

SECOND SESSION

1958 - 1959.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Finance Committee 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

FRIDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1959.

PRESENT:

- Hon. Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex - Chairman.
- Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry - Dr. C.B. Jagan.
- Hon. Minister of Community Development and Education - Mr. B.H. Benn.
- Hon. Minister of Natural Resources - Mr. E.B. Beharry.
- Hon. Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - Mrs. Janet Jagan.
- Hon. Minister of Communications and Works - Mr. Ram Karran.
- Mr. F. Bowman.
- Mr. S.M. Saffee
- Mr. Ajodha Singh.
- Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
- Mr. S. Campbell
- Mr. A.L. Jackson
- Mr. Jai Narine Singh
- Mr. R.B. Gajraj
- Mr. R.C. Tello
- Mr. R.E. Davis
- Mr. A.M. Fredericks
- Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

with Mr. E.V. Viapree, Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
Clerk to the Committee,
and Mr. G.W. Williams, Assistant Secretary (Ag.), Finance Secretariat.

Absent:

- Mr. B.S. Rai
- Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
- Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

AGENDA.

Consideration of the Draft Estimates (Recurrent and Development) for 1959.

Mr. C.M. Fraser, Commissioner of Housing (Acting), was present during consideration of HEAD 6 - CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY and HEAD IX - HOUSING (DEVELOPMENT).

HEAD 6 - CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY -
passed as printed

- \$48,113:-

HEAD IX - HOUSING (DEVELOPMENT)

Following a discussion initiated by Mr. Campbell on the abovenamed Head, the Committee recommended that the Government should examine the question of the leases granted to residents in the North West District with a view to determining whether it would be possible for the residents concerned to obtain transport of the lands on which their houses have been constructed.

HEAD IX - HOUSING (DEVELOPMENT) - passed as printed - \$891,168

HEAD 31 - MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS

FIXED ESTABLISHMENT

The Chairman recommended the insertion of a new item, viz., (4) 1 Administrative Assistant (on Scale A7: \$3,696 - \$4,560)...\$3,800:-

Total Fixed Establishment, was accordingly increased by \$3,800 and passed at \$43,213:-

Items (4) to (9) were re-numbered as items (5) to (10).

The Minister of Trade and Industry recommended that the undermentioned new item be inserted:-

EXTRAORDINARY.

6. Purchase of Equipment\$36,000:-

Following a discussion, it was agreed that consideration of the item be deferred pending the submission by the Minister of a memorandum embodying relevant details at the next meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, 3rd February.

Further consideration of HEAD 31 - MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY was deferred.

Committee resumed consideration of HEAD 34 - MISCELLANEOUS - SUBVENTIONS, ETC., OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL.

Subhead 35 - Grant to Ex-Servicemen's Association....\$1,200:-

Subhead 36 - Grant towards running expenses of
Georgetown Mariners Club\$5,000:-

Following a discussion on the above subheads (consideration of the latter having been deferred at the previous day's meeting), the Committee recommended that subhead 35 be increased by \$1,900: and that subhead 36 be decreased by \$1,900:-

Subhead 35 - Grant to Ex-Servicemen's Association, was accordingly increased by \$1,900:- and passed at \$3,100:-

Subhead 36 - Grant towards running expenses of Georgetown Mariners Club, was accordingly decreased by \$1,900:- and passed at \$3,100:-

Subhead 13 - Grants to Churches for services
among Amerindians\$25,000:-

Committee resumed consideration of this subhead which was deferred at the previous day's meeting.

Following a discussion, the subhead was passed as printed at \$25,000:-

Subhead 45 - International Telecommunications Union Contribution to - passed as printed	+ \$	315
Subhead 46 - Special Grants to Drainage Areas to reduce rate assessments - passed as printed	-	164,632
Subhead 47 - Subscription to Royal Institute of Public Administration - passed as printed	-	101
Subhead 48 - International Commission on Drainage and Irrigation - passed as printed	-	864
Subhead 49 - Hurricane Research Project - passed as printed	-	1,171
Subhead 50 - Federal Vice-Consulate, Venezuela - passed as printed.	-	7,040
Subhead 51 - Grant-in-aid of Local Society for the Blind - passed as printed.	-	2,400

Adjournment

At 4.50 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting to 2.00 p.m. on
Tuesday, 3rd February, 1959.

Confirmed this day of February, 1959.

Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
Clerk to the Committee.