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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 15th 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 1.30 P.M.

on

WEDNESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1963.

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 **Agriculture, Forests** and Lands.  
The Honourable Ram Karran,  
Minister of Works and Hydraulics.  
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 **Agriculture, Forests** and Lands.  
Mr. L.E.M. Mann, Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Ministry of Finance.  
Mr. S.M. Saffee, Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Ministry of Works and Hydraulics.

(iii) Other Members

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, Q.C.  
Mr. E.F. Correia  
Mr. N.J. Bissember  
Mr. W.A. Blair  
Mr. R.S.S. Hugh  
Mr. J.G. Joaquin  
Mr. R.J. Jordan  
Mr. C.A. Merrimann  
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton

(ii) United Force

Mr. P.S. 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. F.A. Narain (Ag.)

Absent:

Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing:

Interim Report on Epidemic of Poliomyelitis in  
 British Guiana.

(No. 37/9/7/1)(Circulated).

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Committee of Supply.Item 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1962 - Bill No. 30/1962 (L.A.)

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to  
 resume consideration of the Draft Estimates for 1963.

In Committee of SupplyDRAFT ESTIMATES, 1963.

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AMOUNT12. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND LANDS -  
FORESTS.

On motions by the Minister of Finance and  
 the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry  
 of Agriculture, Forests and Lands, the follow-  
 ing printing corrections were adopted:

Subhead 1(14) - Substitution of 1 Departmental  
 Clerk - Class II, for 1  
 Stores Clerk.

Subhead 1 - Insertion of item numbers  
 (21) to (29) after item (20).

NOTES - Substitution of (18) for (19),  
 and (27) for (30), and  
 deletion of the words and the  
 date after 1.1.62 in the last  
 line.

The Head was then passed as printed at .. \$511,442

13. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND LANDS -  
LAND DEVELOPMENT.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance  
 the following printing correction was adopted:

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Subhead 1(5) - Mechanical Engineer -  
Substitution of the Salary  
Scale A4 for A3.

The Head was then passed as printed at .. .. \$546,179

14. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND LANDS -  
LANDS.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance,  
the following printing corrections were  
adopted:

Subhead 1(8) - Senior Surveyors -  
Substitution of the Salary  
Scale A5 for A6.

Subhead 1(9) - Surveyor Apprentices -  
Substitution of the Salary  
Scale A34 for A24.

Subhead 1(15) - Messengers -  
Insertion of the Salary  
Scale C4.

Subhead 1(16) - Engineer -  
Insertion of the Salary  
Scale C3.

Subhead 1(17) - Boathands -  
Insertion of the Salary  
Scale C4.

NOTES - Substitution of the figures  
13 for the figures 14.

The Head was then passed as printed at .. .. \$587,088

Assembly resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

At 3.57 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.33 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

In Committee of Supply

15. MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HYDRAULICS - ESTABLISHMENT.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance,  
the following printing corrections were  
adopted:

Subhead 1(21),) - Substitution of 15 Depart-  
(22) ) mental Clerks - Class I,  
and (62) ) 24 Departmental Clerks -  
Class II, and 2 Departmental  
Clerks - Class III, for  
15 Senior Public Works Depart-  
ment Clerks, 24 Grade II Public  
Works Department Clerks, and  
2 Office Assistants.

Subhead 1(51) - Deputy Chief Engineer -  
Insertion of the Salary  
Scale F9a.

Subhead 1(53) - Water Administration Officer -  
Insertion of the Salary  
Scale F12.

Subhead 1(68) - Civil Engineer -  
Substitution of the Salary  
Scale A4 for A3.

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On a motion by the Minister of Works and Hydraulics, the following further corrections were adopted:

Subhead 1 - Insertion of the following items:

(3A) - 1 Director of Public Works	..	F5	\$1
(17A) - 1 Executive Officer			\$1
(50A) - 1 Director of Drainage and Irrigation	..	F5	\$1
(51A) - 1 Deputy Director of Drainage and Irrigation	..		\$1

Subhead 1(9) - Substitution of 1 Field Auditor for 3 Field Auditors.

Subhead 1(99) - Substitution of \$996 for \$1,000 for the Estimate for 1963.

The Head was then passed as printed at .. \$2,674,490

16. MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HYDRAULICS - ANNUALLY RECURRENT.

On a motion by the Minister of Works and Hydraulics, the following correction was adopted:

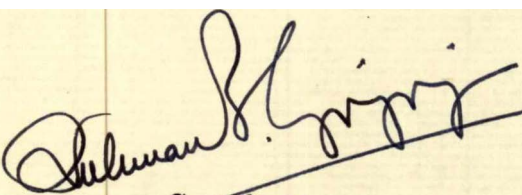
Substitution of Makouria for Ruimveldt in subhead 18.

This Head was still under consideration when the hour for the adjournment was reached.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.30 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 17th of January, 1963.



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

17th January, 1963.