

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Fourth Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana at its Fourth Session, 1951, held at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara, on

FRIDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1951,

AT 2 P.M.

PRESENT:

The President, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Campbell Woolley, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C.  
The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. Gutch, O.B.E.  
" " the Acting Attorney General, Mr. A.C. Brazao  
" " the Acting Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W.C. Fraser  
" " C.V. Wight, C.B.E. (Western Essequibo)  
" " Dr. J.B. Singh, C.B.E. (Demerara-Essequibo)  
" " Dr. J.A. Nicholson (Georgetown North)  
" " T. Lee (Essequibo River)  
" " W.J. Raatgever (Nominated)  
" " V. Roth, O.B.E. (Nominated)  
" " T.T. Thompson (Nominated)  
" " G.A.C. Farnum, O.B.E. (Nominated)  
" " J.F. Coghlan (Demerara River)  
" " D.F. Debidin (Eastern Demerara)  
" " J. Fernandes (Georgetown Central)  
" " Dr. G.M. Gonsalves (Eastern Berbice)  
" " W.O.R. Kendall (New Amsterdam)  
" " A.T. Peters (Western Berbice)  
" " W.A. Phang (North Western District)  
" " J. Carter (Georgetown North)  
" " L.A. Luckhoo (Nominated)  
" " E.B. Gajraj (Nominated).

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 25th of October, 1951, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following documents:-

- ✓ (a) The Report of the Director-General of Colonial Audit on the Accounts of British Guiana for the year ended the 31st of December, 1949, together with the Governor's comments thereon. (Legislative Council No. 2/1951). (M.P. 7/13/1 VI).
- ✓ (b) An account of the Ceremonies at the Opening of the New Chamber of the House of Commons 1950. (M.P. 350/1).
- (c) The Report of the Commissioner of Police for the year 1950. (M.P. 77/4 IV).

UNOFFICIAL NOTICES

Mr. Fernandes gave notice the following motion:-

WHEREAS there is considerable increase in the production of rice in the area between the Demerara and Berbice Rivers;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council recommend to Government the early increase in the number of Lorry Licences issued in this area.

Mr. Luckhoo gave notice of the following motion:-

WHEREAS there is widespread dissatisfaction among rice farmers relative to the mode of payment for their rice through the manufacturers;

AND WHEREAS there is the need for the setting up of buying depots for the purchase of rice;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council recommends to Government that the British Guiana Rice Marketing Board Ordinance be amended to provide for -

- (a) payment by the Board for rice purchased to be made directly to the rice farmer of such sum as may be properly due to him;
- (b) the setting up of buying depots at such convenient points in the three counties where rice may be graded and purchased by the Board.

Dr. Nicholson gave notice of 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.

ORDER OF THE DAY

CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1951

With Council's consent the Colonial Secretary moved and the Financial Secretary and Treasurer seconded the following motion which was adopted:-

That, this Council approves the draft Crown Lands (Amendment) Regulations, 1951, which have been laid.

BILLS - First Reading

On motions by the Attorney General seconded by Mr. Wight, the following Bills were read the first time:-

✓ (a) CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT No. 3) BILL, 1951

A BILL INTITULED AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AND THE CUSTOMS DUTIES ORDINANCE, 1935.

(M.P. 27/15/10 II).

(b) STATUS OF ALIENS BILL, 1951

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BY ALIENS.  
(M.P. S. 83/5 II).

(c) LABOUR (CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN WORKERS) BILL, 1951

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN WORKERS.  
(M.P. 56/53 II).

(d) TEACHERS PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1951

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE TEACHERS PENSIONS ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE RATE OF PENSION AND THE TEACHERS PENSION REGISTER.  
(M. . 35/14/24/1 III).

(e) CONSTABULARY (AMENDMENT No. 2) BILL, 1951

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE CONSTABULARY ORDINANCE.  
(M. . 136/6 II).

(f) ANTIBIOTICS BILL, 1951

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE IMPORTATION, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, SALE AND USE OF ANTIBIOTICS.  
(M. . 71/3/10).

(g) SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) AMENDMENT) BILL, 1951

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) ORDINANCE.  
(M. . 85/5).

(h) DOGS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1951

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DOGS ORDINANCE, 1950.  
(M.P. 60/3/3 III).

CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT No. 3) BILL, 1951 - Second Reading

With Council's consent and on a motion by the Attorney General seconded by Mr. Wight, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS DUTIES ORDINANCE, 1935, was read the second time. Council then resolved into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 - were passed as printed.

Clause 4 - further consideration of this clause was deferred to enable the Attorney General to consider a suggestion for extending the

the provisions to include all types of lamps, other than electric, for domestic use.

Clause 5 - was deferred to enable the Attorney General to consider Mr. Fernandes' proposal for amending the Fourth Schedule to include all materials for use in the manufacture of candles, soap, edible oil and margarine.

Further consideration was deferred.  
Council resumed.

### STATUS OF ALIENS BILL, 1951

With Council's consent and on motions by the Attorney General seconded by Mr. Wight the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BY ALIENS was read the second time, and thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as amended in Committee:-

In Committee

Clause 1 - passed as printed.

Title and Enacting Clause - passed as printed.

Clause 2 - Paragraph (c) - was amended by the substitution of the word "eighth" for the word "second" in the fifth line.

Paragraph (d) - Committee considered a motion by Mr. Debidin for deletion of this paragraph and after discussion the Chairman put to the Committee that paragraph (d) as printed should stand. Council then divided and voted as follows:-

#### Against

Mr. Gajraj  
Mr. Luckhoo  
Mr. Carter  
Mr. Phang  
Mr. Peters  
Mr. Kondall  
Mr. Fernandes  
Mr. Coghlan  
Mr. Farnum  
Mr. Thompson  
Mr. Raatgever  
Mr. Lee  
Dr. Nicholson  
Dr. Singh  
The Financial Secretary  
and Treasurer  
The Attorney General  
The Colonial Secretary

Mr. Debidin  
Mr. Wight

New Clause 3

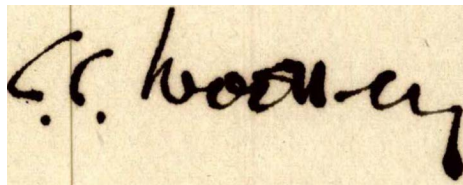
On a motion by the Attorney General the following new Clause 3 was inserted:-

"Commencement of Ordinance. 3. This Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into operation on the fifteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-nine."

ADJOURNMENT

The President adjourned Council to 2 p.m. on Thursday, the 1st of November, 1951.

Confirmed



C. C. Hooley

President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
Public Buildings,  
British Guiana.

1st November, 1951.