

THIRD SESSION

1959 - 1960

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, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1960.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Major I.O. Smith, O.B.E. (Ag.)
The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.
The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. W.P. D'Andrade.

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.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. R.B. Gajraj - indisposed.
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - on leave.

The Assistant Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 28th of October, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leave

The Speaker announced that Mr. R.B. Gajraj was indisposed and was therefore unable to attend that sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

MOTION

Item 1 - MR. BOWMAN'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING TIMBER CONCESSIONS.

Mr. Bowman moved and Mr. Beharry seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS the leader of the Majority Party of the Government in a press interview on Friday, 10th June, stated that as a result of the recent visit of the Cuban delegation, Government was considering entering into a partnership with Cuba to exploit the timber resources of this Colony;

AND WHEREAS the majority of the inhabitants of this Colony are at present opposed to the idea in view of the present political situation in Cuba:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends that Government should not enter into any negotiations with the present Cuban Government, Cuban Companies or individual Cubans for timber concessions in this Colony.

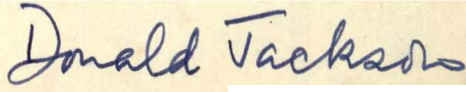
Mr. Burnham, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Mr. Tello was speaking when the hour of adjournment was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 3rd of November, 1960.

Confirmed,


Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
George town.

3rd November, 1960.