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ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1951,

AT 2 P.M.

PRAYERS

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Wednesday, 5th December, 1951.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS - As in the First Schedule.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES - As in the Second Schedule.

UNOFFICIAL NOTICES -

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Council to resume the debate on the following motion:-

That, this Council approves the Estimates of Expenditure for the service of the Civil Government of the Colony for the year ending 31st December, 1952, to be defrayed from the annual revenue of the year and other resources of the Colony and from loan funds.

2. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE, 193 .

3. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS DUTIES ORDINANCE, 1935.

4. Council to resume the debate on the following motion:-

That, this Council accepts in principle the proposed Federation of the British Caribbean Colonies and agrees to consider in a Committee of all the unofficial members of the Council the recommendations in the Closer Association Report.

M.P. C. 320 IV).

5. Council to resume the debate on the following motion:-

WHEREAS it is equitable that the worker should share in the profits of industry;

AND WHEREAS it is incumbent upon Government among its other functions to provide SOCIAL SECURITY by way of a system of monthly insurance benefits for the worker and his family when the wage-earner is old and stops work or if he dies;

AND WHEREAS in as much as there are in existence Unions capable of bargaining for the work with his employer there are thousands of employees who are as yet unorganised and whose sole protection is still Government;

BE IT RESOLVED that his Honourable Council recommends to Government the appointment of a SELECT COMMITTEE to examine the question of the institution of a Contributory Pension Scheme for the workers of this country and to make recommendations.

(M.P. 93/17/10).

6. Mr. Debidin to move the following motion:-

WHEREAS it is desirable that a contributory pension scheme be established for the whole Colony with universal application wherever there is the relationship of employer and employee;

AND WHEREAS the Colony is in need of money to finance certain development schemes which would result in a greater measure of prosperity to the Colony generally, e.g., making available through Local Banks or otherwise more money to more peasant farmers for more production of rice, cattle, milk, provision, etc., and for erection of houses;

AND WHEREAS if the aforesaid Colony-wide pension scheme be made a Government controlled undertaking, there would be a considerable revolving sum in the hands of Government which can be used as aforesaid;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Council, accepting the principle of the establishment of a colony-wide pension scheme, recommend to Government the appointment of a Select Committee of this Council to consider and report on -

- (a) the establishment and application of a colony-wide pension scheme;
- (b) the expediency and manner of Government controlling the same; and
- (c) the purpose or purposes to which funds in hand of the Government may be devoted in the interest of the development of the Colony.

(M.P. 93/17/10).

7. The Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO VALIDATE THE FILING OF RETURNS BY CERTAIN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES, AND FURTHER TO AMEND THE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1930, BY ENABLING THE REGISTRAR TO EXTEND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH RETURNS MAY BE FILED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES.

(M.P. 118/11 II).

8. The Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAYS WITH PAY FOR WORKERS IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS.

(M.P. 58/34).

9. The Attorney General to move the following motion:-

WHEREAS the Rent Restriction Ordinance, 1941, (No. 23 of 1941), came into operation on the 8th day of November, 1941;

AND WHEREAS section 16 of the said Ordinance, as amended by section 17 of the Rent Restriction (Amendment) Ordinance, 1947 (No. 13 of 1947), provides that the Ordinance shall continue in force up to and including the 31st day of December, 1951, but that, prior to the expiration thereof, the Legislative Council may, by Resolution published in the Gazette, declare that the said Ordinance shall continue in operation for a further period of one year;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Ordinance be continued in operation for a further period of one year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rent Restriction Ordinance, 1941, (No. 23 of 1941), shall continue in force for a further period of one year up to and including the 31st day of December, 1952.

(M.P. 186/11 IV).

- # 10. The Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN WORKERS.

(M.P. 56/53 II).

- # 11. Council to resume the debate on the second reading of the following Bill after the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill has been submitted:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) ORDINANCE.

(M.P. 85/5).

NOT TO BE PROCEEDED WITH AT THIS MEETING.

FIRST SCHEDULE

The Financial Secretary and Treasurer to lay on the table the following:-

- (a) Minutes of the Meeting of Finance Committee of the Legislative Council held on the 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th of December, 1951.
- (b) Report of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on the motion introduced by the Honourable the Financial Secretary and Treasurer on the 28th November, 1951, in connection with the 1952 draft Estimates.

SECOND SCHEDULE

The Colonial Secretary to give notice of the following motion:-

That, in accordance with the provisions of section 9(a) of the Co-operative Credit Banks (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 1948, (No. 22), this Council approves of that Ordinance being continued in force throughout the year 1952.

The Attorney General to give notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bills:-

- (a) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE TA ORDNANCE, 1939.
(M P. 66/24 II).
- (b) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING ORDINANCE.
(M.P. 66/24 II).