

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
under the
British Guiana (Constitution) (Temporary Provisions)
Order in Council, 1953.

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1954.

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

READING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTE - Thursday, 16th December,
1954.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS -

The following documents to be laid on the table:-

(i) By the Chief Secretary:

The Annual Report on British Guiana for the
year 1953. (CS 229/1 X)(Circulated).

(ii) By the Financial Secretary:

Report on the Taxation System of British
Guiana by Mr. R.O. Nicholas of Her
Majesty's Inland Revenue Department.
(F. .G. 264C/53).

GOVERNMENT NOTICES -

UNOFFICIAL NOTICES -

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

ORDER OF THE DAY

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

QUESTIONS

1. Mr. Lee to ask the Member for Agriculture, Forests,
Lands and Mines the following questions:

(i) Is Government aware that the Rice Farmers are
anxiously awaiting the enactment of the new
Rice Farmers (Security of Tenure) Bill?

.../ (ii)

- (ii) If the answer is in the affirmative, will Government state when the Bill will be introduced?
- (iii) Has Government received the comments and amendments to the Rice Producers Ordinance No. 7/46 from the Rice Producers Association?
- (iv) If the answer is in the affirmative, will Government circulate copies of the comments to members of the Legislative Council and state when the legislation to amend the Ordinance will be introduced?
- (v) Is Government aware that the Rice Marketing Board has stated that they have explored every available avenue for the sale of Parboiled Rice?
- (vi) If the answer is in the affirmative, will Government state where, when and to whom have such approaches for sales been made?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS - First Readings.

- 2. The Financial Secretary to move the first reading of the following Bill:
 - A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF WORKS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE COLONY.
(Bill No. 57/1954 published 8.12.54)
(Notice was given on 16th December, 1954).
- 3. The Financial Secretary to move the first reading of the following Bill:
 - A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE THAT ALL GOVERNMENT CURRENCY NOTES WHICH ARE LEGAL TENDER IN THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA SHALL BE LEGAL TENDER FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANY AMOUNT IN BRITISH GUIANA.
(Bill No. 58/1954 published 11.12.54).
(Notice was given on 16th December, 1954).
- 4. The Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines to move the first reading of the following Bill:
 - A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE, 1953, WITH RESPECT TO THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS AND OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.
(Bill No. 56/1954 published 4.12.54).
(Notice was given on 16th December, 1954).

5. The Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development to move the first reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO VALIDATE THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN COUNCILLORS OF THE BUXTON AND FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE DISTRICT AND ALL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VIL GE COUNCIL OF THAT DISTRICT IN WHICH THOSE COUNCILLORS HAVE ACTED, AND ALL ACTS DONE BY SUCH PERSONS AS COUNCILLORS OF THAT VILLAGE COUNCIL.

(Bill No. 55/1954 published 4.12.54).

(Notice was given on 16th December, 1954).

MOTIONS

6. The Member for Labour, Health and Housing to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Medical Practitioners (Temporary Registration) Ordinance, 1947 (No. 24) came into operation on the 26th of July, 1947;

AND WHEREAS section 5 of the said Ordinance provides that the Ordinance shall continue in force, up to and including the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, but that the Legislative Council may, prior to the expiration of this Ordinance, by resolution (which resolution shall be published in the Gazette) declare that it shall continue in force for a further period of one year from the date of that expiration and may from time to time, prior to the expiration of that or any further continued operation, similarly declare that it shall continue for a further period of one year;

AND WHEREAS by the Medical Practitioners (Temporary Registration)(Extension) Ordinance, 1954 (No. 6), the Medical Practitioners (Temporary Registration) Ordinance, 1947, has been continued in force although that Ordinance had been continued in force by resolution of the Legislative Council in accordance with the provisions of section 5 thereof for the period commencing on the 1st January, 1954, and ending on the 31st December, 1954;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Medical Practitioners (Temporary Registration) Ordinance, 1947, should continue in operation for a further period:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Medical Practitioners (Temporary Registration) Ordinance, 1947 (No. 24), shall continue in force for a further period of one year from the 1st January, 1955.

7. The Member for Labour, Health and Housing to move the following motion;

WHEREAS the Rent Restriction Ordinance, 1941 (No. 23 of 1941) came into operation on the 8th day of November, 1941;

AND WHEREAS section 16 of the said Ordinance, as amended by section 17 of the Rent Restriction (Amendment) Ordinance, 1947 (No. 13 of 1947) provides that the Ordinance shall continue in force up to and including the 31st day of December, 1951, but that, prior to the expiration thereof, the Legislative Council may, by resolution published in the Gazette, declare that the said Ordinance shall continue in operation for a further period of one year;

AND WHEREAS by annual resolutions the said Ordinance was continued in operation during the years 1952 and 1953;

AND WHEREAS by the Rent Restriction (Continuance) Ordinance, 1954 (No. 1 of 1954) the Rent Restriction Ordinance, 1941 (No. 23 of 1941) was continued in force and deemed always to have continued in force as though that Ordinance as amended had been continued in force by resolution of the Legislative Council in accordance with the provisions of section 16 of that Ordinance for the period commencing on the 1st January, 1954, and ending on the 31st December, 1954;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Ordinance be continued in operation for a further period of one year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rent Restriction Ordinance, 1941 (No. 23 of 1941) shall continue in force for a further period of one year up to and including the 31st December, 1955.

BILLS

8. The Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CERTAIN DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION AREA, THE VALIDATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN WORKS AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

(Bill No. 53/1954 published 27.11.54).

(Notice was given on 2nd December, 1954).

- # 9. The Chief Secretary to move the first reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE POUNDS ORDINANCE, WITH RESPECT TO THE PUBLICATION OF LISTS OF IMPOUNDED STRAYS.

(Bill No. 54/1954 published 27.11.54).

(Notice was given on 2nd December, 1954).

Not to be proceeded with at this meeting.

- # 10. The Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development to move the first reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE INDIAN LABOUR ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 28/1954 published 12.6.54).
(Notice was given on 17th June, 1954).

- # 11. The Chief Secretary to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE TEACHERS PENSIONS ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE TEACHERS PENSION REGISTER.

(Bill No. 33/1954 published 26.6.54).
(Notice was given on 9th July, 1954).

- # 12. The Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE POWER OF A COURT OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION TO IMPOSE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

(Bill No. 40/1954 published 17.7.54).
(Notice was given on 22nd July, 1954).

- # 13. The Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE PRISONS ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

(Bill No. 41/1954 published 17.7.54).
(Notice was given on 2nd July, 1954).

Not to be proceeded with at this meeting.