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under the
British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council, 1961.

THIRD SESSION

1963 - 1964

ORDER PAPER

34TH SITTING

THURSDAY, 30TH APRIL, 1964

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

Private Bills

(i) By Mr. Mercinan:

On behalf of the Full Gospel Movement **Streams** of Power in British Guiana seeking permission to introduce in the Assembly the Private Bill intituled AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE FULL GOSPEL MOVEMENT STREAMS OF POWER IN BRITISH GUIANA AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

(ii) By Mr. Carter:

On behalf of the New Testament Church of God in British Guiana seeking permission to introduce in the Assembly the Private Bill intituled AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD IN BRITISH GUIANA AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

(i) By the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands:

(a) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Fish Market and Centre for the two years ended 31st December, 1961 and 31st December, 1962.

(M:201/21/3/3^{III})

(b) Triennial Report on Education Division - 1957-1960.

(No. 1/34/67)(Circulated)

(ii) By the Minister of Finance:

- (a) Report of the Executive Commissioner, Board of Commissioners of Currency, British Caribbean Territories (Eastern Group) for the year 1962.
(T. 27/54II)
- (b) Financial Paper No. 1/1964 - Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for January to April, 1964, totalling \$199,812.00.
(G. 4/64)(Circulated)
- (c) Financial Paper No. 2/1964 - Schedule of Additional Provision on the Development Estimates for January to April, 1964, totalling \$66,597.
(G. 7^B/64)(Circulated)

(iii) By the Attorney-General:

Report of the Administrators of the Patoir Trust Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1963.
(OR. 112)

(iv) By the Minister of Communications:

Government Wharves (Charges) Rules, 1964, made by the Governor on the 18th day of March, 1964.
(G. 699/47)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

QUESTION NO. 23

Mr. Hugh to ask the Minister of Communications the following question:

Question: Will Government state how many cases of loss of cash and stores have been discovered to have occurred within the various offices and departments of the Transport and Harbours Department during the period 6th April, 1963 to 8th July, 1963, and what action has been taken to date?

QUESTION NO. 24

Mr. Hugh to ask the Minister of Communications the following question:

Question: will Government state whether all cargo and goods carried by the services of the Transport and Harbours Department are accepted on a prepaid freight basis?

If the answer is in the negative, will Government state on what other conditions are cargo and goods accepted, carried and delivered?

QUESTION NO. 25

Mr. Hugh to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

Question: will Government name the categories of salaried Government employees and the respective departments of their employment who are in receipt of and/or entitled to overtime emoluments or allowances?

QUESTION NO. 26

Mr. Downer to ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, the following question:

Question: In view of the Secretary of State's reply to the House of Commons on January 27 that the British Government "normally pay our own way" when sending troops to help Commonwealth countries in maintaining internal security, would the Government say what amounts have been paid to the British Government between 1953 to January, 1964, by British Guiana and what steps are being taken, if any, to recover these amounts?

QUESTION NO. 27

Mr. Cheeks to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands the following question:

- question:
- (a) Was the post of General Manager of the Electricity Corporation advertised? If not, why not?
 - (b) Does Government propose to adopt the principle of Guianisation in filling this post?
 - (c) Is Government aware that the Chairman of the Electricity Corporation interferes with the day-to-day administration of the undertaking?

QUESTION NO. 28

Mr. Cheeks to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands the following question:

- Question: What is the present position as regards pupil accommodation at -
- (i) Saraswat Primary School
 - (ii) Zeeburg Secondary School?

QUESTION NO. 29

Mr. Burnham to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands the following question:

question: Did Government enter into any agreement with the Contractors as to wages and terms of employment of workers employed on the rural electrification project?

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS -

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) CASE PENSION BILL, 1964.
(Bill No. 12/1964(L.A.) published 11.4.64)
- (ii) WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1964.
(Bill No. 13/1964(L.A.) published 11.4.64)
- (iii) LIQUOR LICENCING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1964.
(Bill No. 14/1964(L.A.) published 11.4.64)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly recommends that registration of voters be conducted under a system of enumeration by house to house inquiry.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this Assembly recommends that all voters be issued with identity cards which should include photographs to be provided at the expense of the Government.

(Notice was given on 24th April, 1964).

BILLS - Second Reading

2. The Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO HIRE-PURCHASE AND SALE UPON CREDIT OF GOODS.

(Bill No. 5/1964(L.A.) published 15.2.64)
(Notice was given on 9th February, 1964).

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

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS.

(Bill No. 7/1964(L.A.) published 22.2.64)
(Notice was given on 26th February, 1964).

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

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 8/1964(L.A.) published 22.2.64)
(Notice was given on 6th February, 1964).

- * 5. The Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP OF VILLAGE COUNCILS.

(Bill No. 33/1963(S) published 9.11.63)

(Notice was given on 4th November, 1963).

6. The Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GEORGETOWN CULTURAL CENTRE ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 4/1964(S) published 29.2.64)

(Notice was given on 8th February, 1964).

7. The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 9/1964(L.A.) published 7.3.64)

(Notice was given on 14th March, 1964).

MOTIONS

8. The Minister of Communications to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Legislature in terms of Section 4 of the Government Wharves Ordinance, Chapter 263, approves of the Government Wharves (Charges) Rules, 1964 which were made by the Governor on the 18th of March, 1964.

(Notice was given on 3rd March, 1964).

9. The Minister of Communications to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Legislature, in terms of section 24(2) of the Transport and Harbours Ordinance, Chapter 261, approves of the increases in the tonnage and light dues specified in the third schedule to the Ordinance as follows:-

I. TONNAGE DUES -

(1) On a sailing vessel

(a) under 100 tons net register on every ton of the net register tonnage ... \$0 07½

Provided that tonnage dues shall not be levied on any one such sailing vessel more than 4 times in any one year.

(b) between 100 tons and 500 tons both inclusive net register, on every ton of the net register tonnage

(c) over 500 tons net register, on every ton of the net register tonnage of the vessel or of the cargo landed or taken on board, as the case may be ... 0 45

(2) On a steam vessel, on every ton of the net register tonnage of the vessel or of the cargo landed or taken on board, as the case may be ... 0 45

II. LIGHT DUES -

(1) On every coasting vessel of 10 tons burthen and upwards which enters the port of New Amsterdam from the sea, for every ton of the net register tonnage ... 0 03

(2) On every vessel (other than a coasting vessel or a vessel under 10 tons burthen) which enters any port of the Colony from the sea, for every ton of the register tonnage ... 0 07½

(Notice was given on 13rd April, 1964).

10. Mr. Jordan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of British Guiana for the year ended 31st December, 1961, reveals an alarmingly unsatisfactory state in the administration of the Colony's finances:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly recommends to Government the immediate appointment of an Independent Commission to hold a Public Enquiry into the administration of the Colony's finances.

(Notice was given on 1st August, 1963).