

FIRST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THIRD SESSION

1956

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a meeting of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Order in Council, 1953, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1956.

PRESENT:

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

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. F.D. Jakeway, C.M.G., O.B.E.

The Honourable the Attorney General, Mr. G.M. Farnum (Ag.)

The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex.

Nominated Members of Executive Council

The Honourable Sir Frank McDavid, C.M.G., C.B.E.

(Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines).

The Honourable P.A. Cummings

(Member for Labour, Health and Housing).

The Honourable W.O.R. Kendall

(Member for Communications and Works).

The Honourable G.A.C. Farnum, O.B.E.

(Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development).

The Honourable R.B. Gajraj

Nominated Officials

Mr. J.I. Ramphal

Nominated Unofficials

Mr. T. Lee

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

Mr. C.A. Carter

Rev. D.C.J. Bobb

Mr. H. Rahaman

Mrs. Esther E. Dey

Dr. H.A. Fraser

Mr. R.B. Jailal

Mr. Sugrim Singh

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

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. B.M. Viapree (Ag.)

Absent

The Honourable R.C. Tello - on leave.

Mr. W.A. Phang - on leave.

Mr. E.F. Correia - on leave.

Miss Gertie H. Collins - on leave

The Speaker read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 7th of December, 1956, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS(i) By the Speaker

The Speaker announced that leave of absence from that day's meeting had been granted to -

- (a) Mr. W.A. Phang
- (b) Mr. E.F. Correia
- (c) Miss G.H. Collins.

(ii) By the Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary announced that subject to the execution of a formal Agreement between the Government and the Demerara Bauxite Company, Limited, the Company has decided to extend its operations in British Guiana by erecting at Mackenzie a new industrial plant which will process bauxite into alumina for export; and that the terms of the Agreement have been mutually agreed and are summarised in the Appendix to Sessional Paper No. 14 of 1956.

PAPERS LAID(i) By the Financial Secretary:

- (a) Statement relating to the establishment of an Alumina Project in British Guiana - Sessional Paper No. 14 of 1956.
- (b) Order in Council No. 82 of 1956 made under section 8(b) of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 29th day of November, 1956, and published in the Gazette on the 8th of December, 1956.
(F.S.C.Ex. 26/56).

(ii) By the Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development:

- (a) A Review of Prison Administration in British Guiana by Mr. R.D. Fairn, Commissioner of Prisons and Director of Prisons Administration, England and Wales. (SW. 98/28/3)(Circulated).
- (b) Decisions of the Governor in Council on a Review of Prison Administration in British Guiana by Mr. R.D. Fairn, Commissioner of Prisons and Director of Prisons Administration, England and Wales - Sessional Paper No. 15/1956.
(SW. 98/28/3)(Circulated).

GOVERNMENT NOTICESMotions

The Financial Secretary gave notice of the following motions:

(i) BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirms Order in Council No. 82 of 1956, which was made on the 29th day of November, 1956, and published in the Gazette on the 8th of December, 1956.

(ii) BE IT RESOLVED:

That with reference to Sessional Paper No. 14/1956, this Council records approval of the action taken by the Government in reaching agreement with the Demerara Bauxite Company, Limited, for the establishment of an alumina project in British Guiana and undertakes to pass the necessary amending legislation with respect to customs import and export duties indicated in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Appendix to Sessional Paper No. 14/1956.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.20 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 19th of December, 1956.

Confirmed,

F. W. S. W. G.

Speaker.

Public Buildings,
British Guiana.

19th December, 1956.