

FIRST SENATE

FIRST SESSION

1961

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Fifth Sitting of the Senate of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council, 1961, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 9.30 A.M.
on

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1961.

PRESENT:

Senator C.V. Too-Chung, Vice-President - In the Chair.

Appointed under Article 47(2)(a):

Senator the Honourable H.J.M. Hubbard,
Minister of Trade and Industry.
Senator the Honourable C.V. Nunes,
Minister of Education and Social Development.
Senator C.V. Christian
Senator M. Khan
Senator C.S. Persaud
Senator Christina Ramjattan
Senator H. Thomas

Appointed under Article 47(2)(b):

Senator Anne Jardim

Appointed under Article 47(2)(c):

Senator A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.
Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree.

Absent:

His Honour the President, Senator Ashton Chase.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leave.

The Vice-President announced the receipt of a letter from the President expressing his inability to be present at that sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(a) By the Minister of Trade and Industry:

(i) General Review and Report of the Archives Department for the period 1959-1961.

(Circulated).

- (ii) Progress Report on the Development Expenditure for the quarter ended 30th June, 1961, in the Development Programme 1961 - 1964.
(F.S.G.250/54^{XVII})(Circulated).
- (iii) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the New Widows and Orphans' Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1960.
(F.S.G.105/54).
- (iv) Report on the Geological Survey Department for the year 1960.
(GS 59/22/4/10)(Circulated).
- (b) By the Minister of Education and Social Development:
Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the year 1960.
(L: 287/4)(Circulated).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bills received from Legislative Assembly.

The Vice-President announced the receipt of the following Bills from the Legislative Assembly:

- (i) LOAN (CONSORCIO EMPRESAS GRUPO DEL CONTE) BILL, 1961.
- (ii) CRIMINAL LAW (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL, 1961.
- (iii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT (POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS) BILL, 1961.

The Vice-President intimated that Senator the Honourable Hubbard had expressed his willingness to take charge of the LOAN (CONSORCIO EMPRESAS GRUPO DEL CONTE) BILL, 1961 and Senator the Honourable Nunes had expressed his willingness to take charge of the CRIMINAL LAW (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL, 1961 and the LOCAL GOVERNMENT (POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS) BILL, 1961.

Bills read the first time

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second and Third Readings.

Item 1 - LOAN (CONSORCIO EMPRESAS GRUPO DEL CONTE) BILL, 1961 - L.A. Bill No. 5/1961.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry the relevant Standing Order was suspended to enable the remaining stages of the Bill intitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE BONDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING OF THE PARIKA-BARTICA ROAD to be proceeded with.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry the Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and was passed as printed.

Item 2 - CRIMINAL LAW (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL, 1961 - L.A. Bill No. 3/1961.

On a motion by the Minister of Education and Social Development the relevant Standing Order was suspended to enable the remaining stages of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL LAW (PROCEDURE) ORDINANCE to be proceeded with.

On a motion by the Minister of Education and Social Development the Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and was passed as printed.

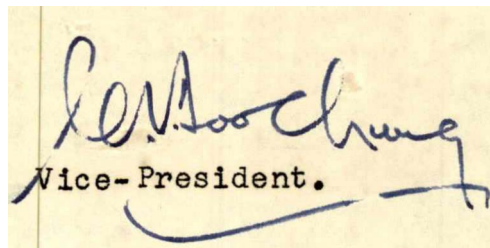
Item 3 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS) BILL, 1961 - L.A. Bill No. 4/1961.

On a motion by the Minister of Education and Social Development the relevant Standing Order was suspended to enable the remaining stages of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS TO VILLAGE COUNCILS AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH to be proceeded with.

On a motion by the Minister of Education and Social Development the Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and was passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.36 a.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Senate was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



Vice-President.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

15th December, 1961.