

BRITISH GUIANA

FOURTH  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FOURTH SESSION

1951-1952

ORDER PAPER

THURSDAY, 17TH JULY, 1952,

AT 2 P.M.

PRAYERS

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Thursday, 3rd July, 1952  
ANNOUNCEMENTS - Message No. 7 dated 10th July, 1952  
(Financial Secretary and Treasurer)  
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. Roth to ask the Colonial Secretary the following questions:-
  1. What steps, if any, is Government taking to implement the motion passed by Legislative Council on 14th March, 1952, by a 17-4 majority, recommending the introduction of legislation prohibiting the entry of literature subversive or contrary to public interest?
  2. If Government is preparing the said legislation when is it likely to come before Council for consideration?  
(M.P. S. 208 II).
2. The Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO  
AMEND THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (MAGISTRATES)  
ORDINANCE.  
(M.P. 61 III).
3. The Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
THE OPTICIANS ORDINANCE, 1933.  
(M.P. 71/3/11).

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

WHEREAS on their recent visit to the North West District Honourable Members were gravely concerned at the exceedingly depressed economic and health conditions they found existing there;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Honourable Council recommend to Government the immediate appointment of a Commission to investigate the causes of the said depressed conditions and to make recommendations for their amelioration.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council recommend to Government -

- (a) that Primary Educational facilities, at present existing, be not curtailed;
- (b) that a special educational tax be imposed to cover any increase cost in connection with Primary Education.  
(M.P. 35/39/2/3).

6. Mr. Luckhoo to move the following motion:-

WHEREAS the policy of racial segregation as enforced by the Government of South Africa abuses the rights of human beings;

AND WHEREAS it is meet that this Colony shows its abhorrence and disapprobation of such policy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council condemns the policy of racial segregation enforced by the South African Government and places on record its abhorrence of the attitude adopted to the various races in the pursuit of this policy which is likely to affect adversely the amicable relations existing amongst the peoples of this Colony and of other mixed communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council respectfully prays His Excellency the Governor to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to the United Nations urging that steps be taken by the United Nations to persuade the South African Government to desist from such a disastrous course and to adopt a policy towards all races in South Africa in keeping with the Declaration of Human Rights.

7. Dr. Jagan to move the following motion:-

WHEREAS there are examples of questions being asked by Legislators in the Legislative Council, answers to which are unduly delayed or never supplied;

AND WHEREAS there are many motions tabled in the Legislative Council which are never placed on the Order Paper for discussion by the Legislative Council;

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BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Council recommends that all questions asked in the Legislative Council be replied to within four weeks and that all Members' Motions be considered within six months of the time tabled.

8. Dr. Jagan to move the following motion:-

WHEREAS there has appeared in the press an announcement that fares freights will be increased by the Transport and Harbours Department from July, 1952;

AND WHEREAS these proposed increased fares and freight charges have been instituted with a view to reducing the annual deficit of the Transport and Harbours Department;

AND WHEREAS it is doubtful whether these increases will result finally in a reduction of the annual deficit of the Transport and Harbours Department;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council recommends to Government that proposed increased fares and freight charges for railway and steamer services be non-effective until such time as the Legislative Council has fully discussed the recent "Report of the Committee appointed to consider Ways and Means of Effecting Economies".

# 9. Council to consider the following Bill in Committee:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS DUTIES ORDINANCE, 1935.  
(K.P. 27/17/31).

#10. Council to resume consideration of the following motion:-

WHEREAS farmers throughout the Colony have been suffering severe set-backs from time to time from droughts, floods, and to a smaller degree from pests and other causes;

AND WHEREAS with the high cost of living and the very small scope for employment of the increasing population, the population in the main will have to depend more and more upon the land for a living;

AND WHEREAS recent floodings have shown how seriously the population can be affected;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Council recommend to Government the establishment of a Government controlled insurance for farmers in the Colony against loss of cattle and crops from floods, droughts and other causes and that a Committee be appointed to go into the matter and report thereon.  
(M.P. 2/61/2).

- # 11. Council to resume the debate on the second reading of the following Bill after the Report of the Select Committee 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).

# NOT TO BE PROCEEDED WITH AT THIS MEETING.

#### FIRST SCHEDULE

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

- (a) The Annual Report of the Probation Service for the year 1951.  
(M.P. 259/1/2/13/37).
- (b) The Annual Report of the Department of Local Government for the year 1951.  
(M.P. 288/4 III).
- (c) Schedule of applications for gratuities of deceased teachers.  
(M.P. 35/14/4).
- (d) The Report of the Transport and Harbours Department for 1951, together with the Financial Statements.  
(M.P. 122/4 VII).

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

Minutes of the Meeting of Finance Committee of the Legislative Council held on the 26th of June, 1952.

#### SECOND SCHEDULE

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

- (a) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE JUVENILE OFFENDERS ORDINANCE.  
(M.P. 228/1/5).
- (b) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PERIOD OF DETENTION OF BOYS SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.  
(M.P. 89).
- (c) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISION IN REGARD TO THE PENSIONABLE SERVICE OF CYRIL RUTHERFORD BROWNE.  
(M.P. P.F. 1286/3).
- (d) A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BLASTING OPERATIONS ORDINANCE 1930, IN RESPECT OF THE REGULATION OF PERSON ENGAGED IN BLASTING OPERATIONS.  
(M.P. 58/3/2).

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

That, this Council approves of the payment of gratuities to teachers who die whilst in the service, on the basis and conditions set out in the Governor's Message No. 7 of the 10th of July, 1952, and undertakes to provide the necessary funds for this purpose; and further approves that this Resolution shall have effect as from 1st January, 1951, in the case of the Certificated Teacher.

(M.P. 35/14/14 IV).