

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 16th 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

THURSDAY, 17TH 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. E.F. Correia
Mr. N.J. Bissember
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

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

Absent:

Mr. J. Carter, Q.C. - on leave.
 Mr. R.S.S. Hugh - on leave.
 Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKERLeave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Carter for the period 17th to 22nd January, and to Mr. Hugh for that sitting.

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 resume consideration of the Draft Estimates for 1963.

In Committee of Supply

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16. MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HYDRAULICS -
 ANNUALLY RECURRENT.

Consideration of this Head was resumed.

The following further printing corrections were adopted:

The subhead numbers 32 and 33 were substituted for 31 and 32 in the NOTES.

The Head was then passed as printed at \$5,643,780

17. MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HYDRAULICS -
 NON-RECURRENT .. was passed as printed at \$ 200,000

18. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

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

Subhead 1(1) - Permanent Secretary -
 Substitution of the
 Salary Scale F7 for F1.

The Head was then passed as printed at \$ 309,297

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19. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

Subhead 1(3) - District Commissioner -
Substitutio of the Salary
Scale A1 for A12.

This Head was under consideration when, on a motion by Mr. Burnham, Head 18 was recommitted.

18. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

A motion by Mr. Burnham for the reduction of this Head by \$45,000, by the deletion of subhead 6 - Expenses: General Emergency .. \$45,000, was negatived on the following division:

FOR	<u>AGAINST</u>
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. Bissember	Mr. Mann
Mr. Correia	Mr. Bowman
Mr. Kendall	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Burnham	Dr. Ramsahoye
	Dr. Jacob
	Mr. Chandisingh
	Mr. Ram Karran
	Mr. Benn

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The Head was then passed as printed at \$ 309,297

19. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ...
was passed a printed at \$ 374,600

20. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - INTERIOR.

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

Subhead 1(2) - District Commissioner -
Substitution of the Salary
Scale A1 for A12.

Subhead 1(5) - District Field Officers -
Substitution of the Salary
Scale A21 for A20.

Subhead 1(4) - Substitution of Departmental
Clerks - Class III, for
Office Assistants.

The Head was then passed as printed at \$ 256,146

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21. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE.

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

- Subhead 1(7) - Deputy Superintendents -
Substitution of the Salary
Scale P1 for A12.
- Subhead 1(8) - Assistant Superintendents
and Cadet Officers -
Insertion of the Salary
Scale P1 and substitution
of the Salary Scale P4
for A12.
- Subhead 1(10) - Quartermaster -
Substitution of the Salary
Scale P1a for P1.
- Subhead 1(11) - Traffic and Transport Officer -
Substitution of the Salary
Scale A6 for A4.
- Subhead 1(13) - Assistant Bandmaster -
Substitution of the Salary
Scale P1a for P1.
- Subhead 1(14) - Communications Officer -
Substitution of the Salary
Scale P1a for P1.
- Subhead 1(20) - Sergeants -
and (23) Substitution of the Salary
Scale P8 for B3.
- Subhead 1(21) - Corporals -
and (23) Substitution of the Salary
Scale P9 for B6.
- Subhead 1(22) - Constables -
and (23) Substitution of the Salary
Scale P11 for B7.

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

Assembly resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

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

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.33 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

Newspaper Report

With the leave of the Speaker, the Minister of Works and Hydraulics referred to a report in that day's issue of the 'Evening Post' on the discussions which took place earlier on the Head - Ministry of Works and Hydraulics. He stated that the report contained only the remarks made by Mr. d'Aguiar and not those made by him.

His Honour the Speaker expressed the hope that the Minister's remarks would be included in the next issue of the newspaper.

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

Consideration of the Estimates for 1963 was resumed.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD	<u>AMOUNT</u>
21. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - POLICE .. was passed as printed at	\$4,351,287
22. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRISONS. On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the following printing correction was adopted: Subhead 1(3) - Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Prisons - Substitution of the Salary Scale Pla for Pl. The Head was then passed as printed at	\$ 647,538
23. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - FIRE PREVENTION. On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the following printing corrections were adopted: Subhead 1(3) - Station Officers - Substitution of the Salary Scale Pla for Pl. Subhead 1(5) - Leading Fireman - and Substitution of the Salary 1(7) Scale P9 fo P7. The Head was then passed as printed at	\$ 682,277
24. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRINTERY. On a motion by the Attorney-General, the following printing corrections were adopted: Total, Other Charges - Substitution of \$494,700 for \$4,947,700. NOTES - Substitution of the following for the note to subhead 8: "Instalment of capital and interest payable in 1963 on equipment valued at \$92,242." The Head was then passed as printed at	\$ 567,174
25. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PROBATION SERVICE. On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the following printing correction was adopted: Subhead 1(2) - Senior Probation Officer- Substitution of the Salary Scale A19 for A14. The Head was then passed as printed at	\$ 103,472

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26. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - ESSEQUIBO BOYS' SCHOOL.

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

- Subhead 1(1) - Headmaster -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A14 for A7.
- Subhead 1(2) - Deputy Headmaster -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A19 for A12.
- Subhead 1(3) - Principal Teacher -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A25 for A14.
- Subhead 1(4) - Substitution of 1 Departmental Clerk - Class II on Salary Scale A25 for 1 Clerk A14.
- Subhead 1(5) - Assistant Teacher -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A31 for A17.
- Subhead 1(9) - Storekeeper -
Substitution of the Salary Scale B4 for B7.

The Head was then passed as printed at \$ 108,028

27. MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND HOUSING.

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

- Subhead 1(1) - Permanent Secretary -
Substitution of the Salary Scale F7 for F8.
- Subhead 1(2) - Principal Assistant Secretaries -
Substitution of the Salary Scale F12 for F13.
- Subhead 1(4) - Administrative Assistants -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A14 for A4.
- Subhead 1(8) - Personnel Officer -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A7 for A1 and re-designation as "Senior Personnel Officer".
- Subhead 1(10) - Senior Clerk -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A19 for A12.

The Head was then passed as printed at \$ 362,380

28. MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND HOUSING - MEDICAL.

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

- Subhead 1(34) - Senior County Public Health Officer -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A7 for A14.
- Subhead 1(37) - Nursing Supervisor -
Substitution of the Salary Scale A16 for A9.

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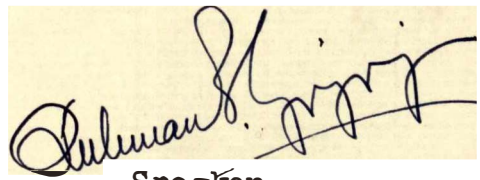
Subhead 1(43)(d) - Laboratory Technicians -
Substitution of the
Salary Scale A32 for A18.

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

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.30 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 1.30 p.m. on
Friday, the 18th of January, 1963.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a yellowish paper background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Dulman J. ...'.

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

18th January, 1963.