

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST SENATE

FIRST SESSION

1961 - 1962

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 7th Sitting of the Senate 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 9.00 .M.  
on

TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1962.

PRESENT:

Senator A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - In the Chair.

Appointed under Article 47(?) (a):

Senator the Honourable H.J.M. Hubbard,  
Minister of Trade and Industry.  
Senator the Honourable C.V. Nunes,  
Minister of Education and Social Development.  
Senator C.V. Christian  
Senator M. Khan  
Senator C.S. Persaud  
Senator Christina Ramjattan  
Senator H. Thomas

Appointed under Article 47(2)(b):

Senator Anne Jardim

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

Absent:

His Honour the President, Senator Ashton Chase - on leave.  
Senator C.V. Too-Chung - on leave.

ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT AND ELECTION OF PRESIDING SENATOR.

The Clerk informed the Senators that both the President and Vice-President had asked to be excused from that sitting and, in terms of Standing Order No. 4, he requested them to elect another Senator to preside.

On a motion by Senator the Honourable H.J.M. Hubbard, seconded by Senator Thomas, Senator A.G. Tasker was elected to preside.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.(a) By Senator A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.:

Report of the Director of Audit on the  
Accounts of British Guiana for the  
year ended 31st December, 1960.  
(92/AD. 6/60).

(b) By the Minister of Trade and Industry:

- (i) Report of the Accountant General  
for the year 1960. (T.28).
- (ii) Order No. 1 of 1962 made under  
section 8 of the Customs Ordinance,  
Chapter 309, on the 3rd day of  
January, 1962, and published in  
the Gazette of the 13th of January,  
1962.  
(G. 330/60)(Circulated).
- (iii) Order No. 3 of 1962 made under  
section 8 of the Customs Ordinance,  
Chapter 309, on the 20th day of  
January, 1962, and published in  
the Gazette on the 27th of January,  
1962.  
(C.Ex. 39/54I)(Circulated).
- (iv) Report of the Director General of  
the Overseas Audit Service on the  
Accounts of the British Guiana  
Transport and Harbours Department  
for the year ended 31st December,  
1959, together with the Governor's  
comments thereon - Sessional Paper  
No. 1/1962.  
(TH.G. 1518/50)(Circulated).

(c) By the Minister of Education and Social Development:

- (i) Annual Reports of the Director of Land  
Development for the years 1958, 1959  
and 1960.  
(No. 4/9 VII)(Circulated).
- (ii) Electoral Provisions (Registration)  
Regulations, 1961 - No. 3.  
(EL. 3/2)(Circulated).
- (iii) Electoral Provisions (Registration)  
(Amendment Regulations, 1961 -  
No. 9.  
(EL. 3/2)(Circulated).
- (iv) Representation of the People (Amendment)  
Regulations, 1961 - No. 11.  
(EL. 3/2)(Circulated).
- (v) Representation of the People (Remuneration  
of Offices) (Amendment) Regulations,  
1961 - No. 15.  
(EL. 3/2)(Circulated).
- (vi) Public Health (Mosquito Control)  
(Amendment) Regulations, 1961 -  
No. 24.  
(37/10/10)(Circulated).

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERSQuestion No. 1.

Mr. Tasker asked the Minister of Education and Social Development the following question:

QUESTION: In view of the resumption of nuclear tests, including the explosion on October 30 of a device of at least 50 megatons, and of the resultant increase of radioactive fall-out in the atmosphere, will the Government state what action has been taken to ensure early warning and protection for the people of this country?

The Minister of Education and Social Development gave the following reply:

ANSWER: This Government is fully aware of the possibility of radioactive fall-out due to nuclear tests, but is advised that no dangerous increase in the equatorial regions is likely for some time as the atmospheric circulation will distribute the radioactivity mainly in the northern temperate zone. Arrangements have been made, however, to detect any serious rise in atmospheric radioactivity in good time for the necessary precautions to be taken.

The United Kingdom authorities have advised that apparatus already in the country will be adequate to give warning of increasing fall-out and a gauging station has been set up at the Brickdam headquarters of the Geological Survey. The Government will also keep in touch with the Health and Safety Branch of the United Kingdom Radiological Protection Service who will advise on any precautions which may become necessary to safeguard the health of the citizens of this country.

In addition, the Director, Geological Survey, is taking steps to get in touch with other countries in the equatorial zone of South America which may be setting up atmospheric radiological observation machinery, and will propose an exchange of information.

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BIIS - First Readings.

Bills received from Legislative Assembly:

The following Bills received from the Legislative Assembly were presented and read the first time:

- (i) LEGISLATURE (REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS) BILL, 1962.
- (ii) DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION (DECLARATION OF AREA) (NO. 2) BILL, 1962.
- (iii) GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962.

(iv) GENEVA CONVENTIONS (SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS) BILL, 1962.

PUBLIC BUSINESS.

MOTION

Item 1 - MOTION TO CONFIRM ORDER NO. 1 OF 1962.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the following Resolution was adopted

RESOLVED, That the Legislature in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirms Order No. 1 of 1962 which was made on the 3rd day of January, 1962 and published in the Gazette on the 13th of January, 1962.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings.

Item 2 - LEGISLATURE (REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS) BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill No. 3/1962.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry the relevant Standing Order was suspended to enable the remaining stages of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF REMUNERATION, TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE. to be proceeded with.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 3 - DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION (DECLARATION OF AREA) BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill No. 1/1962.

On a motion by the Minister of Education and Social Development the relevant Standing Order was suspended to enable the remaining stages of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE MERGING OF THE NORTHERN KLIEN POUDEROYEN DRAINAGE AREA AND THE NORTH KLIEN POUDEROYEN (EXTENSION) DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION AREA to be proceeded with.

On a motion by the Minister of Education and Social Development the Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 4 - GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill No. 6/1961.

On a motion by the Minister of Education and Social Development the relevant Standing Order was suspended to enable the remaining stages of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL ORDINANCE to be proceeded with.

On a motion by the Minister of Education and Social Development the Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

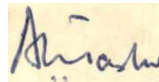
Item 5 - GENEVA CONVENTIONS (SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS)  
BILL, 1962 - U.A. Bill No. 2/1962.

On a motion by the Minister of Education and Social Development the relevant Standing Order was suspended to enable the remaining stages of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS ACT, 1957, OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AS EXTENDED TO BRITISH GUIANA BY THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS ACT (COLONIAL TERRITORIES) ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1959, SO AS TO ENABLE FULL EFFECT TO BE GIVEN IN RELATION TO BRITISH GUIANA TO CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS DONE AT GENEVA ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF AUGUST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE to be proceeded with.

On a motion by the Minister of Education and Social Development the Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.48 a.m. on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Senate was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



or President.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
 Georgetown.

8th March, 1962.