

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

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JANUARY, 1960.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. D.M. Hedges.
The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.
The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex, C.M.G.

Ministers

The Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan,
Minister of Trade and Industry.
The Honourable B.H. Benn,
Minister of Natural Resources.
The Honourable Janet Jagan,
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.
The Honourable Ram Karan,
Minister of Communications and Works.
The Honourable B.S. Rai,
Minister of Community Development and Education.

Elected Members, Majority Party

Mr. S.M. Saffee

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. A.L. Jackson
Mr. Jai Narine Singh
Mr. E.B. Beharry
Mr. F. Bowman

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

Absent:

Mr. Ajodha Singh.
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham.
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, the 29th of December, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.
(Bill No. 1/1960 published 2.1.60).

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - First Reading.

Item 1 - The following Bill was read the first time:-

GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 1/1960.

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL ORDINANCE.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings.

Item 2 - TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 34/1959.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Minister of Natural Resources, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE was read a second time.

Council then resolved itself into a Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 - Short Title and commencement:

Subsection (1): Substituted: The figures "1960" for the figures "1959".

Subsection (2): Inserted: The words "be deemed to have" between the words "shall" and "come".

Clause 1 was passed as amended.

Clause 2 - (a) The Financial Secretary moved the following amendment:

- (i) Substitution of a colon for the full stop after the word "Saturday" at the end of the proposed Section 8A(4), and
- (ii) Insertion of the following proviso thereafter -

"Provided that where any Thursday is a public holiday, the proprietor shall make such payment to the district commissioner on the next following day not being itself a public holiday."

- (b) Mr. Bowman moved the substitution of the words "one hundred and fifty" for the words "two hundred and fifty" in the last line of the proposed section 8A(3).

After discussion, Mr. Bowman's amendment was put and negatived.

Thereafter the Financial Secretary's amendment was put and carried.

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Clause 3 - was passed as printed.

Council resumed.

Third Reading

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

Item 3 - SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1958) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 32/1959.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AND CONFIRM CERTAIN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE INCURRED IN THE YEAR ENDED ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1958 was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed with the following amendment in Committee:-

Clause 1 - Short Title:

Substituted: The figures "1960" for the figures "1959".

Item 4 - NONPAREIL PARK (LEASE TO THE INDIAN EDUCATION TRUST OF BRITISH GUIANA) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 35/1959.

On a motion by the Minister of Natural Resources seconded by the Minister of Community Development and Education, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE LEASING TO THE INDIAN EDUCATION TRUST OF BRITISH GUIANA FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF A PARCEL OF LAND AT NONPAREIL PARK, PLANTATION THOMAS, was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed with the following amendments in Committee:-

Clause 1 - Short Title:

Substituted: The figures "1960" for the figures "1959".

SCHEDULE - Substituted:

The capital letters "RMW" for "RNW" in the fourth line.

Enacting Clause: (i) Deleted: The words "BE IT THEREFORE".

(ii) Substituted: A capital "E" for the common "e" in the word "enacted".

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.25 p.m., on a motion by the Chief Secretary, Council was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 7th of January, 1960.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

7th January, 1960.