

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION

1961 - 1962

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 19th 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

MONDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1962.

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

People's Progressive Party

(i) Ministers

Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagan,  
Premier and Minister of Development and Planning.  
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. 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. W.O.R. Kendall, Deputy Speaker.  
Mr. J. Carter

Mr. N.J. Bissember  
 Mr. W.A. Blair  
 Mr. R.S.S. Hugh  
 Mr. J.G. Joaquim  
 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:

Mr. E.F. Correia - on leave.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. E.F. Correia from that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing:

Minimum Wages (Laundry Employees) Order, 1962  
 (No. 28).

(L. 56/4/6)(Circulated).

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Report on the visit to Israel, Tanganyika, United Kingdom and United Nations by the Premier.

The Premier stated that arrangements had been made for the Statement on his visit to Israel, Tanganyika, United Kingdom and United Nations to be circulated to Members, and asked that it be taken as read.

- (i) Corrections to Modifications of Government's Revenue Proposals.
- (ii) Letter received from Member for Georgetown Central (Mr. d'Aguiar).

Before the Order of the Day was proceeded with, His Honour the Speaker informed Members that -

- (i) The Minister of Finance had intimated to him that two errors had been discovered in his Statement setting out the Government's modifications of its revenue proposals, and that arrangements had been made for the correction slip to be circulated to Members.

- (ii) The Member for Georgetown Central had written him a letter raising objections to the procedure adopted on the 3rd of April when the Minister of Finance was granted leave by the Assembly to read a Statement setting out the Government's modifications of its revenue proposals, and that he had since referred the letter to the Honourable Attorney-General for his advice.

His Honour added that he hoped to read the Member's letter and his reply to the Legislative Assembly in another day or two.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### BILL - Second Reading.

#### Item 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill No. 4/1962.

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Carter and Mr. Campbell 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 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Bowman concluded his speech.

Mr. Jordan spoke to the motion.

#### Suspension of Sitting

At 6.00 p.m. Mr. D. Jagan was speaking when, on motions by Mr. Benn, the relevant Standing Order was suspended and the sitting was suspended for dinner.

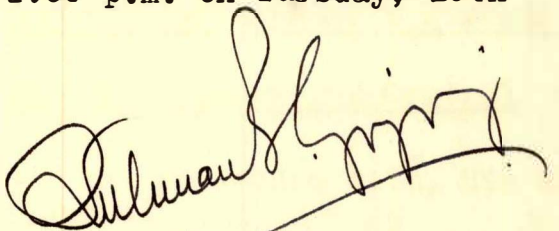
#### Resumption of Sitting

At 8.10 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. D. Jagan concluded his speech.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 p.m. Mr. Hugh was speaking to the motion when the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th April, 1962.



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

10th April, 1962.