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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. .

on

FRIDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1963.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Garraj.

(a) Members of the Government

People's Progressive Party

(i) Ministers

the Honourable C.B. Jag n,  
Premier and Minister of Development and Planning.  
Honourable B.H. Benn,  
Minister of Agriculture Forests and Lands.  
Honourable Ram Karran,  
Minister of Works and Hydraulics.  
Honourable R. Chandisingh,  
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.  
the Honourable Charles Jacob, Jr.,  
Minister of Finance.  
Dr. the Honourable F.H.W. Ramsahoye,  
Attorney-General.  
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. Saffee, 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. 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, 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

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. V'apree (Ag.).  
Class I Clerk - Mr. F.A. Narain.

Absent:

Mr. E.E. Melville - on leave.  
Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Speaker:

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Committee of  
Selection held on the 10th of April, 1963.  
(LEG. 5 5 II)(Circulated).

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Proposed strike action by Trades Union Council.

The Premier and Minister of Development and Planning made a statement concerning the report that an Extraordinary Congress of the British Guiana Trades Union Council had decided to take strike action against the Labour Relations Bill.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Second Reading.

Item 1 - LABOUR RELATIONS BILL, 1963 - Bill No. 13/1963 (L.A.).

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the BILL intituled AN ORD NANCE TO SECURE THE RECOGNITION BY EMPLOYERS OF CERTAIN RADE UNIONS AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Mr. Carter concluded his speech

Dr. Jacob spoke to the motion.

Suspension of Sitting

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was s pended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.35 p.m. the sitting was re umed.

Mr. Blissember and Mr. Lall spo to the motion.

Mr. Jordan was speaking when th hour agreed for the adjournment was reached.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR NEXT SITTING

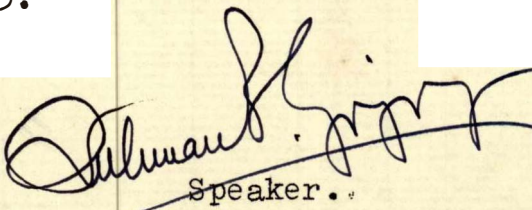
Before the adjournment, the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands stated that the order of Government business for the next sitting would be as follows:-

- (i) The motion by the Minister of Finance to confirm Customs Order No. 15 of 1963;
- (ii) Consideration in Committee of the Miscellaneous Enactments (Amendment) Bill, 1963;
- (iii) The second reading of the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement)(Amendment) Bill, 1963;
- (iv) Resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Labour Relations Bill, 1963.

He added, however, that should the talks between the Government and the Trades Union Council, be satisfactorily concluded, then priority would be given to the Labour Relations Bill.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.30 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, the 22nd of April, 1963.



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

20th April, 1963.