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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1955

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

READING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Thursday, 24th February,
1955.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS -

GOVERNMENT NOTICES -

BILLS

The Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines
to give notice of the introduction and first
reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND
THE DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION ORDINANCE, 1940.
(Bill No. 12/1955 published 26.2.55).

The Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and
Co-operative Development to give notice of the
introduction and first reading of the following
Bills:

- (i) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO
AMEND THE GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL ORDINANCE
WITH RESPECT TO THE PAYMENT OF A GRATUITY
WHERE AN OFFICER OR SERVANT DIES IN THE
SERVICE OF THE GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL.
(Bill No. 10/1955 published 26.2.55).
- (ii) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO
AMEND THE CRIMINAL LAW (OFFENCES)
ORDINANCE.
(Bill No. 11/1955 published 26.2.55).
- (iii) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO
AMEND THE GAMBLING PREVENTION ORDINANCE.
(Bill No. 13/1955 published 2.3.55).

UNOFFICIAL NOTICES -

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

ORDER OF THE DAY

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

QUESTIONS

1. Rev. Bobb to ask the Member for Communications and Works the following questions which were tabled on the 15th of October, 1954:
 - (i) Is there any truth in the allegation recently made by a Member of this Council and repeated in the Press that the U.S.A. Military Authorities had offered to construct at their expense a permanent road from the Air Base at Atkinson Field to Georgetown and that this offer was rejected by Government during the regime of Sir Gordon Lethem?
 - (ii) Will Government state the full facts regarding any arrangements which were made with the U.S.A. Military Authorities regarding the use of the public road between Atkinson and Georgetown for military purposes and for its maintenance, repair or reconstruction?
 - (iii) Will Government state why reconstruction of this important public road was not undertaken when Atkinson Field became the Colony's Airport?
 - (iv) Has provision been made in the Development Programme for the reconstruction of this road and what is the estimated total cost?
 - (v) How many miles of this road have actually been permanently reconstructed and at what cost?
 - (vi) Is it the case that portions of reconstructed road are already showing signs of serious deterioration and what steps are being taken to remedy defective construction?
 - (vii) When is the reconstruction of the whole road expected to be completed?

2. Miss Collins to ask the Chief Secretary the following questions which were tabled on the 19th of November, 1954:
 - (i) Was there any sum of money left under the Will of the late Dr. R. Miller, retired Government Medical Officer, for Government to establish a scholarship or scholarships?
 - (ii) If so:
 - (a) How much was it?
 - (b) When was the amount paid to Government?

(c) What were the conditions laid down for the scholarship?

(iii) Have any scholarshi s been granted?

If any, when?

If none, why?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS

3. The Attorney General to m ve the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN O INANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (APPEALS) ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 8/1955 published 19.2.55).

(Notice was given on 22nd February, 1955).

4. The Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE MINING (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PAYMENT OF ROYALTY ON TIMBER CUT ON CONCESSIONS AND LEASES GRANTED UNDER THAT ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 9/1955 published 19.2.55).

(Notice was given on 22nd February, 1955).

5. The Chief Secretary to mo e the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE POUNDS ORDINANCE, WITH RESPECT TO THE PUBLICATION OF LISTS OF IMPOUNDED STRAYS.

(Bill No. 54/1954 published 27.11.54).

(Notice was given on 2nd December, 1954).

6. The Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE INDIAN LABOUR ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 28/1954 published 12.6.54).

(Notice was given on 17th June, 1954).

7. The Chief Secretary to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE TEACHERS PENSIONS ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE TEACHERS PENSION REGISTER.

(Bill No. 33/1954 published 26.6.54).

(Notice was given on 9th July, 1954).

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Not to be proceeded with at this meeting.

- # 8. The Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE POWER OF A COURT OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION TO IMPOSE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

(Bill No. 40/1954 published 17.7.54).
(Notice was given on 22nd July, 1954).

- # 9. The Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE PRISONS ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

(Bill No. 41/1954 published 17.7.54).
(Notice was given on 22nd July, 1954).

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTIONS

10. Mr. Carter to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the locally grown wood known as "Dalli" is being exported to a foreign country and no export duty is being collected thereon;

AND WHEREAS only the highest quality grade of Dalli logs which must be free from knots, splits, wanings, warps, flats and borer are acceptable in the export market as a consequence rejected logs involving thousands of cubic feet of this wood are allowed to rot and waste in the forest;

AND WHEREAS this Colony imports plywood on which import duty is collected and such plywood is manufactured from Dalli logs of this Colony;

AND WHEREAS the Colony's forests abound with Dalli and in quantities estimated to operate a plywood industry for at least forty (40) years;

AND WHEREAS the Colony's housing programme would absorb fully all of the plywood that could be manufactured locally from Dalli and other suitable Colony woods and the establishment of such an industry would create employment for many of the present unemployed:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends -

- (a) the appointment of a Select Committee comprising five members to investigate and report on the possibility of establishing a plywood industry in the Colony;

../(b)

Not to be proceeded with at this meeting.

- (b) the immediate imposition of an export tax on the wood known as "Dalli";
- (c) the imposition of an export tax on all forest products excluding firewood and charcoal;
- (d) that Rules be enacted under Section 18 of the Export of Timber Ordinance, 1937 (No. 1) to provide for the collection of export tax and inspection fees, etc. on forest products.

(Notice was given on 19th November, 1954).

11. Mr. Sugrim Singh to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends to Government the refund to the British Guiana Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha the sum of one hundred dollars paid in terms of the Tax Ordinance, 1939, for the Private Bill intituled An Ordinance to incorporate certain persons as trustees of the body known as the British Guiana Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha; to vest in such persons certain property; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

(Notice was given on 20th December, 1954).