

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST SENATE

FIRST SESSION

1961 - 1962

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 9th 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 A.M.

on

MONDAY, 28TH MAY, 1962.

PRESENT:

Senator C.V. Too-Chung, Vice-President - In the Chair.

Appointed under Article 47(2)(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 C. Ramjattan
Senator H. Thomas

Appointed under Article 47(2)(b):

Senator Ann Jardim

Appointed under Article 47(2)(c):

Senator A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

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.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vice-President announced -

Hours of Sitting

- (i) that as the Order Paper contained many items for consideration it was proposed, with Members' consent, to sit from 9.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. (with an extension, if necessary, to complete the business) and from 1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Bills received from the Legislative Assembly

(ii) the receipt of the following Bills from the Legislative Assembly:-

- (a) Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962.
- (b) Auctioneers (Amendment) Bill, 1962.
- (c) British Guiana Credit Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1962.
- (d) Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962.
- (e) Appropriation Bill, 1962.

(iii) the receipt of a Certificate from the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly advising that the following were Money Bills:

- (a) Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962.
- (b) Auctioneers (Amendment) Bill, 1962.
- (c) Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962.
- (d) Appropriation Bill, 1962.

(iv) that the Minister of Trade and Industry had expressed his willingness to take charge of the Bills.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(a) By the Minister of Trade and Industry:

- (i) Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 1962 (No. 1). (Circulated).
- (ii) Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 1962 (No. 7). (COMS. 2/2/3(8))(Circulated).
- (iii) Provisional Collection of Taxes Order, 1962 (No. 4). (Circulated).
- (iv) Customs Duties (Amendment) Order, 1962 (No. 5). (Circulated).
- (v) Order No. 15 of 1962 made under section 8 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, on the 21st day of February, 1962 and published in the Gazette on the 22nd of February, 1962. (G. 5/61)(Circulated).
- (vi) Overseas Service Aid Scheme (Sessional Paper No. 5/1962).
- (vii) Report of the British Guiana Rice Marketing Board for the period 1st October, 1960 to 30th September, 1961. (T.I. 5/1/19 II)(Circulated).
- (viii) Annual Report of the Public Service Commission for the year 1961. (Circulated).

(ix) Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Drainage and Irrigation Board for the years 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960.
(D.I. 33/43 IV).

(x) 1962 Estimates (No. 2).

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

- (i) Minimum Wages (Shirt and Garment Workers) (Amendment) Order, 1961 (No. 20).
(L. 56/12/20 II)(Circulated).
- (ii) Minimum Wages (Laundry Employees) Order, 1962 (No. 28). (L. 56/4/6)(Circulated).
- (iii) Minimum Wages (Shirt and Garment Workers) (Amendment) Order, 1962 (No. 31).
(L.56/12/20 II)(Circulated).
- (iv) Annual Report of the Social Assistance Department for the year 1960.
(SW. 1/2 II)(Circulated).
- (v) Fisheries (Pin Seine) Regulations, 1962 (No. 8).
(AGR. 201/17/1 II)(Circulated).
- (vi) Annual Report of the Director of Agriculture for the year 1960.
(AGR. 2/4/12)(Circulated).

BILLS - First Reading.

The following Bills were presented and read the first time:-

- (i) TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962.
- (ii) AUCTIONEERS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962.
- (iii) BRITISH GUIANA CREDIT CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962.
- (iv) INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962.
- (v) APPROPRIATION BILL, 1962.
- (vi) MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

Item 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION NO. 1 OF 1962.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Senate adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That the Legislature in terms of section 98 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, approves Regulation No. 1 of 1962 which was made on the 29th day of January, 1962, and published in the Gazette on the 31st of January, 1962.

Item 2 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS ORDER NO. 5 OF 1962.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Senate adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That the Legislature in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirms Order No. 5 of 1962, which was made on the 30th day of January, 1962 and published in the Gazette on the 31st of January, 1962.

Item 3 - MOTION TO CONFIRM CUSTOMS ORDER NO. 15 OF 1962.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Senate adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That the Legislature in terms of section 9 of the Customs Ordinance, Chapter 309, confirms Order No. 15 of 1962, which was made on the 21st day of February, 1962 and published in the Gazette on the 22nd of February, 1962.

Suspension of Standing Order No. 45(2).

At this stage, and on a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Standing Order No. 45 was suspended to enable the remaining stages of the following Bills to be proceeded with:-

- (i) TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill No. 5/1962.
- (ii) AUCTIONEERS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 - L.A. BILL No. 6/1962
- (iii) BRITISH GUIANA CREDIT CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill No. 10/1962.
- (iv) INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill No. 11/1962

BILL - Second Reading.Item 4 - TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill No. 5/1962
(MONEY BILL).

The Minister of Trade and Industry moved that the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE be read a second time.

After discussion, the question that the Bill be read a second time was put and carried.

Suspension of Sitting

At 11.35 a.m. the sitting was suspended for lunch.

Resumption of Sitting

At 1.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

BILL - Third Reading.Item 4 - TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill No. 5/1962.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE was read the third time.

BILLS - Second and Third Readings.Item 5 - AUCTIONEERS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill
No. 6/1962 (MONEY BILL).

On motions by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AUCTIONEERS ORDINANCE was read a second, and the third time, and passed as printed.

Item 6 - BRITISH GUIANA CREDIT CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL,
1962 - L.A. Bill No. 10/1962.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade and Industry, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BRITISH GUIANA CREDIT CORPORATION ORDINANCE, 1954, was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

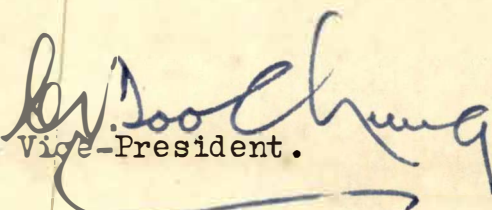
Item 7 - INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 - L.A. Bill
No. 11/1962 (MONEY BILL).

The Minister of Trade and Industry moved that the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE be read a second time.

Senator Jardim and Senator Tasker spoke to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.50 p.m. the Senate was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 1st June, 1962.


Vice-President.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

1st June, 1962.