

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

1963 - 1964

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 26th 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

WEDNESDAY, 29TH 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.

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(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.

(iii) Independent

Mr. B.S. Rai.

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 - excused.
Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagan, Premier and
Minister of Development and Planning on leave.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTION NO. 19.

Mr. Blair asked the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing the following question:-

Question: Will the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing state -

- (a) how many visits were made by each of the Dispensers stationed at Schepmoed and Ida Sabina, Berbice River, to each of the points usually visited by them during the half year ending July 31, 1963?

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(b) how many times did the Infant Welfare and Maternity League hold the usual Clinic at each point in the Berbice River where it is usually held, during the same period?

(c) according to the Schedule of visits, how many should have been made by -

- (i) each of the dispensers,
- (ii) the nurse

during the same period?

The Minister of Labour, Health and Housing gave the following reply:-

Answer: (a) 15 visits were made by the Dispenser at Schepmoed and 11 visits by the Dispenser, Ida Sabina.

(b) 22 clinics were held in the Schepmoed district. No clinics as such were held in the Ida Sabina district, but the nurse at Ida Sabina attended to cases who came to Ida Sabina.

(c) (i) By Dispenser, Schepmoed Dispensary -24
By Dispenser, Ida Sabina -22

(ii) By Nurse, Ida Sabina -20
By Nurses, Schepmoed area

-No fixed number of clinics.

Supplementary questions were asked by Mr. Blair.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILL - Committee of Supply and Third Reading

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

HEAD

AMOUNT

49. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - POST OFFICE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRICAL INSPECTION
... \$1,328,608.

HEAD

AMOUNT

Consideration of this Head was resumed and the Head with the printing correction which was approved at the previous sitting was passed at

\$ 1,328,608

50. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS was passed as printed at

51. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS - CIVIL AVIATION ... \$692,106.

This Head was 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 4.48 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

Consideration of Head 51 was resumed and the head was passed as printed at ...

692,106

52. AUDIT was passed as printed at ...

223,414

53. PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS was passed as printed at

47,165

54. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION was passed as printed at ...

151,622

55. PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES was passed as printed at

685,428

56. PUBLIC DEBT was passed as printed at ...

5,035,390

57. LOANS FROM PUBLIC FUNDS

At the request of the Minister of Finance, the following printing corrections were approved to the Total of the Head:-

- (i) Substitution of the figures "244,000" for the figures "226,000" in the column "Approved Estimate 1963";

HEAD

AMOUNT

- (ii) Substitution of the figures
"226,000" for the figures
"244,000" in the column
"Revised Estimate 1963".

Head 57 was then passed as corrected
at ... \$ 269,000

24. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS - PRINTERY ...\$550,613

On motions by the Minister of Finance,
Head 24 was recommitted, and the following
amendment carried:-

Substitution of the words "Printery
Trainee" for the words "Printery
Apprentice" in subhead 1 - Personal
Emoluments, item (3).

The Head was then passed as amended at... 550,613

Total of Schedule

The figures "\$61,441,138" were then
substituted for the figures "\$61,421,889"
in the total of the SCHEDULE which was
thereafter passed as amended.

Clause 1 - was passed as printed.

Clause 2

On a motion by the Minister of Finance,
the following amendment was carried:-

Substitution of the words "sixty-one
million, four hundred and forty-one
thousand, one hundred and thirty-eight"
for the words "sixty-one million, four
hundred and twenty-one thousand, eight
hundred and eighty-nine" in the fifth
and sixth lines.

The Clause was then passed as amended.

Preamble -

On a motion by the Minister of Finance,
the following amendments were carried:-

- (i) Substitution of the words "sixty-
nine million, four hundred and one
thousand, eight hundred and forty-
four" for the words "sixty-nine
million, three hundred and eighty-
two thousand, five hundred and
ninety-five" in the first and
second lines;