

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 37th 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, 23RD MAY, 1962.

PRESENT:

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall, Deputy Speaker - In the Chair.

(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. 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. J. Carter
Mr. E.F. Correia
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
 Mr. E.E. Melville

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

Absent:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj - on leave.
 Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagan,
 Premier and Minister of Development and Planning - on leave.
 Mr. J.B. Caldeira.
 Mr. N.J. Bissember.
 Mr. S. Campbell.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESSIn Committee of SupplyAPPROPRIATION BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill No. 12/1962.

Consideration of Draft Estimates, 1962 (No. 2) resumed.

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12. MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HYDRAULICS was passed at .. \$	44,359:
13. PUBLIC WORKS - ESTABLISHMENT was passed at .. \$	1,960,405:
14. PUBLIC WORKS AND SEA DEFENCES - ANNUALLY RECURRENT was passed at .. \$	4,625,937:
15. PUBLIC WORKS - NON-RECURRENT was passed at .. \$	550,000:
16. DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION - ESTABLISHMENT .. \$668,401:	

At the request of Minister of Works and Hydraulics, consideration of this Head was deferred to afford him an opportunity of obtaining certain details requested by Mr. Correia.

17. DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION - ANNUALLY RECURRENT was passed at .. \$	725,250:
18. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS was passed at .. \$	95,469:
19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT was passed at .. \$	632,326:
20. INTERIOR was passed at .. \$	282,161:

Suspension of Sitting

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
21. POLICE was passed at ..	\$3,704,857:
16. DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION -- ESTABLISHMENT ..	\$668,401:
<p>At this stage, Committee of Supply resumed consideration of HEAD 16. DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION - ESTABLISHMENT, and passed it at \$ 668,401:</p>	
22. PRISONS was passed at ..	\$ 603,296:
23. FIRE PREVENTION was passed at ..	\$ 570,525:
24. PRINTERY was passed at ..	\$ 562,586:
25. PROBATION was passed at ..	\$ 92,797:
26. ESSEQUIBO BOYS' SCHOOL was passed at ..	\$ 99,268:
27. MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND HOUSING was passed at ..	\$ 237,707:
28. MEDICAL - ESTABLISHMENT was passed at ..	\$1,567,268:
29. MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL.. .. was passed at ..	\$ 204,581:
30. MEDICAL - X-RAY was passed at ..	\$ 108,201:
31. MEDICAL - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES was passed at ..	\$4,916,922:
32. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING.. .. was passed at ..	\$ 89,553:
33. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, IMMIGRATION, ETC. was passed at ..	\$ 88,987:
34. ANALYST was passed at ..	\$ 78,912:
35. LABOUR was passed at ..	\$ 211,653:
36. MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY was passed at ..	\$ 555,728:
37. MINISTRY OF FINANCE was passed at ..	\$ 568,942:
38. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL was passed at ..	\$1,567,712:
39. CENTRAL REGISTRY was passed at ..	\$ 34,967:
40. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE was passed at ..	\$ 781,258:
41. INLAND REVENUE was passed at ..	\$ 191,415:
42. LICENCE REVENUE was passed at ..	\$ 70,895:
43. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK was passed at ..	\$ 64,314:
44. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT was passed at ..	\$4,126,107:

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
45. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS was passed at ..	\$8,338,158:
46. THE PALMS was passed at ..	\$ 365,746:
47. ATTORNEY GENERAL was passed at ..	\$ 120,138:
48. CROWN SOLICITOR, PUBLIC TRUSTEE AND OFFICIAL RECEIVER .. was passed at ..	\$ 36,976:
49. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS .. was passed at ..	\$ 71,497:
50. POST OFFICE was passed at ..	\$1,618,289:
51. POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTION .. was passed at ..	\$1,046,414:
52. TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was passed at ..	\$2,199,300:
53. CIVIL AVIATION was passed at ..	\$ 558,211:
54. AUDIT was passed at ..	\$ 209,361:
55. PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was passed at ..	\$ 45,943:
56. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION .. was passed at ..	\$ 170,740:
57. PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES .. was passed at ..	\$ 505,624:
58. PUBLIC DEBT was passed at ..	\$3,969,401:
59. LOANS FROM PUBLIC FUNDS.. .. was passed at ..	\$ 340,000:
60. SALARIES REVISION, ETC. .. was passed at ..	\$2,600,000:

TOTAL OF SCHEDULE

The Minister of Finance informed Committee of Supply that the total of the Schedule, as approved by the Committee, was \$58,950,459: as printed.

Clause 1 - Short Title - was amended by the insertion of a comma and the figures "1962" after the word "Ordinance" at the end of the Clause.

Clause 2 - was passed as printed.

PREAMBLE - was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

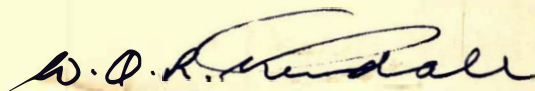
Report and Third Reading

The Minister of Finance reported to the Assembly that the Appropriation Bill, 1962, was considered in Committee of Supply and passed with an amendment.

Thereafter, on a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.10 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Natural Resources (the Honourable B.H. Benn), the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. P. R. Rudall', written in a cursive style.

Deputy Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

14th June, 1962.