

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

1963 - 1964

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 27th 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

THURSDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1964

PRESENT:

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

(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. 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. Hall.
Mr. M. Shakoob.

(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. 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

Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagan, Premier and
Minister of Development and Planning - on leave.
Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

RETURN OF SPEAKER

His Honour the Speaker expressed his gratitude to Members of the Assembly for permitting him to be away on leave and also to the Deputy Speaker for performing the functions of the Speaker during his absence.

The Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands, on behalf of the Assembly, expressed happiness on the return of His Honour and extended to him sincere condolences on the death of his father.

Mr. Correia and Mr. Campbell also associated themselves with the remarks of the Minister.

His Honour thanked Members for their expression of sympathy and assured them that he was pleased to be back.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

Item 1 - MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATES, 1964

Assembly resumed consideration of the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly approves of the Estimates of Development Expenditure for the year 1964 which have been laid on the Table, totalling TWENTY MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND TWO DOLLARS as detailed by Heads in the undermentioned SCHEDULE and of the projects therein being financed from the Development Fund established under the Development Fund Ordinance, 1954.

SCHEDULE

Head No.	Head of Estimate	Estimate 1964
		\$
I.	Agriculture	769,211
II.	Civil Aviation	85,000
III.	Drainage and Irrigation	6,162,000
IV.	Education	840,000
V.	Industry and Credits	1,640,000
VI.	Geological Surveys	665,000
VII.	Health	379,820
VIII.	Housing	650,000
IX	Lands and Mines	75,000
X.	Land Development	1,799,000
XI.	Post Office	670,000
XII.	Public Works	5,210,002
XIII.	Transport and Harbours	1,183,000
XIV.	Miscellaneous	30,000
XV.	Rural Self Help	75,000
XVI.	Social Welfare	172,500
XVII.	Local Government	192,000
XVIII	Amerindian Development	102,669
	C/F.	20,700,202

Head No.	Head of Estimate		Estimate 1964
		B/F.	<u>\$20,700,202</u>
XIX.	Tourism		10,000
XX.	Electricity Development		
XXI.	Forests		20,100
XXII	Army		
			\$20,730,302

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Schedule and the Development Estimates, 1964.

In Committee of Supply

SCHEDULE AND DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATES, 1964

HEAD AMOUNT

II. CIVIL AVIATION ...\$85,000

The motion moved by Mr. Bissember and seconded by Mr. Merriman at the previous sitting, for the recommittal of this Head, was negated on the following division:-

FOR	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DID NOT VOTE</u>
Mr. Melville.	Mr. Shakoor.	Mr. Kendall.
Mr. Campbell.	Mr. Lall.	
Mr. Wharton.	Mr. Jagan.	
Mr. Merriman.	Mr. Hamid.	
Mr. Jordan.	Mr. Downer.	
Mr. Joaquin.	Mr. Caldeira.	
Mr. Hugh.	Mr. Bhagwan.	
Mr. Blair.	Mr. Robertson.	
Mr. Correia.	Mr. Saff e.	
	Mr. Mann.	
	Mr. Bowman.	
	Mr. Wilson.	
	Dr. Ramsahoye.	
	Dr. Jacob.	
	Mr. Chandisingh.	
	Mr. Ram Karran.	
	Mr. Benn.	

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IV. EDUCATION was passed as printed at ... \$ 840,000

V. INDUSTRY AND CREDITS was passed as printed at ... 1,640,000

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HEAD	<u>AMOUNT</u>
XV. RURAL SELF HELP was <u>passed</u> as printed at ... \$	75,000
XVI. SOCIAL WELFARE was <u>passed</u> as printed at ...	172,500
VII. HEALTH ...	\$379,820.

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

Assembly resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

At 4.03 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed with Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

VII. HEALTH

Consideration of this Head was resumed and the Head was passed as printed at. 379,82

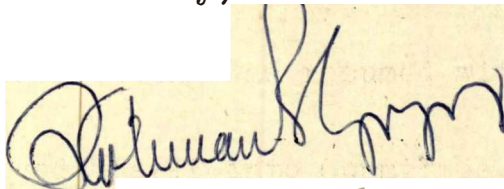
VIII. HOUSING ...\$650,000.

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 Thursday, the 6th of February, 4.



Speaker.



PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

31st January, 1964.