

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

FRIDAY, 4TH 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, Q.C.
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. A.L. Jackson
Mr. Jai Narine Singh
Mr. F. Bowman

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. E.B. Beharry - indisposed.
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 3rd of November, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

(a) The Chief Secretary gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

VOLUNTEER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.
(Bill No. 27/1960 published 5.11.60).

(b) The Financial Secretary gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

ESTATE DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.
(Bill No. 28/1960 published 5.11.60).

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILLS - First Reading.

Item 1 - The following Bills were read the first time:-

(a) VOLUNTEER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No.27/1960.

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE.

(b) ESTATE DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 28/1960.

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ESTATE DUTY ORDINANCE.

BILL - Second and Third Readings.

Item 2 - MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 26/1960.

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

MOTION

Item 3 - MR. BOWMAN'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING TIMBER CONCESSIONS.

Mr. Tello resumed and concluded his speech on 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

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.

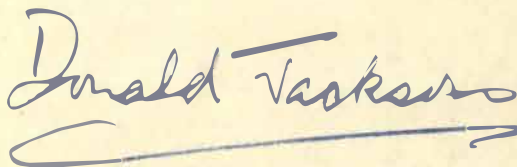
Mr. Jai Narine Singh, Mr. Hubbard and Dr. Jagan spoke to the motion.

Mr. Jackson 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 Wednesday, the 9th of November, 1960.

Confirmed,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

9th November, 1960.