

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Fourth Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana at its Fourth Session, 1951-1952, held at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara, on

THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1952,

AT 2 P.M.

PRESENT:

The Deputy President, The Honorable C.V. Wight, C.B.E.  
(in the Chair)  
The Honourable the Colonial Secretary;  
Mr. J. Gutch, C.M.G., O.B.E.  
" " the Attorney General, Mr. F.W. Holder, Q.C.  
" " the Financial Secretary and Treasurer,  
Mr. E.F. McDavid, C.M.G., C.B.E.  
" " Dr. J.A. Nicholson (Georgetown North)  
" " V. Roth, O.B.E. (Nominated)  
" " G.A.C. Farnum, O.B.E. (Nominated)  
" " J.F. Coghlan (Demerara River)  
" " J. Fernandes (Georgetown Central)  
" " Dr. C. Jagan (Central Demerara)  
" " A.T. Peters (Western Berbice)  
" " G.H. Smellie (Nominated)  
" " J. Carter (Georgetown South)  
" " F.E. Morrish (Nominated).

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 1st of August, 1952, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following:-

- ✓ The Report of the Post Office Savings Bank for the year 1951.  
(M.P. 94/18/4 III).

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

The Attorney General gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bills and of his intention at a later stage to move the suspension of the relevant Standing Rule and Order to enable him to proceed with the first reading of the Bills:-

- (a) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE, 1939.  
(M.P. 166/1/1).
- (b) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING ORDINANCE.  
(M.P. 55/12 II).

- (c) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING ORDINANCE, 1932, WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCEDURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT, RENEWAL OR TRANSFER OF LICENCES IN CERTAIN AREAS.  
(M.P. 55/12 II).
- (d) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE LICENSED PREMISES ORDINANCE, 1944.  
(M.P. 55/12 II).
- (e) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE SPIRITS ORDINANCE.  
(M.P. 55/12 II).
- (f) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE MUSIC AND DANCING LICENCES ORDINANCE.  
(M.P. 55/12 II).
- (g) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE SHOPS ORDINANCE, 1944.  
(M.P. 55/12 II).
- (h) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF CLUBS, AND THE CONTROL OF THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR THEREIN.  
(M.P. 55/12 II).
- (i) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE, 1939.  
(M.P. 55/12 II).
- (j) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE AGREEMENT SIGNED ON THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 1941, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RELATING TO THE BASES LEASED TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CERTAIN TERRITORIES INCLUDING THE COLONY OF BRITISH GUIANA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BASES IN THE COLONY.

DEATH OF DR. H.P. FERNANDES, HEALTH OFFICER (TUBERCULOSIS)

With Council's consent . Fernandes moved and Mr. Carter seconded the following motion which was unanimously adopted:-

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council records with profound regret the death of Dr. Harold Fernandes, Tuberculosis Officer and directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his widow and relatives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council places on record its deep appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by Dr. Fernandes in connection with Tuberculosis in this Colony.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS

Dr. Jagan asked the Colonial Secretary the following question:-

Will Government state for the years 1945 to 1951 inclusive the following, giving figures for different countries separately:-

- (a) The non-sterling currency earned from the export of products from British Guiana.
- (b) The value of imports from non-sterling areas into British Guiana.

With Council's consent, the following reply by the Colonial Secretary which was printed and laid was taken as read:-

The total value of domestic exports from British Guiana to non-sterling countries during the period in question was \$144,231,607.

The total value of imports from non-sterling areas into British Guiana during the same period was \$147,349,342.

The figures for the different countries are shown separately in the attached schedules "A" and "B"

(H. P. S. 341/1 XI.)

BRITISH GUIANA FILM SOCIETY (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 1952

At the request of the Attorney General, the second reading of this Bill was deferred.

MR. LEE'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION  
46 of the LANDLORD AND TENANT ORDINANCE, 1947  
No. 26 of 1947 TO ENABLE PERSONS ON BEING DISPOSSESSED  
OF THEIR HOLDINGS AS TENANTS TO SECURE DAMAGES AND COM-  
PENSATION FOR COCONU TREES, CITRUS TREES AND PERMANENT  
CROPS

Consideration of this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

BILLS

Standing Rules and Orders were suspended to enable the Attorney General to proceed with the first reading of the Bills listed in the Schedule to the Order Paper.

TAX (AMENDMENT NO. 2 ) BILL, 1952

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by Dr. Nicholson the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE, 1939, was read the first time.

(M.P. 166/1 '1).

† INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1952

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by Dr. Nicholson the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING ORDINANCE was read the first time.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (MINERAL AND FOREST AREA AMENDMENT) BILL 1952

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by Dr. Nicholson the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING ORDINANCE, 1932, WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCEDURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT, RENEWAL OR TRANSFER OF LICENCE IN CERTAIN AREAS was read the first time.

† LICENSED PREMISES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1952

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by Dr. Nicholson the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE LICENSED PREMISES ORDINANCE, 1944, was read the first time.

† SPIRITS (AMENDMENT No. 2) BILL 1952

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by Dr. Nicholson the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE SPIRITS ORDINANCE was read the first time.

† MUSIC AND DANCING LICENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1952

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by Dr. Nicholson the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE MUSIC AND DANCING LICENCES ORDINANCE was read the first time.

† SHOPS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1952

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by Dr. Nicholson the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE SHOPS ORDINANCE, 1944, was read the first time.

† REGISTRATION OF CLUBS BILL, 1952

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by Dr. Nicholson the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF CLUBS, AND THE CONTROL OF THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR THEREIN was read the first time.

TAX (AMENDMENT No. 3) BILL, 1952

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by Dr. Nicholson the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE, 1939, was read the first time.

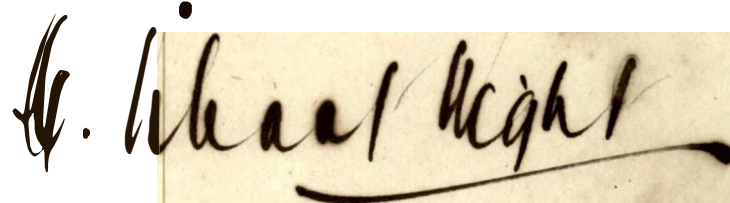
UNITED STATES BASES (AGREEMENT) BILL 1952

On a motion by the Attorne General seconded by Dr. Nicholson the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE AGREEMENT SIGNED ON THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 1941, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RELATING TO THE BASES LEASED TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CERTAIN TERRITORIES INCLUDING THE COLON OF BRITISH GUIANA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS ARI ING OUT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BASES IN THE COLONY was read the first time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Deputy President adjourned Council to 2 p.m. on Thursday, the 14th of August, 1952.

Confirmed,

  
Deputy  
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
Public Buildings,  
British Guiana.  
14th August, 1952.