

BRITISH GUIANA

FOURTH  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FOURTH SESSION

1951

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1951,

AT 2 P.M.

PRAYERS

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Friday, 23rd November, 1951.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

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. The Attorney General to move the 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).

2. 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 work with his employer there are thousands of employees who are as yet unorganised and whose sole protection is still Government;

BE IT RESOLVED that his 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).

3. 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 more 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).

# 4. 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).

# 5. 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).

## 6. 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:-

- (a) The Report of the Committee appointed to consider the grant of holidays with pay. (M.P. 56/34).
- (b) Building Statistics in British Guiana for the half year ended the 30th of June, 1951. (M.P. 259/1/3/3 VI).
- (c) Decision of the Governor in Council on the petition laid in the Legislative Council on the 4th of July by the Honourable C.V. Wight on behalf of Frederick Alexander Millard, formerly employed as a Dredging Engineer in the Public Works Department, praying for a compassionate allowance. (M.P. 181/4).

The Financial Secretary and Treasurer to lay on the table the following:-

The draft Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1952.

SECOND SCHEDULE

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

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAYS WITH PAY FOR WORKERS IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS.

(M.P. 56/34).

The Financial Secretary and Treasurer to give notice of the following motion:-

That, this Council approves the Estimates of Expenditure for the service of the Civil Government of the Colony for the year ending 31st December, 1952, to be defrayed from the annual revenue of the year and other resources of the Colony and from loan funds.