

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 3.30 P.M.
on

THURSDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 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.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. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, the 19th of October, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PETITIONSRAMA KRISHNA DHARMIC SABHA (INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES) BILL, 1960.

The Clerk read a Petition presented by Mr. Ajodha Singh on behalf of the President and Secretary of the Kitty Hindu Temple Society, requesting permission to have introduced a BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN PERSONS AS TRUSTEES OF THE BODY KNOWN AS THE RAMA KRISHNA DHARMIC SABHA; TO VEST IN SUCH PERSONS CERTAIN PROPERTY; AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH THE MATTERS AFORESAID.

The question that the promoters be allowed to proceed was put and carried.

RAISING OF A MATTER OF PRIVILEGE

Leave was granted Mr. Bowman and Mr. Tello who drew attention to motions and questions tabled by them some considerable time ago and at date no opportunity had been afforded for debate of the motions nor had replies been given to the questions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.
(Bill No. 26/1960 to be published 22.10.60).

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILL - First Reading.

Item 1 - The following Bill was read the first time:

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

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE.

MOTIONS

Item 2 - MOTION TO APPROVE BY-LAWS MADE BY THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEMERARA ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Attorney-General moved the following motion:-

../ BE IT RESOLVED:

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That in pursuance of the provisions of section 17(1) of the Demerara Electric Company Ordinance, Chapter 239, this Council approves of the By-laws made by the Directors of the Demerara Electric Company, Limited, on the 6th September, 1960.

Mr. Burnham suggested that Members should be afforded more time to consider the draft By-laws which had been laid the day before.

The Attorney-General stated that the matter was of some urgency and that the relevant By-laws had been circulated to Members some days before.

After discussion, it was agreed to defer further consideration to the following day.

Item 3 - MOTION TO CONFIRM ORDER IN COUNCIL NO. 63 OF 1960.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Minister of Natural Resources, 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. 63 of 1960, which was made on the 20th day of June, 1960, and published in the Gazette on the 2nd of July, 1960.

Item 4 - MOTION TO CONFIRM THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1960 (No. 20).

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Chief Secretary, Council adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this Council in terms of section 98(3) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, confirms the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 1960 (No. 20), which were made on the 21st of September, 1960, and published in the Gazette on the 8th of October, 1960.

Item 5 - MOTION CONCERNING REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE 1958 COLONY ACCOUNTS.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall seconded by Mr. Burnham, Council adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Council on the Director of Audit's Report on the Accounts of the Colony for the year ended 31st December, 1958, be referred to the Government for its consideration.

Item 6 - MOTION CONCERNING REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE 1958 TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS DEPARTMENT'S ACCOUNTS.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall seconded by Mr. Burnham Council adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Council on the Director of Audit's Report on the Accounts of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year ended 31st December, 1958, be referred to the Government for its consideration.

BILL - Second Reading.

Item 7 - FRENCH-MULLEN PENSION BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 21/1960.

On a motion by the Chief Secretary in terms of Standing Order No. 48, it was agreed to proceed with the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISION WITH RESPECT TO THE PENSION OF MASSY DESMOND FRENCH-MULLEN.

The Chief Secretary moved and the Attorney-General seconded that the Bill be read a second time.

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

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Bowman	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Beharry	Mr. Burnham
Mr. Hubbard	Mr. Kendall
Mr. Gajraj	
Mr. Campbell	
Mr. Ajodha Singh	
Mr. Saffee	
Mr. Rai	
Mr. Ram Karran	
Mrs. Jagan	
Mr. Benn	
Dr. Jagan	
The Financial Secretary	
The Attorney-General	
The Chief Secretary	

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The Bill was then read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 8 - COMMISSIONER OF TITLE (ADDITIONAL POWERS) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 22/1960.

On a motion by the Attorney-General seconded by the Financial Secretary the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO CONFER ADDITIONAL POWER ON A COMMISSIONER OF TITLE was read a second time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.12 p.m. the Council was adjourned to
2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 21st of October, 1960.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

21st October, 1960.