

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

1963 - 1964

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 38th 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, 2ND JUNE, 1964

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj.

(a) Members of the Government

(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. S.M. Saffee, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Lands.

(iii) Other Members

Mr. G.L. Robertson.
Mr. M. Bhagwan.
Mr. V. Downer.
Mr. M. Hamid, J.P.
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. Merriman.
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton.

(ii) United Force

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

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree (Ag.)
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. F.A. Narain (Ag.).

Absent

Mr. J.B. Caldeira - on leave.
Mr. S. Campbell.
Mr. E.E. Melville - on leave.
Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Caldeira for that sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

MOTION OF SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF MR. JAWAHARLAL NEHRU,
LATE PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

The Premier and Minister of Development and Planning moved the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Burnham and supported by Mr. d'Aguiar and His Honour the Speaker:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly expresses its deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives, the Government and the people of the Republic of India on the recent death of their Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.

Thereafter, the motion was put and unanimously carried with all Members standing as a mark of respect.

Item 1-MOTION TO CONTINUE IN FORCE PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

The Premier and Minister of Development and Planning moved the following motion:

WHEREAS on the 22nd day of May, 1964, Proclamation No. 3 of 1964 was made by the Governor and published in the Gazette on the 22nd of May, 1964, declaring the existence of a state of public emergency for the purposes of article 14 of the Constitution of British Guiana:

AND WHEREAS the said Proclamation was laid before the Senate on the 25th of May, 1964, and before the Legislative Assembly on the 26th of May, 1964, in pursuance of the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) of the said article:

AND WHEREAS the said Proclamation shall, unless sooner revoked by the Governor, cease to be in force at the expiration of fourteen days beginning on the 22nd day of May, 1964, in terms of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (3) of the said article unless the Legislature resolves that it shall continue in force for a further period not exceeding three months beginning on the date on which it would otherwise expire.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Proclamation No. 3 of 1964 made by the Governor on the 22nd day of May, 1964, and published in the Gazette on the 22nd of May, 1964, declaring the existence of a state of public emergency for the purposes of article 14 of the Constitution of British Guiana, do continue in force until the 4th day of September, 1964, unless sooner revoked.

Mr. Bissember was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Suspension of Sitting.

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

Resumption of Sitting.

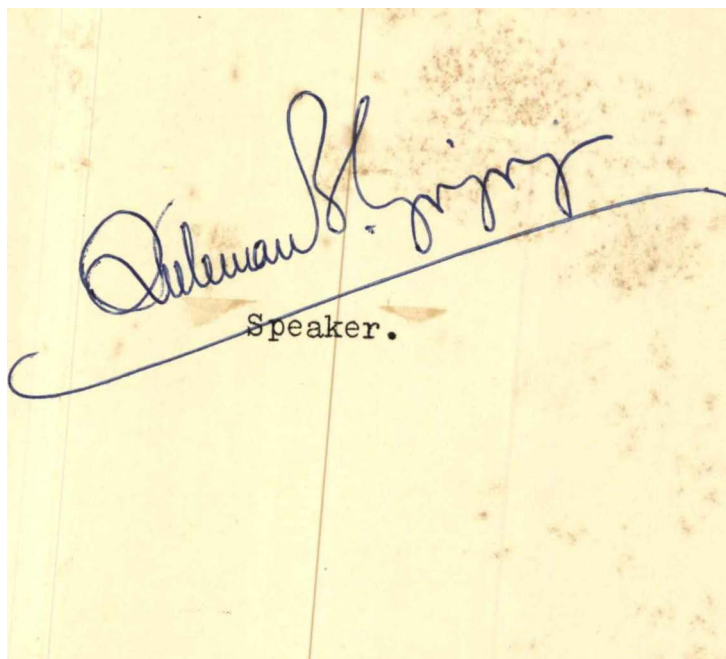
At 4.33 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Bissember concluded his speech.

Mr. Cheeks and Dr. Ramsahoye spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.18 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 3rd of June, 1964.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in blue ink on aged, yellowed paper. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Suleman H. ...'. Below the signature, the word 'Speaker.' is printed in a simple, sans-serif font. A long, thin horizontal line is drawn across the page, passing through the signature and the printed name.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

3rd June, 1964.