

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, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1960.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. D.M. Hedges.
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.

Elected Members, Majority Party

Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. Ajodha Singh

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
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:

The Honourable B.S. Rai,
Minister of Community Development and Education - on leave.
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham - on leave.
Mr. S. Campbell - on leave.
Mr. E.B. Beharry.
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 5th of February, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leave

The Speaker announced that -

- (i) Mr. Campbell was ill and had asked to be excused from that sitting; and
- (ii) Mr. Burnham, who had just returned from the hinterland, had asked to be excused from that sitting and for his motion at item 3 of the Order Paper to be deferred to a later date.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

Item 1 - MR. HUBBARD'S MOTION EXPRESSING GOVERNMENT'S THANKS TO DR. ROSEMARY H. McCONNELL.

On a motion by Mr. Hubbard seconded by Mr. Fredericks, Council adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That this Council, having taken note of the valuable work done, voluntarily and without payment, by Dr. Rosemary H. McConnell, Honorary Fisheries Officer, in evaluating the results of the trawl survey carried out by the research vessel 'Cape St. Mary', directs that its thanks and appreciation be conveyed to Dr. McConnell.

Item 2 - MR. JAI NARINE SINGH'S MOTION CONCERNING THE REJECTION OF CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE RICE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. Jai Narine Singh stated that he had attended the sitting as a duty and requested that the motions standing in his name be deferred for two months as he was physically unable to proceed with them that day; and further that he was arranging to leave the Colony in another few days.

Mr. Burnham being absent and as Mr. Bowman and Mr. Saffee were not ready to proceed with their motions, it was agreed that the sitting should be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.55 p.m., on a motion by the Chief Secretary, the Speaker adjourned the sitting to 2.00 p.m. the following day - Thursday, the 11th of February, 1960.

Confirmed,

Donald Tackes
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.
11th February.