

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

1963 - 1964

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 29th 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

FRIDAY, 7TH 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. M. Bhagwan.
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. L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.
Mr. W.O.R. Kendall, Deputy Speaker.
Mr. E.F. Correia.
Mr. N.J. Bissember.
Mr. W.A. Blair.
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. J. Carter, Q.C.
Mr. R.S.S. Hugh - on leave.
Mr. E.E. Melville.
Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

His Honour the Speaker announced that Mr. Hugh had asked to be excused from that sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(a) By the Premier and Minister of Development and Planning:

Report by the Premier, Dr. the Hon. C.B. Jagan, M.L.A., on the Conference of Commonwealth Caribbean Countries held at Kingston, Jamaica, from 13th to 17th January, 1964.

(Circulated).

(b) By the Minister of Finance

annual Report of the Licence Revenue Office for the year 1962.

(G.169 /56)^A(Circulated).

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

Item 1 - MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATES, 1964

Assembly resumed consideration of the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly approves of the Estimates 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
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	
		\$20,730,302

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

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In Committee of Supply

SCHEDULE AND DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATES, 1964

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
XVII. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ...\$192,000.	
Consideration of this Head as resumed and the Head was <u>passed</u> as printed at ...	\$ 192,000
XVIII. AMERINDIAN DEVELOPMENT was <u>passed</u> as printed at	102,669
XIX. TOURISM was passed as printed at ...	10,000
XX. ELECTRICITY DEVELOPMENT was passed as printed	-
XXI. FORESTS was <u>passed</u> as printed at ...	20,100
XXII. ARMY was passed as printed	

The total of the Schedule was passed as printed at \$20,730,302

Assembly resumed.

The motion by the Minister of Finance for the approval of the Development Estimates, 1964, was then put and carried.

BILLS - Second Reading

Item 2 - PUBLIC LOAN AND COLONIAL TREASURY BILLS AMENDMENT)
B L , 19 4 - B1 9 4 (L.A.)

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC LOAN AND COLONIAL TREASURY BILLS ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 3 - DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1964 -
Bill No. 2/1964 (L.A.)

On a motion by the Minister of Works and Hydraulics, the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION ORDINANCE was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

Item 4 - DAVSON CENTENARY FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1964 -
Bill No. 3/1964 (L.A.)

At the request of the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing, consideration of this Bill was deferred.

MOTIONS

Item 6 - MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC INSTALLATION
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1964

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

RESOLVED, That the Legislature in terms of section 7(1)(g) of the Electric Lighting Ordinance, Chapter 237, approves of the Electric Installation (Amendment) Regulations, 1964, which were made on the 15th January, 1964 by the Governor under paragraph (a) of the proviso to paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section 7 of the Electric Lighting Ordinance, Chapter 237, in accordance with Article 22 of the Constitution of British Guiana and by virtue and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf.

Item 7 - MOTION RE REPORT OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

On a motion by Mr. Kendall, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, seconded by Mr. Hamid, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

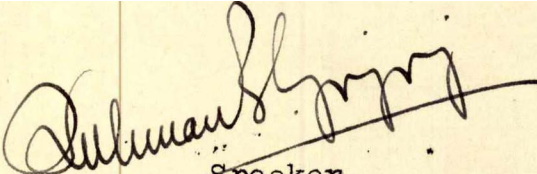
RESOLVED, That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the Director of Audit's Report on the accounts of the Colony for the year ended 31st December, 1960, be referred to the Government for its consideration.

Items 8 and 9 - MOTIONS BY MR. BURNHAM RE (i) ASSISTANCE
TO FARMERS WHO SUFFERED LOSS IN THE 1963
FLOODS, AND (ii) THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

His Honour the Speaker intimated that, as requested by Mr. Burnham, consideration of these motions would be deferred.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.40 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

13th February, 1964.