

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, 10TH JANUARY, 1952,

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, C.M.G., O.B.E.  
" " the Acting Attorney General, Mr. A. C. Brazao  
" " the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. F. McDavid, C.M.G., C.B.E.  
" " Dr. J. B. Singh, M.B.E. (Demerara-Essequibo)  
" " Dr. J. A. Nicholson (Georgetown North)  
" " T. Lee (Essequibo River)  
" " W. J. Raatgever (Nominated)  
" " V. Roth, O.B.E. (Nominated)  
" " C. P. Ferreira (Berbice River)  
" " T. T. Thompson (Nominated)  
" " D. P. Debidin (Eastern Demerara)  
" " J. Fernandes (Georgetown Central)  
" " Dr. G. M. Gonsalves (Eastern Berbice)  
" " Dr. C. Jagan (Central Demerara)  
" " W. O. R. Kendall (Jew Amsterdam)  
" " A. E. Peters (Western Berbice)  
" " W. A. Phang (North Western District)  
" " G. E. Smellie (Nominated)  
" " J. Carter (Georgetown South)  
" " L. L. Luckhoo (Nominated)  
" " W. A. Macnie, C.M.G., O.B.E. (Nominated).

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, the 9th of January, 1952, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

The Colonial Secretary table the following:-

- ✓ The Report of the Commissioners of Currency for the year 1950. (M.P. 124/4 III).

The Financial Secretary and Treasurer laid on the table the following:-

Supplementary Estimate for the quarter ending 30th September, 1951.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

The Financial Secretary and Treasurer gave notice of the following motion:-

That, this Council approves the Supplementary Estimate for the quarter ending 30th September, 1951, which has been laid on the table.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 1952

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, His Excellency, in referring to the time already spent in considering the draft Estimates for 1952, pointed out that there was an accumulation of other important matters awaiting consideration and proposed that Council might sit until 6 p.m. that day and the following day with a view to concluding consideration of the Estimates this week.

As the late sitting for that day was not convenient to certain members, it was agreed to adjourn at the usual hour but to sit until 6 p.m. the following day.

ORDER OF THE DAY

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1952 -  
First Reading

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the following Bill was read the first time:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTIONS) ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

(L.P. 262/1/8/3).

BUDGET 1952

That, this Council approves the Estimates of Expenditure for the service of the Civil Government of the Colony for the year ending 31st December, 1952, to be defrayed from the annual revenue of the year and other resources of the Colony and from loan funds.

Committee

VIIB. COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER  
- passed as printed at ... \$19,796.

VIIC. COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE -  
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION

New sub-head inserted under  
Extraordinary  
9. Pension Contribution,  
Senior Air Traffic  
Control Officer - \$732

Total of Head \$68,492 as printed  
increased by \$732 to \$69,224.

VIII. CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT -  
DEPARTMENT OF

- passed as printed at ... \$42,924.

IX. CUSTOMS - passed as printed at ... \$218,889.

X. EDUCATION - EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
XA. EDUCATION - SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

New sub-head inserted under -

XA. Education - Schools, Institutions  
and Miscellaneous  
Miscellaneous

38. Grant to St. Stanislas College - \$5,000

with a consequential renumbering of the following sub-heads.

Total of Head \$2,792,164 as printed  
increased by \$5,000 to \$2,797,164.

A motion by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer for placing the post of Principal of the Technical Institute on the permanent and pensionable establishment was adopted.

XB. EDUCATION - QUEEN'S COLLEGE  
- passed as printed at ... \$115,982.

XC. EDUCATION - BISHOPS' HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS  
- passed as printed at ... \$69,651.

XI. ESSEQUIBO BOYS' SCHOOL  
- passed ... \$71,118.

XII. FIRE PROTECTION -

Georgetown

New sub-heads inserted under -

Extraordinary

14. Purchase of hose - \$10,000

15. Purchase of New  
Fire Boat \$25,000

with a consequential renumbering of the following sub-heads.

Total of Head \$198,004 as printed  
increased by \$35,000 to \$233,004.

XIII. FOREST DEPARTMENT - passed as printed at \$159,673.

XIV. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY - passed as printed at \$48,653

XV. INTERIOR DEPARTMENT - passed as printed at \$108,047.

XVI. LABOUR DEPARTMENT - passed as printed at \$75,015.

XVII. LANDS AND MINES DEPARTMENT  
passed as printed t \$205,299.

XVIII. LAW OFFICERS - passed as printed at \$ 41,834.

XIX. LOCAL GOVERNMENT-passed as p rinted at \$385,909.

XIXA, LOCAL GOVERNMENT - SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANISATION -

Social Welfare

Sub-item 1f. Duty allowances - \$1,570  
increase by \$360 and passe at \$1,930.

New sub-item  
g. Supernumerary District  
Officer - \$1,200

inserted.

New sub-head inserted under  
Extraordinary - Social Welfare  
12. Establishment of  
Community Centres - 8,000

Total of Head \$79,770 as printed  
incre sed by \$9,560 to \$ 89,330.

XX. MAGISTRATES - passed as printed at ... \$209,940.

XXI. MEDICAL - passed as printed at ... \$715,478.

XXII. MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT -  
passed as printed at ... \$ 58,568.

XXIII. MEDICAL - X-RAY DEPARTMENT  
- passed as printed at ... \$ 36,095.

XXIV. MEDICAL - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES  
- passed as printed at ... \$2,238,659.

It being after the hour of adjournment, Council  
resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

The President adjourned Council to 2 p.m. the  
following day.

Confirmed,

  
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
Public Buildings,  
British Guiana.  
11th January, 1952.