

BRITISH GUIANA

SECOND  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
under the  
British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions)  
Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956.

FOURTH SESSION

1960 - 1961

ORDER PAPER

THURSDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 1961.

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Wednesday, 11th January, 1961.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PAPERS TO BE LAID -

By the Minister of Communications and Works:

Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of  
the Transport and Harbours Department for the  
year ended 31st December, 1959.

(TH 122/24/1).

GOVERNMENT NOTICES -

OTHER NOTICES -

PETITIONS -

ORAL ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS -

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL -

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS -

RAISING OF A MATTER OF PRIVILEGE -

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

../ PUBLIC BUSINESS

PUBLIC BUSINESS  
ORDER OF THE DAY

BILLS - Second Reading.

1. Council to resume the debate on the motion for the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE  
EDUCATION ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 31/1960 published 3.12.60).  
(Notice was given on 9th December, 1960).

2. The Minister of Community Development and Education to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTITUTION,  
ELECTION PROCEDURE AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS OF LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

(Bill No. 17/1960 published 3.12.60).  
(Notice was given on 9th December, 1960).

3. The Chief Secretary to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE  
AMERINDIAN ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 23/1960 published 10.12.60).  
(Notice was given on 15th December, 1960).

4. The Minister of Communications and Works to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND FURTHER THE  
DURATION OF THE NEW AMSTERDAM ELECTRIC LIGHTING  
ORDER, 1900, AND TO AMEND THE SAID ORDER.

(Bill No. 35/1960 published 17.12.60).  
(Notice was given on 15th December, 1960).

5. The Minister of Labour, Health and Housing to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HOUSING  
OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR ESTATES ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 37/1960 published 24.12.60).  
(Notice was given on 21st December, 1960).

6. The Financial Secretary to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 34/1960 published 17.12.60).  
(Notice was given on 9th December, 1960).

MOTIONS

7. Mr. Bowman to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Director of Audit's Reports for the years 1957 and 1958 have shown that the Central Produce Depot, the Ham and Bacon Factory, the Processing Factory, the Milk Pasteurisation Plant and the Fish Market together operated at a loss of \$785,678.71 during the two years;

AND WHEREAS it is felt that Government is incapable of operating these enterprises efficiently and economically;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends to Government -

- (a) that the Ham and Bacon Factory and the Milk Pasteurisation Plant be sold to private individuals or group of individuals; and
- (b) that the buildings which house the Central Produce Depots in Georgetown and New Amsterdam and the Fish Market be rented to the respective producers to be converted into Producers Co-operatives.

(Notice was given on 3rd December, 1960).

8. Mr. Burnham to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends that Government enter into negotiations to ascertain whether, and if so on what terms, the various sugar estates would be prepared to electrify villages until such time as the country-wide rural electrification becomes a reality.

(Notice was given on 21st December, 1960).

9. Mr. Burnham to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends that Government **establish** immediately the machinery for ascertaining what lands held by sugar estates are not productively occupied and that Government acquire such lands for distribution to farmers, after connecting them to the main drainage system, and that where these lands are at present held

- (a) freehold, - reasonable compensation be paid;
- and (b) on Crown leases, - compensation be paid for such improvements as the former lessees have been responsible for.

(Notice was given on 21st December, 1960).

10. Mr. Jackson to move the following motion:

WHEREAS it is known that all padi harvested mechanically is reaped before the grain has become completely matured and contains at least 24% moisture and which, if so stored, commences to deteriorate within seventy-two hours;

AND WHEREAS it has been proved that such moisture-laden padi could be successfully treated prior to storage by reducing the excess moisture through mechanical aeration or hot air drying;

AND WHEREAS there are at present only two plants for extracting moisture from padi reaped which are both installed in the valley of the Mahaicony River;

AND WHEREAS moisture extracting plants are of vital necessity in an expanding rice industry;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends to Government early installation of drying and storage facilities as follows:-

- (1) One dryer and bond in the DeHoop-Vygeval area (Mahaica).
- (2) One dryer and bond at Brittainia, West Coast, Berbice.
- (3) One dryer and bond at Warren, Corentyne.
- (4) One dryer and bond at Bush Lot, Corentyne.
- (5) One dryer and bond at No. 64, Corentyne.

(Notice was given on 9th January, 1961).

#### SUPPLEMENT

ITEMS NOT TO BE PROCEEDED WITH AT THIS MEETING.

#### BILLS - Second Reading.

1. The Financial Secretary to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ESTATE DUTY ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 28/1960 published 3.12.60).

(Notice was given on 9th December, 1960).

2. The Minister of Natural Resources to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DECLARATION OF THE CANE GROVE DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION AREA, THE VESTING OF CERTAIN LANDS AND WORKS IN THE DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION BOARD AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH THE MATTERS AFORESAID.

(Bill No. 1/1961 to be published 14.1.61).

(Notice was given on 11th January, 1961).