

BRITISH GUIANA

FOURTH
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FOURTH SESSION

1951

ORDER PAPER

'FRIDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1951,

AT 2 P.M.

PRAYERS

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Friday, 16th November, 1951.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Personnel of Committee to consider the
Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Bill,
1951, for controlling the use of loud
speakers.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS - As in the
First Schedule.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES - As in the Second Schedule.

UNOFFICIAL NOTICES -

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Mr. Debidin to move the following motion:-

WHEREAS the rural districts of the Colony, and particularly the river districts and other remote areas are very inadequately served by qualified midwives;

AND WHEREAS in a good many of these areas the residents have to depend upon unqualified persons for midwifery attention;

AND WHEREAS in order to keep down the Colony's expenditure, and at the same time provide a more adequate service throughout the Colony, it is very desirable that a scheme be immediately inaugurated whereby young women with permanent residence in the very areas to be served may be given a course of training in midwifery, and be registered as midwives;

AND WHEREAS this could be arranged at no great expenditure by the Medical Department of the Colony;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Council recommend to Government the very early establishment of facilities for the training of a sufficient number of women drawn from the rural areas of the Colony, particularly of the remote districts, in a course of midwifery, practical and theoretical with a view to their being registered as midwives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council recommend the appointment of a Select Committee to consider all the details involved by the aforesaid recommendation, and report thereon to this Honourable Council as early as possible.

(M.F. 71/55/1).

2. Mr. Fernandes to move the following motion:-

WHEREAS there is considerable increase in the production of rice in the area between the Demerara and Berbice Rivers;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council recommend to Government the early increase in the number of Lorry Licences issued in this area.

(M.F. 66/2 IV).

3. Dr. Nicholson to move the following motion:-

WHEREAS it is equitable that the worker should share in the profits of industry;

AND WHEREAS it is incumbent upon Government among its other functions to provide SOCIAL SECURITY by way of a system of monthly insurance benefits for the worker and his family when the wage-earner is old and stops work or if he dies;

AND WHEREAS in as much as there are in existence Unions capable of bargaining for the worker with his employer there are thousands of employees who are as yet unorganised and whose sole protection is still Government;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Council recommends to Government the appointment of a SELECT COMMITTEE to examine the question of the institution of a Contributory Pension Scheme for the workers of this country and to make recommendations.

(M.P. 93/17/10).

4. Mr. Debidin to move the following motion:-

WHEREAS it is desirable that a contributory pension scheme be established for the whole Colony with universal application wherever there is the relationship of employer and employee;

AND WHEREAS the Colony is in need of money to finance certain development schemes which would result in a greater measure of prosperity to the Colony generally, e.g., making available through Loan Banks or otherwise more money to core peasant farmers for more production of rice, cattle, milk, provision, etc., and for erection of houses;

AND WHEREAS if the aforesaid Colony-wide pension scheme be made a Government controlled undertaking, there would be a considerable revolving sum in the hands of Government which can be used as aforesaid;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Council, accepting the principle of the establishment of a colony-wide pension scheme, recommend to Government the appointment of a Select Committee of this Council to consider and report on -

- (a) the establishment and application of a colony-wide pension scheme;
- (b) the expediency and manner of Government controlling the same; and
- (c) the purpose or purposes to which funds in hand of the Government may be devoted in the interest of the development of the Colony.

(M.P. 93/17/10).

- # 5. The Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN WORKERS.

(M.P. 56/53 II).

- # 6. Council to resume the debate on the second reading of the following Bill after the Report of the Select Committee to be appointed to consider the Bill has been submitted:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) ORDINANCE.

(M.P. 85/5).

- ## 7. Dr. Nicholson to move the following motion:-

That, this Council accepts in principle the proposed Federation of the British Caribbean Colonies and agrees to consider in a Committee of all the unofficial members of the Council the recommendations in the Closer Association Report.

(M.P. C. 320 IV).

(## THIS MOTION WILL BE DEBATED ON THE 29TH OF NOVEMBER, 1951).

NOT TO BE PROCEEDED WITH AT THIS MEETING.

FIRST SCHEDULE

The Colonial Secretary to lay on the table the following:-

The Parcel Postage Surface Rates (Great Britain, Northern Ireland and beyond and H.M. Forces) Regulations, No. 31 of 1951.

(M.P. 140/7/12/2 II).

SECOND SCHEDULE

The Attorney General to give notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO VALIDATE THE FILING OF RETURNS BY CERTAIN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES, AND FURTHER TO AMEND THE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1930, BY ENABLING THE REGISTRAR TO EXTEND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH RETURNS MAY BE FILED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES.

(M.P. 118/11 II).