

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

TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 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. S.M. Saffee

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall  
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham  
Mr. A.L. Jackson  
Mr. Jai Narine Singh

Nominated Members

Mr. R.B. Gajraj  
Mr. R.C. Tello  
Mr. R.E. Davis  
Mr. A.M. Fredericks  
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

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

Absent:

Mr. B.S. Rai - on leave.  
Mr. Ajodha Singh.  
Mr. S. Campbell - indisposed.  
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Saturday, the 14th of February, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTSLeave

The Speaker announced that Mr. Campbell was indisposed and had asked to be excused from the meeting.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILL - In Committee.Item 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 37/1958.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary, Council was resolved into a Committee to resume consideration of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, clause by clause.

In Committee - SCHEDULE

## HEAD 3. AGRICULTURE.

Committee resumed the debate on the amendment moved by Mr. Jai Narine Singh at the previous sitting for a reduction by \$1:- of Subhead 1 - item (20) - 1 Agricultural Engineer ... \$6,354:-

As no Member wished to speak, the question was put and the amendment negatived.

After further discussion, HEAD 3 - AGRICULTURE was passed at ... \$1,840,368:-

Council resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

At 5.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended until 8.15 p.m.

Resumption of Sitting

The sitting was resumed at 8.20 p.m.

Council resolved itself into Committee to resume consideration of the Bill.

In Committee - SCHEDULE

<u>Head</u>		<u>Amount</u>
4. ANALYST	.. was passed at .. ..	\$ 54,892:-
5. AUDIT	.. was passed at .. ..	\$151,697:-
6. CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY	.. was passed at .. ..	\$ 48,113:-

In Committee (contd.)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7. CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE .. was passed at ..	\$ 69,668:-
7A. ESTABLISHMENT - was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at .. ..	\$167,966:-
7B. INFORMATION SERVICES.	

Mr. Tello moved a reduction  
by \$1:- of subhead 1 - item (1) -  
1 Chief Information Officer ..  
\$7,200.

Mr. Tello was speaking to the  
motion when at 10.00 p.m. Council  
resumed.

Hours of Sitting

It was agreed that the Council would sit on Wednesday,  
the 18th and Friday, the 20th of February, from 2.00 p.m.  
to 7.00 p.m. with a short tea interval at 4.30 p.m., and on  
Thursday, the 19th of February from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.05 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m.  
on Wednesday, the 18th of February, 1959.

Confirmed,

*Donald Jackson*

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

18th February, 1959.