

FIRST SESSION

1957 - 1958

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1958.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

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

The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.

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

Ministers

The Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan,
Minister of Trade and Industry.

The Honourable B.H. Benn,
Minister of Community Development and Education.

The Honourable E.B. Beharry,
Minister of Natural Resources.

The Honourable Janet Jagan,
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.

The Honourable Ram Karran,
Minister of Communications and Works.

Elected Members, Majority Party

Mr. F. Bowman
Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. Ajodha Singh

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. A.L. Jackson
Mr. Jai Narine Singh

Nominated Members

Mr. R.E. Davis
Mr. A.M. Fredericks
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree (Ag.)
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. F.A. Narain (Ag.)

Absent

Mr. B.S. Rai
Mr. R.B. Gajraj - on leave.
Mr. R.C. Tello - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, the 22nd of October, 1958, as printed and circulated, were amended as under and were thereafter taken as read and confirmed:-

Substitution of the word "Corporation's" for the word "Company's" in the second line, and of the word "Corporation" for the word "Company" in the eighth line on page 3

PAPERS LAID

By Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, Chairman, Public Petitions Committee:

Report of the Public Petitions Committee of the Legislative Council on a Petition presented on 23rd July, 1958, by Mr. Stephen Campbell on behalf of the National Labour Front.
(LEG. 13/56(1))(Circulated).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The Minister of Community Development and Education gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS (POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS)
BILL, 1958.
(Bill No. 28/1958 to be published 25.10.58).

PUBLIC BUSINESS
ORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - First Reading.

Item 1 - MUNICIPAL COUNCILS OF ELECTIONS
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The BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS TO THE TOWN COUNCILS OF GEORGETOWN AND NEW AMSTERDAM AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH was read the first time.

BILL - Second and Third Readings.

Item - DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION (DECLARATION OF AREA)
BILL, 1958 - Bill No. 27/1958.

On a motion by the Minister of Natural Resources seconded by the Minister of Community Development and Education, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DECLARATION OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION AREA, THE VALIDATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN WORKS, THE VESTING OF CERTAIN LANDS IN THE DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION BOARD, AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH THE MATTERS AFORESAID was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

MOTIONSItem 3 - MR. BURNHAM'S MOTION RE ENSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Council resumed the debate o the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council expre ses its lack of confidence in and censure of the Government for the failure of the delegation which left British Guiana on 17th J to obtain development finance.

Mr. Kendall concluded his s

Mr. Tasker spoke to the mot

Thereafter, Mr. Burnham rep ied.

The question was then put Council divided and voted thereon as follows:-

FOR	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DID NOT VOTE</u>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Tasker	Mr. Jai Narine Singh
Mr. Burnham	Mr. Hubbard	Mr. Campbell
Mr. Kendall	Mr. Fredericks	
	Mr. Davis	
	Mr. Ajodha Singh	
	Mr. Saffee	
	Mr. Bowman	
	Mr. Ram Karran	
	Mrs. Jagan	
	Mr. Beharry	
	Mr. Benn	
	Dr. Jagan	
	The Financial Sec	
	The Chief Secretar	

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Motion negati

STABLISHMENT

Mr. Jai Narine Singh moved the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recomme ds to Government that immediate steps be taken to establish Agricultural Machinery Stations.

Mr. Fredericks moved and Mr Hubbard seconded the following amendment:

Deletion of the word "Ag icultural".

After discussion, the amend d motion was put and negatived.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.45 p.m. the Speaker, o a motion by the Chief Secretary, adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. o Wednesday, the 29th of October, 1958.

Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
29th October, 1958.