

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION

1962 - 1963

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 37th 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  
MONDAY, 20TH MAY, 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 Home Affairs.  
Mr. L.E.M. Mann, Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Ministry of Education and Social Development.  
Mr. S.M. Saffee, Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Lands.

(iii) Other Members

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(1) 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. Bissembe  
 Mr. W.A. Blair  
 Mr. R.S.S. Hugh  
 Mr. J.G. Joaquin  
 Mr. R.J. Jordan  
 Mr. C.A. Merriman  
 Mr. H.M.S. Wharton

(1i) United Force

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

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree (Ag.)  
 Senior Clerk - Mr. B.M. Viapree.

Absent:

Mr. G.L. Robertson  
 Mr. B.S. Rai

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESSMOTIONItem 1 - MOTION RE CONTINUATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY.

The Assembly resumed the debate on the following motion:

WHEREAS on the 8th day of May, 1963, Proclamation No. 2 of 1963 was made by the Governor declaring a public emergency for the purposes of article 14 of the Constitution of British Guiana:

AND WHEREAS the said Proclamation was laid before both Chambers of the Legislature in pursuance of the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) of the said article:

AND WHEREAS the said Proclamation shall be of effect for fourteen days beginning on the 8th day of May, 1963, in terms of paragraph (b) of the said article unless the Legislature resolves that it shall be of effect for a further period not exceeding three months from the date on which it would otherwise expire.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Proclamation No. 2 of 1963 made on the 8th day of May, 1963, do continue in force until the 15th day of August, 1963, unless sooner revoked.

Mr. d'Aguiar resumed and concluded his speech on the motion.

Suspension of Sitting

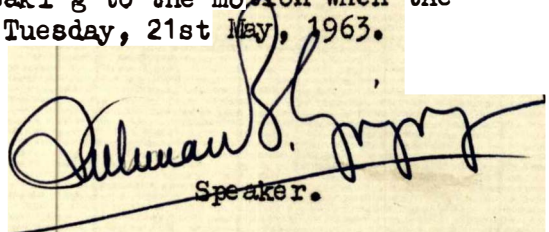
At 4.00 p.m. Mr. Carter was speaking to the motion when the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed and Mr. Carter concluded his speech.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Campbell was speaking to the motion when the sitting was adjourned to 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st May, 1963.



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

21st May, 1963.