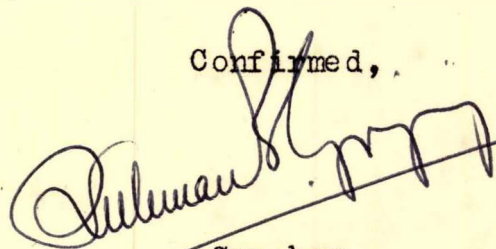
60. SALARIES REVISION, ETC... was passed at .. \$2,600,000:

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.05 p.m. the sitting was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th April, 1962.

Confirmed,



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

18th April, 1962.