

SECOND SESSION

1958 - 1959

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, 11TH 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
Mr. Ajodha Singh

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
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. Jai Narine Singh.
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. A.M. Fredericks - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, the 10th of March, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILL - Second Reading.Item 1 - CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 7/1959.

Council resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS ORDINANCE.

Mr. Gajraj concluded his speech.

Thereafter, Mr. Tasker and Mr. Jackson spoke to the motion.

Mr. Tello was speaking when the sitting was suspended.

Suspension of Sitting - Tea Interval.

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended for a short tea interval.

Resumption of Sitting.

At 5.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed when Mr. Tello concluded his speech.

Thereafter, Mr. Burnham and Dr. Jagan spoke to the motion.

Mr. Hubbard was speaking when the hour fixed for adjournment was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 12th of March, 1959.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

12th March, 1959.