

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION

1961 - 1962

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 27th 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

TUESDAY, 24TH 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. E.F. Correia

Mr. N.J. Bissember
 Mr. W.A. Blair
 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. R.S.S. Hugh - on leave.
 Mr. S. Campbell - on leave.
 Mr. E.E. Melvillè - on leave.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that -

- (i) Leave had been granted to -
 (a) Mr. R.S.S. Hugh from that sitting.
 (b) Mr. H. Lall from 26th April, for a period
 of three weeks;

and(ii) Mr. Merriman had expressed the hope that he
 would be able to attend later during the
 sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

In Committee of Supply.

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

Consideration of DRAFT ESTIMATES, 1962, resumed.

HEAD

AMOUNT

4. SUPREME COURT & DEEDS REGISTRY .. \$367,996:

(i) On a motion by the Minister of Finance,
 Sub-head 1 - Personal Emoluments, Item 17,
 was increased from 1 Senior Clerk to
 2 Senior Clerks, and the provision increased
 by \$1: from \$3,048: to \$3,049:

(ii) On motions by the Minister of Finance,
 Sub-head 6. Fees to Counsel, was reduced
 by \$2,400: and passed at \$4,000: and Sub-
 head 7. Law Library was increased by
 \$4,000: and passed at \$6,400:

Thereafter, the Head was increased
 by \$1,601: and passed at \$ 369,597:

HEAD	<u>AMOUNT</u>
8. MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES ..	\$1,034,870:

The Minister of Finance moved the insertion of the following sub-head:

16. Grant to Macouba Co-operative Society .. \$4,000:

Suspension of Sitting

At 4.00 p.m. Committee of Supply was considering HEAD 8 - MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, when the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

HEAD	AMOUNT
8. MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES.	

After further discussion, Committee of Supply approved the insertion of sub-head 16. Grant to Macouba Co-operative Society .. \$4,000:

Thereafter, the Head was increased by \$4,000: and passed at \$1,038,870:

7. PREMIER'S OFFICE, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING	\$370,380:
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The Minister of Finance moved the insertion of the following sub-head:

19. Overseas Representations .. \$195,000:

Suspension of Sitting

At 6.35 p.m. Committee of Supply was considering HEAD 7 - PREMIER'S OFFICE, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING, when the sitting was suspended for dinner.

Resumption of Sitting

At 8.05 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7. PREMIER'S OFFICE, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.	

After further discussion, Committee of Supply approved the insertion of sub-head 19. Overseas Representations .. \$195,000:

Thereafter, the Head was increased by \$195,000: and passed at \$ 565,380:

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HEAD	AMOUNT
29. MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL ..	\$204,580:

The Minister of Finance moved the insertion of the following sub-head:

1. Personal Emoluments
 - (16) Overtime ... \$1:

Extension of Sitting

At 10.00 p.m. and on a motion by the Minister of Natural Resources (the Honourable B.H. Benn), it was agreed that the sitting should be extended for half an hour.

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
29. MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL.	
After further discussion, Committee of Supply approved the insertion of sub-head 1. Personal Emoluments (16) Overtime ... \$1:	
Thereafter, the Head was <u>increased</u> by \$1: and passed at	\$ 204,581:

31. MEDICAL - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES ..	\$4,913,522:
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The Minister of Finance moved the insertion of the following sub-head:

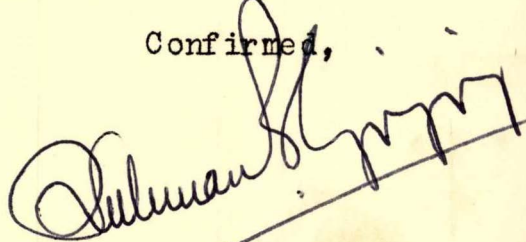
30. Purchase of Equipment .. \$3,400:

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee of Supply was still considering HEAD 31 - MEDICAL - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES, when at 10.35 p.m. the sitting was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th April, 1962.

Confirmed,



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

25th April, 1962.