

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

1963 - 1964

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 25th 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, 28TH 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. 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. 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. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Offensive Odour

His Honour the Deputy Speaker referred to his remarks made before the adjournment of the previous sitting in which he had blamed the strangers in the Gallery for an offensive odour. As he had since learnt that the odour emanated from one of the drains of the Georgetown Town Council, His Honour apologised to the strangers for the remarks which he had made.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands:

The Electric Installation (Amendment) Regulations, 1964, which were made on the 15th January, 1964, by the Governor under paragraph (a) of the proviso to paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section 7 of the Electric Lighting Ordinance, Chapter 237, in accordance with Article 22 of the Constitution of British Guiana and by virtue and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf.

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Suspension of Sitting

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

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

HEAD

AMOUNT

In Committee of Supply

Consideration of Head 47 was resumed and the Head was passed as amended at ... \$ 100,413

48. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - POST OFFICE
was passed as printed at 1,775,549

49. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - POST OFFICE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRICAL
INSPECTION ... \$1,328,608.

At the request of the Minister of Finance, the following printing correction was approved to subhead 1 - Personal Emoluments, item (26):

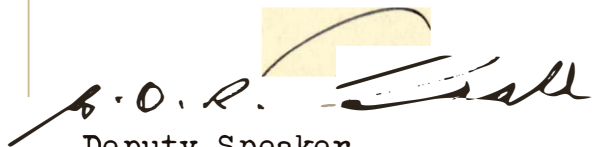
Insertion of the figure "1" in the column "Establishment 1963".

This 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 Wednesday, the 29th of January, 1964.


Deputy Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

29th January, 1964.