

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

1963 - 1964

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 23rd 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, 24TH JANUARY, 1964

PRESENT:

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall, Deputy Speaker - In the Chair.

(a) Members of the Government

(i) Ministers

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. L.E. Mann, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Education and Social
Development.
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. Shakoor.

(b) Members Constituting the Minority

(i) People's National Congress

Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.
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. E.V. Viapree (Ag.).
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. F.A. Narain (Ag.).

Absent

His Honour the Speaker - Mr. R.B. Gajraj - on leave.
Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagan, Premier and
Minister of Development and Planning - on leave.
Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Committee of Supply

Item 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1964 - Bill No. 38/1963 (L.A.).

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

In Committee of Supply

SCHEDULE AND DRAFT ESTIMATES, 1964

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
35. MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND HOUSING - LABOUR was <u>passed</u> as printed at ...	\$217,641

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HEAD

AMOUNT

8. LEGISLATURE ... \$75,556.

The Minister of Finance laid over the Governor's recommendation in terms of Standing Order No. 67(2) and moved the following amendment to subhead 1 - Personal Emoluments:

Insertion of a new item (11) as follows:-

"(11) Acting Allowance to Deputy Speaker ... \$1,250".

The amendment was then put and carried.

The Head was then increased by \$1,250 and passed at \$ 76,806

On a motion by Mr. Burnham Head 8 was recommitted and after consideration the Head as amended was passed at ... 76,806

36. MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

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

Assembly resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

At 4.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.38 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

Consideration of Head 36 was resumed and the Head was passed as printed at ... 599,602

37. MINISTRY OF FINANCE was passed as printed at... 177,976

38. MINISTRY OF FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL was passed as printed at... 1,186,557

39. MINISTRY OF FINANCE - CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ... \$1,080,916.

The Minister of Finance laid over the Governor's recommendation in terms of Standing Order No. 67(2) and moved the following amendment:-

Insertion of the following new subhead:-

"15. Purchase of Accounting Machine ... \$14,000"

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<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
The amendment was then put and <u>carried</u> .	
The Head was then increased by \$14,000 and <u>passed</u> at ...	\$ 1,094,916
40. MINISTRY OF FINANCE INLAND REVENUE was <u>passed</u> as printed at ...	830,601
41. MINISTRY OF FINANCE - POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK was <u>passed</u> as printed at ...	67,802
42. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	

At the request of the Minister of Finance, the following printing correction was approved to subhead 1 - Personal Emoluments, item (35):-

Insertion of "\$1" under the column "Estimate 1964".

The Minister of Finance laid over the Governor's recommendation in terms of Standing Order No. 67(2) and moved the following amendment:-

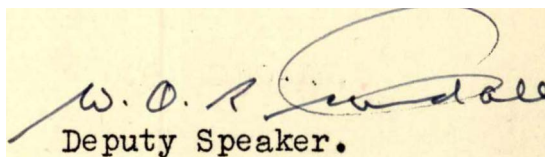
Insertion of the following new subhead:-

"49. Subsidy, Publications by Guianese Authors ... \$3,000".

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.30 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m on Monday, the 27th of January, 1964.



W. O. R. ...
Deputy Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

25th January, 1964.