THIRD SESSION

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 9.30 A.M.

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 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, 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 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

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

Mr. E.B. Beharry

Mr. F. Bowman

Nominated Members

Mr. R.B. Gajraj Mr. P.E. Davis

Mr. A.M. Fredericks

HoJoMo Hubband

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.C. Tello - on leave.

PROCLAMATION SUMMONING THE SESSION.

The Clerk read the Proclamation summoning the Third Session of the Legislative Council.

PRAYERS

Prayers were read by the Most Reverend Dr. Alan John Knight, C.M.G., Archbishop of the West Indies.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th of November, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 9.37 a.m. the Speaker suspended the sitting of the Council in order to receive His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government on his arrival at the Public Buildings.

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE COVERNMENT.

Council resumed at 10.00 a.m. when His Excellency, accompanied by the Speaker, entered the Chamber and addressed the Council. (Sessional Paper No. 6 of 1959).

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall, on behalf of the Members of the Council, thanked His Excellency for his Address.

Thereafter, the sitting was suspended and His Excellency, accompanied by the Speaker, withdrew from the Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

On resumption, Council was adjourned at 10.37 a.m. to a date to be fixed.

Confirmed.

Donald Tackson

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, Georgetown. 29th December, 1959.