

BRITISH GUIANA

SECOND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

FRIDAY, 13TH 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. S. Campbell
Mr. A.L. Jackson
Mr. Jai Narine Singh

Nominated Members

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. R.B. Gajraj.
Mr. R.C. Tello - on leave.
Mr. A.M. Fredericks - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 12th of March, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTSLeave

The Speaker announced that Mr. Benn, Minister of Community Development and Education, had been granted leave from the 16th to the 21st of March, 1959, to attend a Conference in Trinidad.

OTHER NOTICES

Mr. Burnham intimated that, in terms of Standing Order No. 24, he proposed, at a later stage, to move the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council expresses concern over the disturbances in Nyasaland, the detention of Dr. Banda and other Nyasa leaders, the banning of the African National Congress, and the killing of several Africans.

And directs that Her Majesty's Government, through Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, be requested to intervene to secure the release of the detainees, the lifting of the ban on the African National Congress, and the taking of immediate steps to ensure the just national aspirations of the peoples of Nyasaland.

MOTIONMR. BURNHAM'S MOTION CONCERNING DISTURBANCES IN NYASALAND.

With Council's consent in terms of Standing Order No. 24, Mr. Burnham moved and Mrs. Jagan seconded the following motion which was unanimously adopted:-

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PUBLIC BUSINESS
ORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - Second Reading.

Item 1 - TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 6/1959.

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

Mr. Jackson concluded his speech.

Mr. Kendall spoke to the motion.

Mr. Davis 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. Davis concluded his speech.

Mr. Tasker, Mr. Burnham and Mr. Jai Narine Singh spoke to the motion.

Dr. Jagan was speaking when the hour fixed for adjournment was reached.

Hours of Sitting.

Before the adjournment was taken, the Chief Secretary stated that Council would sit from Tuesday, the 17th to Friday, the 20th of March, as follows:-

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: From 2.00 to 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday: From 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 17th of March, 1959.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson