

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

1963 - 1964

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 39th 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

WEDNESDAY, 3RD 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. 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. W.A. Blair  
Mr. S. Campbell  
Mr. E.E. Melville - on leave.  
Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Bill from Senate

His Honour the Speaker stated that he had received a letter from the President of the Senate forwarding the following Bill:

GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1964  
(Bill No. 10/1964 (S): Date of publication 6.6.64).

The Bill was read the first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

Item 1 - MOTION TO CONTINUE IN FORCE PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

Assembly resumed the debate on 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. Burnham spoke to the motion.

Mr. d'Aguiar was speaking 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 4.34 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. d'Aguiar concluded his speech.

Dr. Jacob spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Premier and Minister of Development and Planning replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

Item 2 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS ORDER

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Legislature in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirms Order No. 16 of 1964 which was made on the 8th of May, 1964 and published in the Gazette on the 16th of May, 1964.

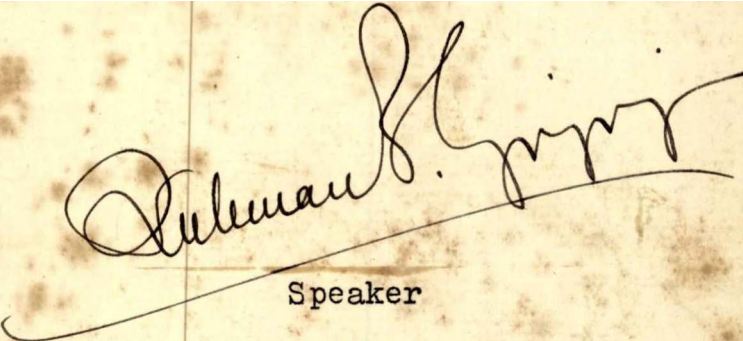
Item 4 - PHARMACY AND POISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1964 -  
Bill No. 17/1964 (L.A.)

At this stage it was agreed to consider item 4.

On a motion by the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE, 1956, was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.37 p.m. on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



Speaker

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

4th June, 1964.