

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

1963 1964

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 28th 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

THURSDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1964

PRESENT:

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

(a) Members of the Government

(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.  
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 Home Affairs.  
Mr. S.M. Saffee, Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Lands.

(iii) Other Members

Mr. G.L. Robertson.  
Mr. J.B. Caldeira.  
Mr. V. Downer.  
Mr. M. Hamid, J.P.  
Mr. D.C. Jagan.  
Mr. H. Lall.  
Mr. M. Shakoore.

(b) Members Constituting the minority

(i) People's National Congress

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. Viapree (Ag.).  
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. F.A. Narain (Ag.).

Absent

Mr. L.E. Mann, Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Ministry of Education and Social Development.  
Mr. M. Bhagwan.  
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C. on leave.  
Mr. E.E. Melville.  
Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

WELCOME TO THE HONOURABLE PREMIER

His Honour the Speaker welcomed back Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagan, Premier and Minister of Development and Planning, who was on leave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Attainment of Independence by Kenya

His Honour the Speaker read a letter received by the Clerk from the Administrative Secretary of the National Assembly of Kenya, thanking the Legislative Assembly and the Senate for the Resolutions of congratulations sent on the occasion of the attainment of Independence by Kenya.

(ii) Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

(a) Dr. Jacob for two weeks from the 10th of February, 1964;

(b) Mr. Burnham for that sitting.

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Speaker:

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on 28 h January, 1964.

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Statement by Minister of Finance

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Tax Concessions

The Minister of Finance made a Statement concerning Government's acceptance of the representations of the Guyana Industrial Development Corporation for reactivation of the legislation (the Income Tax (In Aid of Industry) Ordinance) under which tax holidays and initial allowances are granted.

of Development Expenditure for the year 1964 which have been laid on the Table, totalling TWENTY MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND TWO DOLLARS as detailed by Heads in the undermentioned SCHEDULE and of the projects therein being financed from the Development Fund established under the Development Fund Ordinance, 1954.

SCHEDULE

Head No.	Head of Estimate	Estimate 1964
		\$
I.	Agriculture	769,211
II.	Civil Aviation	85,000
III.	Drainage and Irrigation	6,162,000
IV.	Education	840,000
V.	Industry and Credits	1,640,000
VI.	Geological Surveys	665,000
VII.	Health	379,820
VIII.	Housing	650,000
IX.	Lands and Mines	75,000
X.	Land Development	1,799,000
XI.	Post Office	670,000
XII.	Public Works	5,210,002
XIII.	Transport and Harbours	1,183,000

Head No.	Head of Estimate	Estimate 1964
XIV.	Miscellaneous	\$ 30,000
XV.	Rural Self Help	75,000
XVI.	Social Welfare	172,500
XVII.	Local Government	192,000
XVIII.	Amerindian Development	102,669
XIX.	Tourism	10,000
XX.	Electricity Development	
XXI.	Forests	20,100
XXII.	Army	
		<u>\$20,730,302</u>

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the Schedule and the Development Estimates, 1964.

In Committee of Supply

SCHEDULE AND DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATES 1964

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
VIII. HOUSING ...\$650,000.	
Consideration of this Head was resumed and the Head was <u>passed</u> as printed at ...	\$ 650,000
IX. LANDS AND MINES was <u>passed</u> as printed at ...	75,000

Assembly resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

At 4.07 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.45 p.m. the sitting was resumed with Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

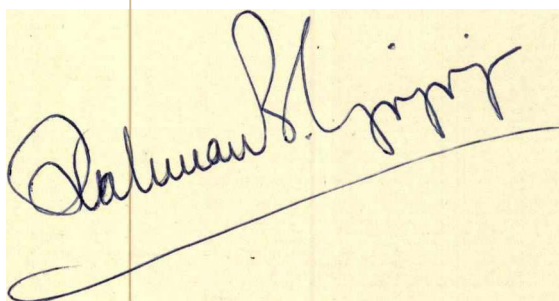
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XIII. TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was <u>passed</u> as printed at ...	\$1, 183,000
XI. POST OFFICE was <u>passed</u> as rinted at ...	670,000
VI. GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS was <u>passed</u> as printed at	665,000
X. LAND DEVELOPMENT was assed as printed at	1, 799,000
XII. PUBLIC WORKS was passed as printed at ...	5, 210,002
XIV. MISCELLANEOUS was <u>passed</u> a printed at...	30,000
XVII. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ...\$192,0 0.	

This Head was still under consideration when the time agreed for the adjournment of the sitting was reached.

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m. the Assembly, as adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 7th of February, 1964.

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a yellow rectangular background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Dakuan H. ...'. A horizontal line is drawn below the signature.

Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.

7th February, 1964.