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MINUTES of the Proceedings of a meeting of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Order in Council, 1953, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on
TUESDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1955.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Eustace Gordon Woolford, O.B.E., Q.C.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. F.D. Jakeway, O.B.E.
The Honourable the Attorney General, Mr. F.W. Holder, C.M.G., Q.C.
The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. W.O. Fraser, O.B.E.

Nominated Members of Executive Council

The Honourable Sir Frank McDavid, C.M.G., C.B.E.
(Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines).
The Honourable P.A. Cummings
(Member for Labour, Health and Housing).
The Honourable W.O.R. Kendall
(Member for Communications and Works).
The Honourable G.A.C. Farnum, O.B.E.
(Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and
Co-operative Development).

The Honourable G.H. Smellie
The Honourable R.B. Gajraj
The Honourable R.C. Tello

Deputy Speaker

Mr. W.J. Raatgever, C.B.E.

Nominated Officials

Mr. W.T. Lord, I.S.O.
Mr. J.I. Ramphal

Nominated Unofficials

Mr. T. Lee
Mr. W.A. Phang
Mr. L.A. Luckhoo, Q.C.
Mr. W.A. Macnie, C.M.G., O.B.E.
Mr. C.A. Carter
Rev. D.C.J. Bobb
Mr. H. Rahaman
Miss Gertie H. Collins
Mrs. Esther E. Dey
Dr. H.A. Fraser
Lt. Col. E.J. Haywood, M.B.E., T.D.
Mr. R.B. Jailal
Mr. Sugrim Singh

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree (Ag.)

Absent

Mr. E.F. Correia - on leave.

The Speaker read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 25th of March, 1955, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leave

The Speaker announced that Mr. Correia was out of town and would not be present at that day's meeting.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

BILL

The Chief Secretary gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND
THE PENSIONS ORDINANCE, 1933.

(Bill No. 15/1955 published 26.3.55).

UNOFFICIAL NOTICES

Miss Collins gave notice of the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate the possibilities of establishing a wood pulp industry in the Colony.

ORDER OF THE DAY
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS

With the consent of Council consideration of Items 1 to 5 in the Order of the Day was deferred.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTION BY REV. BOBB CONCERNING "FEDERATION".

Council resumed the debate on the following motion:-

That this Council, having noted the steps which are being taken by other Caribbean Governments and by Her Majesty's Government towards the creation of a British Caribbean Federation and the statement of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in Parliament to the effect that the constitutional instruments will provide that British Guiana and other territories which might care to do so will be quite free to join the Federation, is of the opinion that British Guiana should join the Federation and that the question of this country's participation therein should be re-examined.

.. / This Council

This Council further prays His Excellency the Governor to take such steps as he may deem fit to keep British Guiana in close touch with the action now proceeding towards the setting up of the Federation and to ascertain the state of public opinion in this country towards participation in the Federation.

Mr. Raatgever concluded his speech.

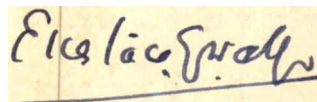
Mr. Gajraj then spoke to the amendment and took the opportunity to give members an account of his visit to Trinidad as the Colony's observer at the Conference of Representatives of British West Indian Governments on the question of the control of the movement of persons between one member territory of the proposed British Caribbean Federation and another.

He was followed by Mr. Jailal who was speaking to the motion when the hour of adjournment was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 31st of March, 1955.

Confirmed,



Speaker:

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
British Guiana.

31st March, 1955.