

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

TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1959.

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.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. B.S. Rai
Mr. S.M. Saffee

Other Elected Members

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

Nominated Members

Mr. R.B. Gajraj
Mr. R.C. Tello
Mr. R.E. Davis
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

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

Absent:

Mr. Ajodha Singh.
Mr. Jai Narine Singh.
Mr. A.M. Fredericks - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 27th of February, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTSLeave

The Speaker announced that Mr. A.M. Fredericks had asked to be excused from meetings held during the week.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILL - In Committee.Item 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 37/1958.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary, Council was resolved into a Committee to resume consideration of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, clause by clause.

In CommitteeSCHEDULE - HEAD 19 - FOREST.

Committee resumed the debate on the amendment moved by Mr. Fredericks at the meeting held on Friday, 20th February, 1959, for a reduction by \$1:- of Subhead 1 - item (1) - 1 Conservator of Forests .. \$8,640:- which was negatived.

<u>Head 19 - Forest</u> was passed at	\$598,337:-
HEAD 20 - INTERIOR was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at	\$206,127:-
HEAD 21 - LABOUR was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at	\$172,811:-
HEAD 22 - LANDS AND MINES was passed at	\$381,903:-
HEAD 23 - LAND DEVELOPMENT was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at	\$705,547:-
HEAD 24 - LAW OFFICERS was passed at	\$ 72,908:-
HEAD 25 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at	\$398,754:-
HEAD 25A - LOCAL GOVERNMENT - SOCIAL WELFARE was passed at	\$104,546:-
HEAD 26 - MAGISTRATES was passed at	\$324,066:-

Council resumed.

Suspension of Sitting - Tea Interval.

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was suspended for a short tea interval.

Resumption of Sitting.

The sitting was resumed at 5.05 p.m. when Council resolved itself into Committee.

In CommitteeSCHEDULE

HEAD 27 - MEDICAL was passed at ..	..	\$1,253,786:-
HEAD 27A - MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT was passed at ..	..	\$ 175,211:-
HEAD 27B - MEDICAL - X-RAY DEPARTMENT was passed at ..	..	\$ 92,940:-
HEAD 27C - MEDICAL - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES was passed at ..	..	\$4,332,312:-
HEAD 28 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS was passed at ..	..	\$ 43,332:-
HEAD 29 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND HOUSING... \$41,210:-		

Mr. Jackson moved the reduction of the Head by \$1:-

After discussion, the question was put and Committee divided and voted thereon as follows:-

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DID NOT VOTE</u>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Saffee	Mr. Tello
Mr. Burnham	Mr. Rai	Mr. Gajraj
Mr. Kendall	Mr. Bowman	
	Mr. Ram Karran	
	Mrs. Jagan	
	Mr. Beharry	
	Mr. Benn	
	Dr. Jagan	
	The Financial Secretary	
	The Attorney-General	
	The Chief Secretary	
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Amendment negatived.

<u>Head 29 - Ministry of Labour, Health and Housing</u> was passed at	\$ 41,210:-
HEAD 30 - MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES was passed at ..	..	\$ 54,096:-
HEAD 31 - MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at	\$111,753:-

SCHEDULE (contd.)

HEAD 32 - MISCELLANEOUS .. \$1,837,661:-

\$15,000:-
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Mr. Burnham moved the reduction by ~~\$1:-~~ of subhead (2) - Public Printing by Contract... \$375,000:-

The Chief Secretary was speaking to the amendment when the hour of adjournment was reached.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 4th of March, 1959.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

4th March, 1959.