

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

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY, 1960.

PRESENT:

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj - In the Chair.

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. W.P. D'Andrade (Ag.)

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. 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.C. Tello

Mr. R.E. Davis

Mr. A.M. Fredericks

Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

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

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree (Ag.)

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. F.A. Narain (Ag.)

Absent:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson - on leave.

Mr. S.M. Saffee - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

OATH OF ALIEGIANCE

Mr. W.P. D'Andrade, Financial Secretary (Acting), took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and was welcomed as an ex-officio Member of the Council vice Mr. F.W. Essex, C.M.G., who had been transferred.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 20th of May, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYMOTIONSItem 1 - MR. SAFFEE'S MOTION RE FLAG, COAT OF ARMS AND NAME FOR BRITISH GUIANA.

Council resumed the debate on the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends to Government the appointment of a Committee to -

- (a) design a national flag and a coat of arms; and
- (b) recommend an appropriate name for a politically free and independent British Guiana.

Mr. Tasker, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Fredericks, Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Jagan, Mr. Beharry and Mr. Jai Narine Singh spoke.

Mr. Ajodha Singh replied, and stated that he would accept the amendment which had been moved by Mr. Kendall and seconded by Mr. Jackson at the meeting held on Friday, 20th May, 1960.

The Deputy Speaker then put the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council authorises the appointment of a Select Committee of this Council charged with the responsibility for -

- (a) designing a national flag and a coat of arms;
- (b) composing a national anthem; and
- (c) recommending an appropriate name for a politically free and independent British Guiana.

The motion was carried on the following division:-

FOR

Mr. Beharry
 Mr. Tasker
 Mr. Hubbard
 Mr. Fredericks
 Mr. Davis
 Mr. Tello
 Mr. Jai Narine Singh
 Mr. Jackson
 Mr. Kendall
 Mr. Ajodha Singh
 Mr. Rai
 Mr. Ram Karran
 Mrs. Jagan
 Mr. Benn
 Dr. Jagan
 The Financial Secretary
 The Attorney-General
 The Chief Secretary

18DID NOT VOTE

Mr. Campbell
 The Deputy Speaker

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Thereafter, the Deputy Speaker nominated the following to be Members of the Select Committee:

The Honourable B.S. Rai,
 Minister of Community Development and Education.
 The Honourable Janet Jagan,
 Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.
 The Honourable B.H. Benn,
 Minister of Natural Resources.
 The Honourable Ram Karran,
 Minister of Communications and Works.
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham.
 Mr. W.O.R. Kendall.
 Mr. Jai Narine Singh.
 Mr. R.E. Davis.

The quorum was fixed at four.

Item 2 - MR. BOWMAN'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THE REPEAL OF THE LAND BONDS ORDINANCE, 1959.

Mr. Bowman moved the following motion:

WHEREAS enactment of the Land Bonds Ordinance, 1959 (No. 21) has caused dissatisfaction and grave concern among the landed proprietors of the Colony:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends the repeal of the Land Bonds Ordinance, 1959 (No. 21).

Mr. Tello seconded the motion and reserved his right to speak at a later stage.

Mr. Ram Karran spoke to the motion.

Mr. Beharry then spoke and concluded at 4.25 p.m.

Mr. Tello was speaking when the hour of adjournment was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.00 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 26th of May, 1960.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
 Georgetown,
 26th May, 1960.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson
 Speaker.