

BRITISH GUIANA

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SECOND SESSION

1962

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 2 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,

on
TUESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1962.

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

People's Progressive Party

(i) Ministers

Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagdeo, Premier and Minister of Health and Planning.
The Honourable B.H. Benn, Minister of Natural Resources.
The Honourable Ram Karran, Minister of Works and Handicrafts.
The Honourable R. Chandisingh, Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.
Dr. the Honourable Charles Jacob, Jr., Minister of Finance.
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 Finance.
Mr. S.M. Saffee, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Works and Handicrafts.

(iii) Other Members

Mr. G.L. Robertson
Mr. M. Bhagwan
Mr. J.B. Caldeira
Mr. V. Downer
Mr. M. Hamid
Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. H. Iall
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
Mr. J. Carter, Q.C.
Mr. N.J. Bissember
Mr. W.A. Blair
Mr. R.S.S. Hugh
Mr. J.G. Joaquin

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

(ii) United Force

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

(iii) Independent

Mr. B.S. Rai

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. C m Ewing.
 Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. F.A. Narain (Ag.)

Absent:

Dr. the Honourable F.H.W. Ramsahoye, Attorney-General - on leave.
 Mr. E.F. Correia - on leave.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

t of Reso ution No. V.

His Honour the Speaker read a let er dated the 13th of December, 1962, from the Secretary t the Office of the Governor, acknowledging receipt of R solution No. V thanking His Excellency for the Speech addres ed to the Legislature at the opening of its Second Sessio on the 10th of December, 1962.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that Mr. Correia had asked to be excused from that sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS TC.

(a) By the Speaker:

Address by His Excellency he Governor, Sir Ralph Francis Alnwick Grey, .C.M.G., K.C.V.O., O.B.E., on the occasion of the opening of the Second Session of the Legisla ure on Monday, 10th December, 1962.

(Circulated).

(b) By the Minister of Labour Housi :

Report of the Sugar Indust y Labour Welfare Fund Committee for the year 1961.
 (HTP. 342/48/2 IV)(Circulated).

(c) By the Minister of Finance:

(i) Financial Paper No. 7/ 962 - Schedule of Additional Provisio on the Recurrent Estimates for Novem er and December, 1962, totalling \$2,363,02 .

(Circulated).

- (ii) Financial Paper No. 8/196 - Schedule of Additional Provision of the Development Estimates for July to December, 1962, totalling \$2,317,323. (Circulated).

In terms of Standing Order 69(1), the Minister named Thursday, the 20th of December, 1962, as the day for the consideration of these Financial Papers.

Tax General

Mr. d'Aguiar sought leave to move adjournment of the Assembly to raise a matter concerning the short time within which it was required, by the Property Tax (General) Regulations, 1962 (No. 26), to submit returns for the year of assessment 1962.

Leave was granted Mr. d'Aguiar to raise the matter at the appropriate time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second and Third Readings.

Item 1 - PUBLIC AND JUDICIAL OFFICE

In terms of Standing Order No. 2, the Minister of Finance laid over the Governor's recommendation.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the BILL intitled AN ORDINANCE TO PRESCRIBE THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO CERTAIN PERSONS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO THE JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT was read a second time.

Assembly then resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 - 7 were passed as per

Schedule was passed on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Shakoor	. Melville
Mr. Lall	. Cheeks
Mr. Jagan	. Campbell
Mr. Hamid	. d'Aguiar
Mr. Downer	. Wharton
Mr. Caldeira	. Merriman
Mr. Bhagwan	Jordan
Mr. Robertson	Joaquin
Mr. Saffee	. Hugh
Mr. Mann	. Blair
Mr. Bowman	. Bissember
Mr. Wilson	Kendall
Dr. Jacob	. Burnham
Mr. Chandisingh	
Mr. Ram Karran	
Mr. Benn	
Dr. Jagan	

Assembly resumed.

Third Reading

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Bill was read the third time and passed as printed.

BILL - Second Reading.

Item 2 - INCOME TAX AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL

L.A.

The Minister of Finance laid over recommendation in terms of Standing Order No. 21, and moved the second reading of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE.

Mr. d'Aguiar spoke to the motion.

Suspension of Sitting

At 3.58 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF ASSEMBLY

General

In accordance with the permission granted earlier, Mr. d'Aguiar moved the adjournment of the Assembly to refer to the time prescribed by the Property Tax (General) Regulations, 1962 (No. 26), for submission of the returns for the year of assessment 1962.

L.A.

At 4.50 p.m. consideration of this item was resumed.

Mr. Cheeks spoke to the motion for the second reading of the Bill.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 and 2 were passed as printed.

Clause 3 - The Minister of Finance moved the following amendments to paragraph (e), which were put and carried:

- (i) Substitution of the word "exceeds" for the word "less" in the ninth line of the proviso to the new subsection (2)(a)(iii).
- (ii) Insertion of the word and comma "means," between the words "it," and "the" in the third line of the new subsection (2)(a)(vii).

- (iii) Insertion of the words "in the aggregate" between the words "property" and "is" in the third line of the new subsection (2)(c)(ii).
- (iv) Insertion of the words "in any one year" after the words "dollars" in the fourth line of the new subsection (2)(c)(ii).
- (v) Insertion of the word "the" between the words "of" and "change" in the seventh line of the new subsection (2)(d)(iii).
- (vi) Substitution of the words "that is" for the abbreviation "i.e." in the fifth line of the new subsection (2)(d)(ix).

Clause 3 was still under consideration when it was agreed to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.20 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Works and Hydraulics, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 19th of December, 1962.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

19th December, 1962.