

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

MONDAY, 29TH DECEMBER, 1958.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members.

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. M.S. Porcher (Ag.)
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.E. 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. B.S. Rai
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.B. Gajraj
Mr. R.C. Tello
Mr. R.E. Davis
Mr. A.M. Fredericks
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. H.J.M. Hubbard - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, the 22nd of December, 1958, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker announced that Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard had been granted permission to be absent from meetings of the Council for the period 27th December, 1958 to 10th January, 1959.

PAPERS LAID

(a) By the Attorney-General:

Third Report of the Land Registration Committee.
(L.11/11/1)(Circulated).

(b) By the Financial Secretary:

Report of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 7th November, 1958, covering the Supplementary Schedules of Expenditure for September/October, 1958 (Recurrent and Development). (LEG. 14/1957)(Circulated).

In terms of Standing Order No. 42(7), the question that the Report be adopted was put and carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

(a) The Financial Secretary gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1959.
(Bill No. 37/1958 published 27.12.58).

(b) The Minister of Communications and Works gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bills:

(i) MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958.
(Bill No. 35/1958 published 27.12.58).

(ii) MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958.
(Bill No. 36/1958 published 27.12.58).

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILLS -- First Reading.

Item 1 - (i) APPROPRIATION BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 37/1958.

The BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL was read the first time.

(ii) MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 1958 - Bill No. 35/1958.

The BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE was read the first time.

(iii) MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS)
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958 - Bill No. 36/1958.

The BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) ORDINANCE was read the first time.

MOTIONS

Item 2 - MOTION TO CONFIRM ORDER IN COUNCIL NO. 71 OF 1958.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General, Council adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That this Council in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirms Order in Council No. 71 of 1958, which was made on the 24th day of November, 1958, and published in the Gazette on the 6th of December, 1958.

Item 3 - MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO INCUR EXPENDITURE IN 1959.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General, Council adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That pending the passing of the 1959 Estimates, this Council approves of such expenditure for Recurrent and Development Expenditure in 1959 as may be required for the maintenance of existing services and the continuance of works in progress on the basis approved by this Council in the Annual and Supplementary Estimates for the year 1958.

Item 4 - MOTION TO CONTINUE THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
(TEMPORARY REGISTRATION) ORDINANCE.

On a motion by the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing seconded by the Minister of Community Development and Education, Council adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That the Medical Practitioners (Temporary Registration) Ordinance, Chapter 135, shall continue in force for a further period of one year from the 1st January, 1959.

Item 5 - MOTION TO CONTINUE THE RENT RESTRICTION ORDINANCE.

On a motion by the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing seconded by the Minister of Communications and Works, Council adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That the Rent Restriction Ordinance, Chapter 136, shall continue in force for a further period of one year up to and including the 31st day of December, 1959.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings.Item 6 - INDIAN LABOUR (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958 - Bill No. 34/1958

On a motion by the Minister of Community Development and Education seconded by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INDIAN LABOUR ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 7 - ANTIBIOTICS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958 - Bill No. 33/1958.

On a motion by the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing seconded by the Minister of Community Development and Education the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANTIBIOTICS ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 8 - NEW AMSTERDAM ELECTRIC LIGHTING ORDER (EXTENSION) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958 - Bill No. 32/1958.

On a motion by the Minister of Communications and Works seconded by the Minister of Natural Resources, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE NEW AMSTERDAM ELECTRIC LIGHTING ORDER (EXTENSION) ORDINANCE, 1957 was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

NEW YEAR WISHES

As this was the last meeting of the year, the Speaker took the opportunity of wishing Members and their families a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Speaker, at 3.15 p.m., adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 8th of January, 1959.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

8th January, 1959.