

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

WEDNESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1960.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. D.M. Hedges.
The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.
The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex, C.M.G.

Ministers

The Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan,
Minister of Trade and Industry.
The Honourable B.H. Benn,
Minister of Natural Resources.
The Honourable Janet Jagan,
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.
The Honourable Ram Karran,
Minister of Communications and Works.
The Honourable B.S. Rai,
Minister of Community Development and Education.

Elected Members, Majority Party.

Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. Ajodha Singh

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. A.L. Jackson
Mr. Jai Narine Singh
Mr. E.B. Beharry
Mr. F. Bowman

Nominated Members

Mr. R.B. Gajraj
Mr. R.C. Tello
Mr. R.E. Davis
Mr. A.M. Fredericks
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

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

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd of February, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYMOTION

Item 1 - MR. JAI NARINE SINGH'S MOTION RECOMMENDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO THE BRITISH WEST INDIAN AIRWAYS.

Council resumed the debate on the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends to Government the withdrawal of preferential treatment to the British West Indian Airways and the establishment of Atkinson Field as a port of call for as many airlines as may wish to call there.

The Minister of Communications and Works concluded his speech.

Thereafter, Mr. Tasker spoke to the motion.

Mr. Gajraj then moved the following amendment:

Deletion of all the words after the word "recommends" in the first line and the substitution therefor of the words "that, after the expiration of the current agreement, no preferential treatment be given to British West Indian Airways without proper and and adequate safeguards."

After Mr. Hubbard and Dr. Jagan had spoken, Mr. Jai Narine Singh in his reply accepted Mr. Gajraj's amendment.

The motion, as amended, was then put and carried.

Item 2 - BRITISH GULANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION (AMENDMENT), BILL, 1960 - Bill No. 5/1960.

At the request of the Minister of Natural Resources, and with Council's consent, further consideration of this Bill was deferred.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.15 p.m., on a motion by the Chief Secretary, Council was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 4th of February, 1960.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

4th February, 1960.