

FOURTH SESSION

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, 29TH DECEMBER, 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. 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, Q.C.
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

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.
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 28th of December, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILL - In Committee.Item 1 - APPROPRIATION (1961) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 30/1960.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary, Council was resolved into a Committee to resume consideration of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, clause by clause.

In CommitteeSCHEDULEHEADAMOUNT

7A. INFORMATION SERVICES .. was passed at .. \$ 183,425:

8. CIVIL AVIATION.

Mr. Burnham moved the reduction by \$5: of Subhead 1 - Item (1) - 1 Director of Civil Aviation ... \$7,680:

After discussion, the question was put and the motion negatived.

Thereafter, the Head was passed at .. \$ 245,491:

9. CO-OPERATIVE.

Mr. Jackson moved the reduction by \$1: of Subhead 1 - Item (5) - 23 Co-operative Officers .. \$73,000:

After discussion, the question was put and the motion negatived.

Thereafter, the Head was passed at .. \$ 181,104:

10. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE .. was passed at .. \$ 726,469:

11. DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION was passed at .. \$ 624,310:

11A. DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION - ANNUALLY RECURRENT .. was passed at .. \$ 658,236:

12 AND 12A. EDUCATION.

Mr. Jackson moved the reduction by \$1: of OTHER CHARGES - Subhead 2 - Grants to: Teaching of East Indian Languages .. \$3,850:

Committee was considering the motion when Council resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

At 5.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

Resumption of Sitting

The sitting was resumed at 8.00 p.m.

Council resolved itself into Committee and resumed the debate on the motion moved by Mr. Jackson.

In Committee

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
After discussion, the motion was <u>withdrawn</u> .	
Thereafter, the Head was passed at ..	\$7,450,545:
13. ESSEQUIBO BOYS' SCHOOL .. was passed at ..	\$ 112,552:
14. FINANCE SECRETARIAT - was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at ..	\$ 87,569:
14A. FINANCE - STATISTICAL BUREAU .. was passed at ..	\$ 25,435:
15. FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL .. was passed at ..	\$ 150,151:
15A. FINANCE - CENTRAL REGISTRY - was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at ..	\$ 33,013:
16. FINANCE - LICENCE REVENUE was passed at ..	\$ 70,179:
17. FINANCE - INLAND REVENUE was passed at ..	\$ 164,860:
18. FIRE PROTECTION .. was passed at ..	\$ 508,817:
19. FOREST .. was passed at ..	\$ 652,639:
20. INTERIOR .. was passed at ..	\$ 220,880:
21. LABOUR .. was passed at ..	\$ 187,479:

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the Council to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 30th of December, 1960.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

30th December, 1960.