

BRITISH GUIANA

SECOND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

THURSDAY, 10TH 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 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. E.B. Beharry  
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 Dr. C.B. Jagan,  
Minister of Trade and Industry - 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 9th of November, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTSLeave

The Speaker announced that the Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan, Minister of Trade and Industry, had been granted leave from that day until the 24th of November, as he would be out of the Colony on official business.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYMOTIONSItem 1 - MOTION TO CONFIRM ORDER IN COUNCIL NO. 89 OF 1960.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General, Council adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That this Council in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirms Order in Council No. 89 of 1960, which was made on the 29th day of September, 1960, and published in the Gazette on the 29th of October, 1960.

Item 2 - MR. BOWMAN'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING TIMBER CONCESSIONS.

Mr. Bowman concluded his reply to 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.

Thereafter, the amendment moved by Mr. Jackson at the previous meeting was put and negatived on the following division:-

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## FOR

AGAINST

Mr. Davis  
Mr. Jackson  
Mr. Kendall

Mr. Bowman  
Mr. Hubbard  
Mr. Fredericks  
Mr. Tello  
Mr. Gajraj  
Mr. Jai Narine Singh  
Mr. Campbell  
Mr. Saffee  
Mr. Rai  
Mr. Ram Karran  
Mrs. Jagan  
Mr. Benn  
The Financial Secretary  
The Attorney-General  
The Chief Secretary

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The original motion was then put and negatived on the following division:-

## FOR

AGAINSTDID NOT VOTE

Mr. Bowman  
Mr. Fredericks  
Mr. Tello  
Mr. Campbell

Mr. Hubbard  
Mr. Gajraj  
Mr. Jai Narine Singh  
Mr. Ajodha Singh  
Mr. Saffee  
Mr. Rai  
Mr. Ram Karran  
Mrs. Jagan  
Mr. Benn  
The Financial Secretary  
The Attorney-General  
The Chief Secretary

Mr. Davis  
Mr. Jackson  
Mr. Kendall

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Item 3 - MR. DAVIS' MOTION RECOMMENDING AMENDMENT TO THE RICE MARKETING BOARD ORDINANCE.

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Fredericks seconded the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends that the Rice Marketing Ordinance, Chapter 249, be amended to provide for the Director of Agriculture to be a member of the B.G. Rice Marketing Board and also a member of the Executive Committee of that Board.

After discussion, the question was put and the motion negatived on the following division:-

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FOR	AGAINST	DID NOT VOTE
Mr. Fredericks	Mr. Hubbard	Mr. Bowman
Mr. Davis	Mr. Gajraj	Mr. Beharry
	Mr. Jai Narine Singh	Mr. Tello
	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Campbell
	Mr. Burnham	
	Mr. Ajodha Singh	
	Mr. Saffee	
	Mr. Rai	
	Mr. Ram Karran	
	Mrs. Jagan	
	Mr. Benn	
	The Financial Secretary	
	The Attorney-General	
	The Chief Secretary	
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Item 4 - MR. BURNHAM'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THAT RADIO TIME BE MADE AVAILABLE TO RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES.

Mr. Burnham moved and Mr. Kendall seconded the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Government make available radio time to recognized political parties.

The Chief Secretary moved the following amendment:-

Insertion of the words "requests the British Guiana United Broadcasting Company to" between the words "Government" and "make" in the first line.

After discussion, the motion as amended was put and carried.

Item 5 - MR. BURNHAM'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THE PROHIBITION OF TRADE BETWEEN THIS COLONY AND THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

At the request of Mr. Burnham, and with the leave of the Council, consideration of the following motion was deferred:-

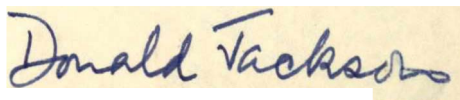
BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends to Government that all trade between British Guiana and the Union of South Africa be prohibited.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.10 p.m., on a motion by the Chief Secretary, Council was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 16th of November, 1960.

Confirmed,

  
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.  
16th November, 1960.