

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, 20TH 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. W.P. D'Andrade (Ag.)

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. 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.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. F. Bowman.
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 19th of February, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PAPERS LAID

By the Minister of Trade and Industry:

Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the British Guiana Tourist Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1957, together with the audited statement of Accounts, and the comments of the Chairman of the British Guiana Tourist Committee on the Report of the Director of Audit.

(No. T.I. 121/87/1/1).

Hours of Sitting and Programme of Business

Before the Order of the Day was proceeded with, the Chief Secretary was granted leave to inform Members of the hours of sitting and the programme of business for the following week.

He stated that meetings would be held on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Friday 27th February from 2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. with a tea interval at 4.30 p.m., and on Thursday 26th from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

The Chief Secretary also stated that the Local Government (Valuation of Property) Bill, 1959 (No. 1/1959) and the Land Registry Bill, 1959 (Bill No. 3/1959) would be considered at those meetings.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - 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 12 and 12A - EDUCATION.

CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS - OTHER CHARGES.

Mr. Jackson resumed his speech on the motion moved by Mr. Kendall at the previous meeting for a reduction by \$1:- of Subhead 37 - Wages of subordinate employees .. \$100:-

The motion was withdrawn.

After some further consideration, the Head
was passed at ... \$5,971,047:-

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In Committee (contd.)

HEAD 12B - EDUCATION - QUEEN'S COLLEGE -
was passed at .. \$270,281:-

HEAD 12C - EDUCATION - BISHOPS' HIGH
SCHOOL.

Committee was considering the
above Head when, at 4.30 p.m.,
Council resumed.

Suspension of Sitting - Tea Interval.

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

Resumption of Sitting.

The sitting was resumed at 5.00 p.m. when Council was
resolved into Committee to resume consideration of the Bill.

In Committee:SCHEDULE

HEAD 12C - EDUCATION - BISHOPS' HIGH SCHOOL
was further considered and
passed at \$123,535:-

HEAD 13 - ESSEQUIBO BOYS' SCHOOL -
was passed at .. \$ 98,943:-

HEAD 14 - FINANCE - FINANCE SECRETARIAT
was passed at .. \$ 44,959:-

HEAD 14A - FINANCE - STATISTICAL BUREAU
was passed at .. \$ 23,391:-

HEAD 15 - FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
was passed at .. \$128,029:-

HEAD 15A - FINANCE - CENTRAL REGISTRY
was passed at .. \$ 24,683:-

HEAD 16 - FINANCE - LICENCE REVENUE
was passed at .. \$ 66,374:-

HEAD 17 - FINANCE - INLAND REVENUE
was passed at .. \$138,206:-

HEAD 18 - FIRE PROTECTION - was passed
at .. \$458,069:-

HEAD 19 - FOREST.

Mr. Fredericks moved the
reduction by \$1:- of Subhead 1 -
item (1) - 1 Conservator of
Forests ... \$8,640:-

Committee was considering
the motion when the hour of
adjournment was reached.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to
2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 24th of February, 1959.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

24th February, 1959.