

SECOND SESSION

1962 - 1963

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 14th 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

TUESDAY, 15TH 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, Deput Speaker.
Mr. J. Carter, Q.C.
Mr. E.F. Correia
Mr. W.A. Blair
Mr. J.G. Joaquin
Mr. R.J. Jordan
Mr. C.A. Merriman
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton

(ii) United Force

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

(iii) Independent

Mr. B.S. Rai

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. F.A. Narain (Ag.).

Absent:

Mr. N.J. Bissember - on leave.
Mr. R.S.S. Hugh - indisposed.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Hugh who was indisposed, and also to Mr. Bissember.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

Incorrect Statement by Minister of Finance

With the leave of the Speaker, Mr. Correia referred to the remarks made by the Minister of Finance on Friday, the 11th of January, 1963, during his reply to the motion for the second reading of the Appropriation Bill, 1962. He said that the statement concerning his relationship with the Fazenda Company, Limited was incorrect.

An apology was offered by the Minister of Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS - First Reading.

- (i) LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 1963.
(Bill No. 2/1963 (L.A.) published 12.1.63).

The Attorney-General, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISION FOR THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF VILLAGE COUNCILS FOR 1963 AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

- (ii) MARINERS' CLUB (GEORGETOWN)(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1963.
(Bill No. 1/1963 (L.A.) published 12.1.63).

The Minister of Communications, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MARINERS' CLUB (GEORGETOWN) ORDINANCE.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Committee of Supply

Item 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1962 - Bill No. 30/1962 (L.A.)

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

In Committee of Supply

DRAFT ESTIMATES, 1963

HEAD	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. GOVERNOR	was passed as printed at .. \$ 100
2. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.	
The Minister of Finance moved the following printing correction which was adopted:	
Subhead 1(1). Secretary to the Office of Governor.	
Substitution of the Salary Scale F12 for F8.	
The Head was then passed as printed at .. \$ 54,857	
3. VOLUNTEER FORCE.	
The Minister of Finance moved the following printing corrections which were adopted:	
Subhead 1(1). Staff Officer and Adjutant -	
Substitution of the Salary Scale F15 for F17.	
Subhead 1(3). Clerk - Warrant Officer II -	
Substitution of the Salary Scale P8 for P7.	
Subhead 1(4). Motor Transport Warrant Officer -	
Substitution of the Salary Scale P8 for P7.	
Subhead 1(5). Orderly Room Clerk -	
Substitution of the Salary Scale P8 for P7.	
Subhead 1(6). Armour -	
Substitution of the Salary Scale P8 for P10.	
Subhead 1(8). Driver Mechanic -	
Substitution of the Salary Scale P9 for P10.	
Subhead 1(9). Caretaker Drill Hall -	
Substitution of the Salary Scale P12 for P11.	
Subhead 1(10). Arms Cleaners -	
Substitution of 1 on P9 for 1 on P10 and 2 on P10 for 2 on P11.	
Subhead 1(11). Range Warden -	
Substitution of the Salary Scale P12 for P11.	
The Head was then passed as printed at .. \$101,482	
4. DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS -	
was passed as printed at .. \$ 84,000	

HEAD

AMOUNT

5. ARMY.

Consideration of this Head was deferred to enable the Premier to furnish details of the expenditure.

6. SUPREME COURT AND DEEDS REGISTRY.

The Minister of Finance moved the following printing corrections which were adopted:

Subhead 1(7). Deputy Registrar) Substitution of of Deeds) the Salary
Subhead 1(24). Supernumerary Deputy Registrar of Deeds		
Subhead 1(23). Supernumerary	Conveyancing Officer - Substitution of the Salary Scale A13 for F13.	

The Head was then passed as printed at .. \$382,338

7. MAGISTRATES.

The Minister of Finance moved the following printing correction which was adopted:

Subhead 1(8). Substitution of 3 Departmental Clerks - Class II, for 3 Interpreter Clerks.

The Head was then passed as printed at .. \$468,605

8. LEGISLATURE.

This Head was under consideration when the tea interval was reached.

Assembly resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

At 4.04 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

In Committee of Supply

Consideration of HEAD 8. LEGISLATURE was resumed.

A motion by Mr. Burnham for the reduction of subhead 6. Remuneration of Ministerial Private Secretaries, by \$10,584, was negatived on the following division:

HEAD

AMOUNT

FOR	AGAINST
Mr. Melville	Mr. Shakoor
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Lall
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Jagan
Mr. d'Aguiar	Mr. Hamid
Mr. Wharton	Mr. Downer
Mr. Merriman	Mr. Caldeira
Mr. Jordan	Mr. Bhagwan
Mr. Joaquin	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Blair	Mr. Saffee
Mr. Correia	Mr. Mann
Mr. Kendall	Mr. Bowman
Mr. Burnham	Mr. Wilson
	Dr. Ramsahoye
	Dr. Jacob
	Mr. Chandisingh
	Mr. Ram Karran
	Mr. Benn
	Dr. Jagan

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The Head was then passed as printed at .. \$ 66,999

9. OFFICE OF THE PREMIER AND MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

The Minister of Finance moved the following printing corrections which were adopted:

- Subhead 1(2). Assistant Secretary -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A2 for F7.
- Subhead 1(9). Substitution of Principal Assistant Secretary and Secretary to the Council of Ministers for Principal Assistant Secretary and Assistant Secretary to the Council of Ministers.
- Subhead 1(15). Economist -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A4 for A3.
- Subhead 1(18). Statisticians/Statistical Officers -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A4/A19 for A3/A12.
- Subhead 1(21). Inspecting Officer -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A4 for A3.

NOTES. Substitution of the figure 4 for 7(a) in the note to (a).

The Head was then passed as printed at .. \$371,730

10. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND LANDS.

The Minister of Finance moved the following printing correction which was adopted:

- Subhead 1(10). Senior Personnel Officer -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A7 for A3.

The Head was then passed as printed at .. \$349,252

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AMOUNT

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

The Minister of Finance moved the following printing corrections which were adopted:

- Subhead 1(12). Curator, Botanic Gardens -
Substitution of the Salary
Scale A8 for A5.
- Subhead 1(23). Captain En ineers -
Insertion of the Salary Scale
B10.
- Subhead 1(24). Gardens' Supervisor -
Insertion of the Salary Scale
B4.
- Subhead 1(25). Engineer -
Insertion of the Salary Scale
C3.
- Subhead 1(26). Messengers -
Insertion of the Salary Scale
C4.
- Subhead 1(27). Boathands
Insertion of the Salary Scale
C4.
- Subhead 1(28). Supernumerary Constables -
Insertion of the Salary Scale
C6.

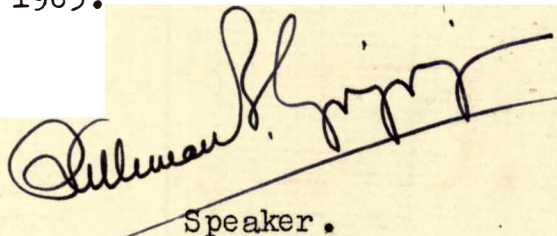
A motion by Mr. Blair for the reduction of subhead 21 - Farm Youth Training in the U.S.A., by \$2,999 was negatived.

The Head was then passed as printed at ... \$2,045,850

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.28 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 16th of January, 1963.



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

16th January, 1963.