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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, 29TH JANUARY, 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. Bem,
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

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. A.L. Jackson
Mr. Jai Narine Singh

Nominated Members

Mr. R.B. Gajraj
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. I. Crum Ewing.
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree.

Absent:

Mr. Ajodha Singh.
Mr. F.B. Benarry.
Mr. F. Bowman.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, the 26th of January, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PAPERS LAID

(a) By the Minister of Natural Resources:

Copies of plan, specifications and estimate of the drainage and irrigation works for the La Retraite Drainage and Irrigation Area.
(DI. 33/33 IV).

(b) By the Minister of Communications and Works:

Telephone (Amendment) Regulations, 1960. (No. 3 of 1960).
(CW. 410/63).

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - Committee and Third Reading.

Item 1 - CINEMATOGRAF (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 2/1960.

On a motion by the Minister of Community Development and Education seconded by the Minister of Communications and Works, Council resolved itself into a Committee to resume consideration of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CINEMATOGRAF ORDINANCE.

In Committee

Clause 2 -- After certain Members had spoken, the amendment moved by Mr. Burnham at the previous meeting for the deletion of paragraph (a) was put and negatived.

Thereafter, the amendment moved by Mr. Rai at the previous meeting for the substitution of the words "half-past four" for the word "four" in the second line of paragraph (a) was put and carried.

Mr. Rai then moved the following amendments:-

- (i) the re-lettering of paragraph (b) as paragraph (c), and
- (ii) the insertion of a new paragraph (b) as under:
"(b) the addition of the following proviso to subsection (21) -

"Provided that no exhibition or other representation on a screen shall commence before the hour of five of the clock in the afternoon on a Sunday." "

Mr. Rai's amendments were put and carried.

Mr. Burnham moved the following amendment:-

New paragraph (c): Deletion of the word "fifteen" in the second line and substitution of the word "sixteen" therefor.

After discussion, the amendment was put and negatived.

Clause 2 as amended was then put and carried.

Clause 3 - was amended as under and passed:-

Substituted: The words "half-past four" for the word "four" in the eighth line.

Title and Enacting Clause - was passed as printed.

Council resumed.

Thereafter, on a motion by the Minister of Community Development and Education seconded by the Minister of Communications and Works, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings.

Item 2 - GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 1/1960.

On a motion by the Minister of Community Development and Education seconded by the Minister of Communications and Works, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

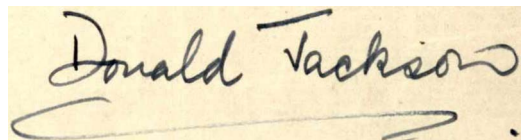
Item 3 - GOWRIE SANKAR (WIDOW'S AND ORPHANS' PENSION) BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 4/1960.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF A PENSION IN RESPECT OF GOWRIE SANKAR UNDER THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' PENSION ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

at 2.45 p.m. on a motion by the Chief Secretary, Council was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Confirmed,



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

2nd February, 1960.