

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THIRD SESSION

1956

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Opening of the Third Session 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, 25TH APRIL, 1956.

PRESENT:

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

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. M.S. Porcher (Ag.)  
The Honourable the Attorney General, Mr. C. Wylie, Q.C., E.D.  
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  
Co-operative  
The Honourable R.B. Gajraj  
The Honourable L.A. Luckhoo, Q.C.

Deputy Speaker

Mr. W.J. Raatgever, C.B.E.

Nominated Officials

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

Nominated Unofficials

Mr. T. Lee  
Mr. W.A. Phang  
Mr. W.A. Macnie,  
Mr. C.A. Carter  
Mr. E.F. Correia  
Rev. D.C.J. Bobb  
Mr. H. Rahaman  
Miss Gertie H. Collins  
Mrs. Esther E. Dey  
Dr. H.A. Fraser  
Mr. R.B. Jailal  
Mr. Sugrim Singh

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.  
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree.

Absent

The Honourable R.C. Tello.

READING OF PROCLAMATION

The Clerk read the Proclamation summoning the Third Session of the Legislative Council.

READING OF PRAYERS

Prayers were read by the Most Reverend Dr. Alan John Knight, C.M.G., Archbishop of the West Indies.

OATHS

- (i) Mr. M.S. Porcher, Chief Secretary (Acting).
- (ii) Mr. F.W. Essex, Financial Secretary.

The Speaker administered the Oath of Allegiance to Mr. M.S. Porcher, Chief Secretary (Acting) vice Mr. F.D. Jakeway, C.M.G., O.B.E., on leave, and Mr. F.W. Essex, the new Financial Secretary, and welcomed them as ex-officio members of the Council.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, the 28th of March, 1956, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

At this stage the Speaker suspended the sitting of the Council in order to receive His Excellency the Governor.

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

Council resumed at 2.34 p.m. when His Excellency, accompanied by the Speaker, entered the Chamber and addressed the Council. (See Sessional Paper No. 5 of 1956).

Mr. T. Lee, on behalf of the Members of the Council, thanked His Excellency for his address and requested permission for the Address to be printed and circulated to Members.

His Excellency withdrew from the Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Speaker, at 3.09 p.m., adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 27th of April, 1956.

CONFIRMED,



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
British Guiana.

27th April, 1956.