

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

FRIDAY, 12TH JUNE, 1959.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. D.M. Hedges.  
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 Natural Resources.  
The Honourable Janet Jagan,  
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.  
The Honourable Ram Karran,  
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. A.L. Jackson  
Mr. F. Bowman

Nominated Members

Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard  
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. F.A. Narain (Ag.)

Absent:

The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. G.M. Farnum (Ag.) -  
Indisposed.

Mr. Ajodha Singh  
Mr. W.O.R. Kendall - On leave.  
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham  
Mr. S. Campbell - On leave.  
Mr. Jai Narine Singh - On leave.  
Mr. E.B. Beharry - On leave.  
Mr. R.B. Gajraj  
Mr. R.C. Tello  
Mr. R.E. Davis  
Mr. A.M. Fredericks.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 11th of June, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTSLeave

The Speaker announced that the following Members were unable to attend the meeting and had asked to be excused:-

The Honourable G.M. Farnum, Attorney-General (Ag.)  
Mr. W.O.R. Kendall  
Mr. S. Campbell  
Mr. E.B. Beharry.

PAPERS LAID

By the Minister of Communications and Works:-

Report of the Director General of the Overseas Audit Service on the Accounts of the British Guiana Transport and Harbours Department for the year ended 31st December, 1957, together with the Governor's comments thereon - Sessional Paper No. 3/1959.

(TH 122/24/3 II)(Circulated).

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILLS - Second Reading.Item 1 - DEFAMATION BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 14/1959.

At the request of the Minister of Trade and Industry, Council agreed to defer consideration of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAW OF SLANDER AND LIBEL.

Item 2 - LABOUR (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 8/1959.

At the request of the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing, Council agreed to defer consideration of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LABOUR ORDINANCE.

MOTIONSItem 3 - MR. JACKSON'S MOTION RE PAYMENT OF SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS TO MR. VINCENT PARRIS.

At the request of Mr. Jackson, Council agreed to defer consideration of this motion.

Item 4 - MR. BURNHAM'S MOTION RE THE DEMERARA ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

Council agreed to defer consideration of the motion by Mr. Burnham recommending to Government the purchase and taking over of the assets, machinery and equipment of the Demerara Electric Company, Limited.

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At 2.15 p.m., on a motion by the Chief Secretary, the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 17th of June, 1959.

Confirmed,

*Donald Jackson*  
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

17th June, 1959.