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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 13th 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 1.30 P.M.  
on

FRIDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 1963.

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 Agriculture, Forests and Lands.  
The Honourable Ram Karran,  
Minister of Works and Hydraulics.  
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 Agriculture, Forests and Lands.  
Mr. L.E.M. Mann, Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Ministry of Finance.  
Mr. S.M. Saifee, Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Ministry of Works and Hydraulics.

(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 Speaker  
Mr. J. Carter, Q.C.  
Mr. E.F. Correia  
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

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. J. Crum Ewing.  
 Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. F.A. Narain (Ag.)

Absent:

The Honourable R. Chandisingh,  
 Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - on leave.  
 Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESSBILL - Second Reading.Item 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1962 - Bill No. 30/1962 (L.A.)

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Burnham spoke to the motion.

The Minister of Finance was replying when the tea interval was reached.

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.

The Minister of Finance concluded his reply.

The question that the Bill be read a second time was then put and carried.

Thereafter the Bill was read a second time.

Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance stated that at the next sitting of the Assembly fixed for Tuesday, the 15th of January, 1963, the Committee of Supply would commence consideration of the Appropriation Bill and the Estimates for 1963.

HOURS OF SITTINGS

Assembly agreed that during consideration of the Appropriation Bill and the Estimate for 1963 in the Committee of Supply, the hours of the sittings would be as follows:-

1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.  
 4.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

BILL - Second and Third Readings.Item 2 - SUMMARY JURISDICTION (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) BILL  
1962 - Bill No. 29/1962 (L.A.)

On a motion by the Attorney-General the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (PROCEDURE) ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

MOTIONItem 3 - MOTION RE FLAG, COAT OF ARMS, NATIONAL ANTHEM, ETC.  
FOR AN INDEPENDENT BRITISH GUIANA.

On a motion by the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Assembly authorises the appointment of a Special Select Committee of this Assembly charged with the responsibility for -

- (a) designing a national flag and a coat of arms;
- (b) composing a national anthem; and
- (c) recommending an appropriate name for a politically free and independent British Guiana.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.07 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 5th of January, 1963.



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

14th January, 1963.