

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

WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 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 Karan,  
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.K. Kendall  
Mr. A.L. Jackson  
Mr. F. Bowman

Nominated Members

Mr. R.C. Tello  
Mr. R.E. Davis  
Mr. A.M. Fredericks

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree.

Absent:

Mr. L.F.S. Burnham.  
Mr. S. Campbell - on leave.  
Mr. Jai Narain Singh - on leave.  
Mr. E.B. Beharary.  
Mr. B.B. Gajraj - on leave.  
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard - on leave.  
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, the 18th of November, 1959, as printed and circulated, were amended by the substitution of the figures "11" for the figures "18" in the first line on page 2, and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS(a) Letter from House of Representatives, Colombo, Ceylon.

The Speaker read a letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Colombo, Ceylon, to the effect that Resolution No. XVI dated 30th September, 1959, concerning the death of the late Prime Minister, Mr. S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike, had been placed before Mr. Speaker who directed that it be read at the next sitting of the House on the 24th November, and conveying Mr. Speaker's thanks for the Resolution and also advising that Council's condolence would be transmitted to Mrs. Bandaranaike.

(b) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

(a) Mr. S. Campbell for that day,

(b) Mr. R.C. Tello from the 27th November to the 28th December, and

(c) Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard for that day.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYMOTIONItem 1 - MR. TELLO'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES TRIBUNAL.

Council resumed consideration of the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council invites Government to introduce legislation to provide for the establishment of an Industrial Disputes Tribunal in the Colony.

Mr. Tello concluded his speech and Mr. Kendall seconded the motion.

Thereafter, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Bowman, Mrs. Jagan and Dr. Jagan spoke to the motion.

After Mr. Tello had replied, the question was put and the motion was negated on the following division:-

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DID NOT VOTE</u>
Mr. Fredericks	Mr. Ajodha Singh	Mr. Davis
Mr. Tello	Mr. Saffee	
Mr. Bowman	Mr. Rai	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Ram Karran	
Mr. Kendall	Mrs. Jagan	
	Mr. Benn	
	Dr. Jagan	
	The Financial Secretary	
	The Attorney-General	
	The Chief Secretary	
<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>

BILLS - Second and Third Readings.

Item 2 - FIRE BRIGADE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 28/1959.

On a motion by the Chief Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FIRE BRIGADE ORDINANCE, 1957, was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 3 - FIRE PREVENTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 29/1959.

On a motion by the Chief Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FIRE PREVENTION ORDINANCE, 1954, was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 4 - INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 30/1959.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Minister of Natural Resources the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Speaker at 3.55 p.m. adjourned Council to a date to be fixed.

Confirmed,

*Donald Jackson*  
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.  
15th December, 1959.

