

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

1963 - 1964

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 24th 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, 27TH JANUARY, 1964

PRESENT:

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall, Deputy Speaker - In the Chair.

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

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. 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. G.L. Robertson.
Mr. M. Bhagwan.
Mr. J.B. Caldeira.
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. J. Carter, Q.C.
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. S. Campbell.
Mr. R.E. Cheeks.
Mr. E.E. Melville.

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

Absent

His Honour the Speaker - Mr. R.B. Gajraj - excused.
Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagan, Premier and
Minister of Development and Planning - on leave.
Mr. E.F. Correia.
Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Deputy Speaker announced that His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj, had asked to be excused from that sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

By the Minister of Finance:

(a) British Guiana Report on the Financial Position by K.C. Jacobs, Esq., C.B.E. - August, 1963.
(Col. No. 358)(Circulated).

(b) Statement by the Government of British Guiana on the Jacobs Report and on the Insolvency Allegation by the Secretary of State for the Colonies - Sessional Paper No. 1/1964.

(Circulated).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS - First Reading

DAVSON CENTENARY FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1964

(Bill No. 3/1964 (L.A.) published 25.1.64).

The Minister of Labour, Health and Housing, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
DAVSON CENTENARY FUND ORDINANCE.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Committee of Supply

Item 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1964 - Bill No. 38/1963(L.A.).

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

In Committee of Supply

SCHEDULE AND DRAFT ESTIMATES, 1964

HEAD

AMOUNT

42. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT ... \$2,098,248.

Consideration of this Head was resumed.

The following amendment moved by the
Minister of Finance at the last sitting
was carried:-

Insertion of the following new subhead:-

"49. Subsidy, Publications by
Guianese Authors ... \$3,000".

The Head was then increased by \$3,000 and
passed at

\$2,101,248

43. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT - SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS
AND MISCELLANEOUS.

At the request of the Minister of Finance,
the following printing corrections were
approved:

(i) Insertion of the figure "2" in
the column "Establishment 1964"
in subhead 38(12);

- (ii) Substitution of "\$90" for "\$10" in the column "Estimate 1964" in subhead 59(16);
- (iii) Substitution of "\$10" for "\$90" in the column "Estimate 1964" in subhead 59(17).

This Head was still under consideration when the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

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

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.42 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

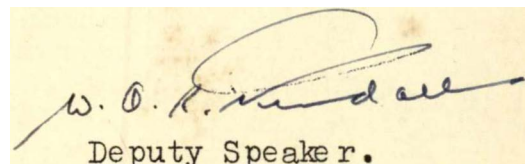
Consideration of Head 43 was resumed.

The Head was still under consideration when the time agreed for the adjournment of the sitting was reached:

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 28th of January, 1964.



W. O. R. ...
Deputy Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

28th January, 1964.