

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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FIRST SESSION
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1961 - 1962
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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 26th 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

WEDNESDAY, 18TH 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. 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. E.F. Correia

Mr. N.J. Bissenber
 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. R.E. Cheeks

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

Absent:

Mr. G. Bowman, Parliamentary Secretary to the
 Ministry of Natural Resources - on leave.
 Mr. S. Campbell - on leave.
 Mr. E.E. Melville - on leave.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to Mr. Melville for one week with effect from that sitting as he was indisposed.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

In Committee of Supply

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

Consideration of DRAFT ESTIMATES, 1962, resumed.

HEAD

AMOUNT

60.	SALARIES REVISION, ETC. - was recommitted and after discussion, was passed at ..	\$2,600,000:
18.	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ...	\$83,421:

On motions by the Minister of Finance, the following sub-heads were inserted:

- (a) Sub-head 1(5): Senior Legal Adviser to the Police F13.. \$5,960:
- (b) Sub-head 1(6): Legal Adviser to the Police A1.. \$3,040:
- (c) Sub-head 1(7): Senior Clerk ... \$3,048:

Thereafter, the Head was increased by \$12,048: and passed at .. \$ 95,469:

HEADAMOUNT

19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT \$649,326:

On a motion by the Minister of Finance,
the following sub-head was deleted:

OTHER CHARGES

8. Clerical Assistance,
District Offices . . . \$17,000:

Thereafter, the Head was decreased
by \$17,000: and passed at \$ 632,326:

21. POLICE \$3,703,777:

On motions by the Minister of Finance,
the following sub-heads were deleted:

PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS. Fixed Establishment.

(6) 1 Senior Legal Adviser F13) .. \$9,000:
(7) 1 Legal Adviser A1)

On a motion by the Minister of Finance,
the following sub-head was inserted on a
division as under:

Sub-head 1(a): Supernumerary Commissioner
of Police . . . \$10,080:

DivisionFORAGAINST

Mr. Shakoor
Mr. Lall
Mr. Jagan
Mr. Hamid
Mr. Downer
Mr. Caldeira
Mr. Bhagwan
Mr. Robertson
Mr. Saffee
Mr. Mann
Mr. Wilson
Dr. Ramsahoye
Dr. Jacob
Mr. Chandisingh
Mr. Rai
Mr. Ram Karran
Mr. Benn
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Mr. Bissember
Mr. Correia
Mr. Burnham

1810Suspension of Sitting

At 4.00 p.m. Committee of Supply was still considering
HEAD 21 - POLICE when the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

HEADAMOUNT

21. POLICE.

After further discussion, the Head was increased by \$1,080: and passed at .. \$3,704,857:

1. GOVERNOR \$100:

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the following sub-head was inserted:

6. Purchase of Land Rover .. \$5,200:

Thereafter, the Head was increased by \$5,200: and passed at \$ 5,300:

51. POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTION ... \$1,046,306:

On motions by the Minister of Finance, the following sub-heads were re-designated:

(a) Sub-head 1(4): From Traffic Superintendent to Service Superintendent.

(b) Sub-head 1(7): From Assistant Traffic Superintendent to Assistant Service Superintendent.

(c) Sub-head 11(2): From 2 Inspectors to:
(i) 1 Assistant Engineer.
(ii) 1 Inspector.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the following amendment was made to sub-head 1(18):

1 Post of Senior Clerical Assistant A17 was regraded Secretary A14 .. \$108:

Thereafter, the Head was increased by \$108: and passed at \$1,046,414:

53. CIVIL AVIATION ... \$601,127:

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the following sub-head was decreased by \$42,916:

16. Purchase of Equipment .. \$67,916:

Thereafter, the Head was decreased by \$42,916 and passed at \$ 558,211:

Assembly resumed.

Consideration of Development Estimates

Mr. Benn stated that as soon as consideration of the Appropriation Bill, 1962, was concluded, it was proposed to proceed with the motion for the approval of the Development Estimates, 1962, notice of which had been circulated to Members on that day. He added that copies of the Development Estimates had been circulated since 31st January, 1962.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.35 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Benn, the sitting was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th April, 1962.

Confirmed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sullivan", is written over a diagonal line that extends from the top right towards the bottom left.

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

19th April, 1962.