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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, 12TH 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 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. F. Bowman

Nominated Members

Mr. R.B. Gajraj

Mr. R.C. Tello

Mr. R.E. Davis

Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

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

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

Absent:

Mr. E.B. Beharry.

Mr. A.M. Fredericks - on leave.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 11th of February, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leave

The Speaker announced that Mr. A.M. Fredericks had asked to be excused from that day's sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - Second and Third Readings.

Item 1 - PUBLIC LOAN BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 6/1960.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO CONFER POWER TO RAISE BY LOAN OR LOANS A SUM NOT EXCEEDING SEVENTY-ONE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

BILL - Committee and Third Reading.

Item 2 - BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 5/1960.

Council resolved itself into a Committee to resume consideration of the following Bill in Committee:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION ORDINANCE.

In Committee

Clause 4 - Committee resumed consideration of the amendments to this clause moved by the Attorney-General the previous day.

Paragraph (b) - subsection (9):

Mr. Bowman moved the substitution of the word "elect" for the word "appoint" in the first line and the substitution of the word "elected" for the word "appointed" in the fourth line of subsection (9).

After discussion, the amendments were put and negatived.

The amendments moved by the Attorney-General were then put and carried.

Clause 4 as amended was then put and carried.

Clause 5 - was passed as printed.

Clause 6 - The Attorney-General moved the deletion of the printed subsection (3) and the substitution therefor of the following:-

"(3) The management of the affairs of a District Association shall be vested in a Committee consisting of seven members being -

- (a) a Chairman;
- (b) a Vice-Chairman; and
- (c) five other members of the District Association."

The question was put and carried.

Clause 6 as amended was then put and carried.

Clause 7 - was passed as printed.

Clause 8 - was passed as printed.

Clause 9 - The Attorney-General moved the deletion of the printed Clause and the substitution therefor of the following:-

"Amendment. 9. The British Guiana Rice Producers' Association (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 1959, is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "15th February, 1960" and "15th March, 1960" wherever they occur of the words "30th April, 1960" and "31st May, 1960" respectively."

The question was put and carried.

Clause 9 as amended was then put and carried.

New Clause 10 Inserted: On a motion by the Attorney-General the following new Clause 10 was inserted:-

"Transitional. 10. Section 3 of this Ordinance shall not come into operation until the 30th April, 1960."

Council resumed.

Third Reading

On a motion by the Minister of Natural Resources seconded by the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

BILL - Second Reading and Committee.

Item 3 - WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 -
Bill No. 7/1960.

On a motion by the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing seconded by the Minister of Natural Resources, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE was read a second time.

Council then resolved itself into a Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 - Short Title - was passed as printed.


Clause 2 - A suggestion by Mr. Burnham for inclusion of a definition for the term "periodic payment" was under consideration when the hour of adjournment was reached.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.10 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 17th of February, 1960.

Confirmed,


Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

17th February, 1960.