

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Constituted under the British Guiana  
(Constitution) (Temporary Provisions)  
Order in Council, 1953)

THURSDAY, 15TH JULY, 1954.

The Council met at 2 p.m., His Honour the Speaker, Sir Eustace Woolford, O.B.E., Q.C., in the Chair.

## PRESENT

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Eustace Gordon Woolford, O.B.E., Q.C.

### *Ex-Officio Members;—*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary,  
Mr. F. D. Jakeway, O.B.E. (acting).

The Hon. the Attorney-General,  
Mr. G. M. Farnum (acting).

The Hon. the Financial Secretary,  
Mr. W. O. Fraser, O.B.E.

### *Nominated Members of Executive Council :—*

The Hon. Sir Frank McDavid, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines).

The Hon. P. A. Cummings (Member for Labour, Health and Housing).

The Hon. W. O. R. Kendall (Member for Communications and Works).

The Hon. G. A. C. Farnum, O.B.E. (Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development).

The Hon. G. H. Smellie.

The Hon. R. B. Gajraj.

The Hon. R. C. Tello.

### *Nominated Officials :—*

Mr. W. T. Lord, I.S.O.

Mr. J. I. Ramphal.

### *Nominated Unofficials :—*

Mr. T. Lee.

Mr. W. A. Phang.

Mr. L. A. Luckhoo, Q.C.

Mr. C. A. Carter.

Mr. E. F. Correia.

Rev. D. C. J. Bobb.

Miss Gertrude H. Collins.

Mrs. Esther E. Dey

Dr. H. A. Fraser.

Lt. Col. E. J. Haywood, M.B.E., T.D.

Mr. R. B. Jailal.

### *Clerk of the Legislature—*

Mr. I. Crum Ewing.

### *Assistant Clerk of the Legislature—*

Mr. H. H. Tross (acting).

### *Absent :—*

Mr. W. J. Raatgever, C.B.E.  
(Deputy Speaker).

Mr. W. A. Macnie, C.M.G., O.B.E.  
—on leave.

Mr. H. Rahaman.

Mr. Sugrim Singh.

The Speaker read prayers.

## OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Francis Derek Jakeway, Chief Secretary (acting) took the oath as a Member of the Council, and was welcomed by the Speaker.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Friday, 9th July, 1954, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SPEAKER THANKS DEPUTY

Mr. Speaker: I do not see the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Raatgever, present, but even in his absence I would like to thank him for deputising in my absence.

I have also to announce that the hon. Member, Mr. Macnie, is unable to be present today.

## DOCUMENT LAID

The Financial Secretary laid on the table:

The minutes of the meetings of Finance Committee held on the 10th and 11th of June, 1954.

## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

AUXILIARY FIRE BRIGADE  
(AMENDMENT) BILL

The Chief Secretary gave notice of the introduction and first reading of a Bill intituled:

"An Ordinance to amend the Auxiliary Fire Brigade Ordinance, 1952."

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## CARTER PENSION BILL

The Chief Secretary: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled:

"An Ordinance to make special provision in regard to the Pension and Gratuity payable to Edward Arden Carter."

The Attorney-General seconded.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read the first time.

## TEACHERS PENSION (AMENDMENT) BILL

The Chief Secretary: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled:

"An Ordinance further to amend the Teachers Pension Ordinance with respect to the Teachers Pension Register."

The Attorney-General seconded.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read the first time.

HOUSE TO HOUSE AND PUBLIC  
COLLECTIONS (CONTROL) BILL

The Chief Secretary: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled:

"An Ordinance to regulate and control the collection of money or the sale of articles for charitable or other purposes from house to house in public places."

The Attorney-General seconded.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read the first time.

## EXPLOSIVES (AMENDMENT) BILL

The Chief Secretary: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled:

"An Ordinance to amend the Explosives Ordinance to regulate the sale, purchase and possession of explosives."

The Attorney-General seconded.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read the first time.

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT)  
BILL

The Attorney-General: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled:

“An Ordinance further to amend the Legal Practitioners Ordinance.”

The Chief Secretary seconded.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read the first time.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL

The Attorney-General: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled:

“An Ordinance further to amend the law with respect to the Administration of Criminal Justice, and otherwise to amend the Criminal Law.”

The Chief Secretary seconded.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read the first time.

CINEMATOGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL

Mr. Cummings (Member for Labour, Health and Housing): I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled:

“An Ordinance further to amend the Cinematograph Ordinance with respect to the granting of Licences.”

Sir, Frank McDavid seconded.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read the first time.

HOLIDAYS WITH PAY (AMENDMENT)  
BILL

Mr. Cummings: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled:

“An Ordinance to amend the Holidays with Pay Ordinance, 1952, with respect

to the procedure for making orders under Section Three thereof.”

Mr. Ramphal seconded.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read the first time.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT)  
BILL

Mr. Farnum (Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development): I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled:

“An Ordinance to amend the Co-operative Societies Ordinance, 1948, to provide for the minimum number of persons capable of registration.”

Mr. Gajraj seconded.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read the first time.

INDIAN LABOUR (AMENDMENT) BILL  
DEFERRED.

Mr. Farnum: I ask that the motion for the first reading of a Bill intituled:

“An Ordinance further to amend the Indian Labour Ordinance”

be deferred.

Council agreed, and the motion was deferred.

DIocese of Guiana Bill, 1954

Lt. Col. Haywood: I beg to move the second reading of the Bill intituled:

“An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Diocese of Guiana.”

The Bill now under consideration has the unanimous support of the Diocesan Synod of British Guiana and I therefore hope it will have the approval

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of this Council. I think that perhaps a few words of comment are desirable. I understand that clause 3 is legally necessary in order to make it clear that the Diocesan Synod of Guiana remains and will continue to function. Clause 4 (1), which deals with Trustees, is a requirement from the Bank in order that the Trustees may get over the difficulties they now encounter when they want to raise a loan or to get facilities from the Bank.

In clause 4 (5) it is stated for the first time how many Trustees form a quorum. There have been difficulties in the past because it has never been certain how many form a quorum.

Clause 4 (7) makes the necessary provision for the urgent business of the Diocese to be carried on during the temporary absence of the Bishop, either from the Colony itself, or from the City — for example when he is in the Rupununi District. From paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-clause (7) it may appear that the Vicar General is someone entirely different from the Administrator of the Diocese. Actually it is the same job, but the title varies according to circumstances.

Clauses 6 and 7, like clause 3, are necessary for the sake of continuity. Clause 8 provides for a common seal for the Trustees, and seeks to make clear, for the first time, just when the common seal shall be used. Up to the present there have been different interpretations of the existing Ordinance in that respect.

I formally move that the Bill be read a second time.

**Mr. Ramphal** seconded.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clause 4(1).—*Trustees.*

**Lt. Col. Haywood:** I move that the figure "5" be substituted for the word "five" in the third line of clause 4 (1).

Agreed to.

Clause 4, as amended, put and agreed to.

Council resumed.

**Lt. Col. Haywood:** I move that the Bill be now read a third time and passed.

**Mr. Correia** seconded.

**Mr. Speaker:** There has been one amendment in Committee but I am prepared to allow the Bill to be read a third time today.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Council was adjourned until Thursday, 22nd July, at 2 p.m.