

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Fourth Sitting of the Legislative Assembly 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 2.00 P.M.

on

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1961.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj.

(a) Members of the Government
People's Progressive Party

(i) Ministers

The Honourable B.H. Benn,
Minister of Natural Resources.
The Honourable Ram Karran,
Minister of Works and Hydraulics.
The Honourable B.S. Rai,
Minister of Home Affairs.
The Honourable R. Chandisingh,
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.
Dr. the Honourable Charles Jacob, Jr.,
Minister of Finance.
Dr. the Honourable F.H.W. Ramsahoye,
Attorney-General.
The Honourable E.M.G. Wilson,
Minister of Communications.

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. G. Bowman, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Natural Resources.
Mr. L.E.M. Mann, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Works and Hydraulics.

(iii) Other Members

Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. G.L. Robertson
Mr. M. Bhagwan
Mr. J.B. Caldeira
Mr. V. Downer
Mr. M. Hamid
Mr. G. McL. Henry
Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. H. Lall
Mr. M. Shakoor

(b) Members Constituting the Minority

(i) People's National Congress

Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.
Mr. J. Carter
Mr. N.J. Bissember
Mr. W.A. Blair
Mr. R.S.S. Hugh
Mr. J.G. Joaquim

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Mr. R.J. Jordan
Mr. C.A. Merriman
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton

(ii) United Force

Mr. P. d'Aguiar
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. R.E. Cheeks
Mr. E.E. Melville

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

Absent:

Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagan,
Premier and Minister of Development and Planning -
out of the Colony.
Mr. W.O.R. Kendall, Deputy Speaker - on leave.
Mr. E.F. Correia - indisposed.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that Mr. Correia had asked to be excused as he was indisposed.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (i) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Lethem Trade Store for the years ended 6th January, 1959, 6th January, 1960 and 6th January, 1961.
(No. M. 1/22 II).
- (ii) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Kamarang Trade Store for the year ended 31st December, 1960.
(No. M. 1/22 II).

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER.

On a motion by the Minister of Natural Resources the Assembly agreed that the motion under consideration be ~~exempted~~ from the provisions of Standing Order No. 9(2).

PUBLIC BUSINESS.

MOTION

Item 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AS SET OUT IN HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the following motion:

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly approves of the Government's policy as set out in His Excellency the Governor's Address at the official opening of the Legislature on 6th October, 1961.

Mr. Hugh spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m. Mr. Bowman was speaking when the sitting was suspended for tea.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Bowman concluded his speech.

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Ram Karran and Mr. Rai spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Joaquim was speaking when the sitting was suspended for dinner.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.00 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

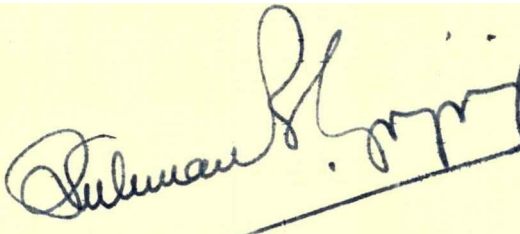
Mr. Joaquim concluded his speech.

Mr. Melville and Mr. Blair spoke to the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 20th October, 1961.



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

20th October, 1961.