

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION

1961 - 1962

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 35th Sitting of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council, 1961, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

TUESDAY, 15TH MAY, 1962.

PRESENT:

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall, Deputy Speaker - In the Chair.

(a) Members of the Government
People's Progressive Party

(i) Ministers

The Honourable B.H. Benn,
Minister of Natural Resources.
The Honourable Ram Karran,
Minister of Works and Hydraulics.
The Honourable B.S. Rai,
Minister of Home Affairs.
The Honourable R. Chandisingh,
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.
Dr. the Honourable Charles Jacob, Jr.,
Minister of Finance.
Dr. the Honourable F.H.W. Ramsahoye,
Attorney-General.
The Honourable E.M.G. Wilson,
Minister of Communications.

(ii) Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr. G. Bowman, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Natural Resources.
Mr. L.E.M. Mann, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Works and Hydraulics.

(iii) Other Members

Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. G.L. Robertson
Mr. M. Bhagwan
Mr. J.B. Caldeira
Mr. V. Downer
Mr. M. Hamid
Mr. D.C. Jagan
Mr. H. Lall

(b) Members Constituting the Minority

(i) People's National Congress

Mr. J. Carter
Mr. E.F. Correia
Mr. W.A. Blair
Mr. R.S.S. Hugh
Mr. J.G. Joaquim
Mr. R.J. Jordan
Mr. C.A. Merriman
Mr. H.M.S. Wharton

(ii) United Force

Mr. R.E. Cheeks
Mr. E.E. Melville

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

Absent:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B. Gajraj - on leave.
Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagan,
Premier and Minister of Development and Planning - on leave.
Mr. M. Shakoor.
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C. - on leave.
Mr. N.J. Bissember - on leave.
Mr. P. d'Aguiar - on leave.
Mr. S. Campbell.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Natural Resources:

Fisheries (Pin Seine) Regulations, 1962.
(AGR. 201/17/1 II)(Circulated).

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Question No. 13

Mr. Bhagwan asked the Minister of Natural Resources the following question:

QUESTION: Is the Minister aware of the fact that price control regulations are being flouted by shopkeepers throughout the country?

Will the Minister explain what steps have been or are being taken to effectively enforce the price control regulations?

The Minister of Natural Resources gave the following reply:

ANSWER: No. The Controller of Supplies and Prices along with the Price Control Inspector has made spot checks in all city markets and in some of the city shops. He found that with a few exceptions as to the marking of price controlled articles, all shopkeepers are toeing the line.

The Price Control Inspector has been visiting several of the outlying districts and the Controller of Prices himself visited and made a few checks. The Non-Commissioned Police Officers of certain areas, when abuses have been reported, have been asked to co-operate and assist in enforcement.

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BILL - Second Reading.

Item 1 - INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 - L.A.Bill
No. 11/1962.

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE.

Mr. Joaquim and Mr. Blair spoke to the motion.

Suspension of Sitting

At 4.00 p.m. Mr. Mann was speaking when the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Mann concluded his speech.

Mr. Merriman spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

Suspension of Sitting

At 6.32 p.m. the sitting was suspended for dinner.

Resumption of Sitting

At 8.07 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

The question that the Bill be read a second time was put and carried.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Thereafter, Assembly resolved itself into a Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 - Short Title: Mr. Carter moved the deletion of subsection (3).

After discussion, the amendment was put and negatived.

Thereafter, Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2 - Mr. Carter moved the deletion of the words and comma "sick bonus," in the second line of the definition "remuneration".

After discussion, the amendment was put and negatived on the following division:

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FOR	AGAINST
Mr. Melville	Mr. Lall
Mr. Cheeks	Mr. Jagan
Mr. Wharton	Mr. Hamid
Mr. Merriman	Mr. Downer
Mr. Jordan	Mr. Caldeira
Mr. Joaquim	Mr. Bhagwan
Mr. Hugh	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Blair	Mr. Saffee
Mr. Correia	Mr. Mann
Mr. Carter	Mr. Bowman
	Mr. Wilson
	Dr. Ramsahoye
	Dr. Jacob
	Mr. Chandisingh
	Mr. Rai
	Mr. Ram Karran
	Mr. Benn
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Thereafter, Clause 2 was passed as printed.

Cluses 3 to 6 - were passed as printed.

Clause 7 - Mr. Carter moved the deletion of paragraph (a).

After discussion, the amendment was put and negatived.

Thereafter, Clause 7 was passed as printed.

Clause 8 - Mr. Carter moved the deletion of paragraph (a).

After discussion, the amendment was put and negatived.

Thereafter, Clause 8 was passed as printed.

Clause 9 - Mr. Carter moved the deletion of sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of the proposed paragraph (i) of section 14.

After discussion, the amendment was put and negatived.

Thereafter, Clause 9 was passed as printed.

Clause 10 - was passed as printed.

Clause 11 - Mr. Carter moved the deletion of paragraph (c) of the proviso to the proposed section 15.

After discussion, the amendment was put and negatived.

Thereafter, Clause 11 was passed as printed.

Cluses 12 to 21 - were passed as printed.

Clause 22 - The Minister of Finance moved the substitution of the word "substitution" for the word "insertion" in paragraph (a).

The amendment was put and carried.

Thereafter, Clause 22 was passed as amended.

Clause 23 - The Minister of Finance moved the insertion of the words "profits and the consolidated turnover of the whole group of associated" before the word "companies" in the sixth line of the proposed subsection (11) of section 33.

After discussion, the amendment was put and carried.

Thereafter, Clause 23 was passed as amended.

Clauses 24 to 37 - were passed as printed.

Clause 38 - Mr. Carter moved the deletion of the Clause.

After discussion, the amendment was put and negatived.

Thereafter, Clause 38 was passed as printed.

Clause 39 - Mr. Carter moved the deletion of paragraph (b).

After discussion, the amendment was put and negatived.

Thereafter, Clause 39 was passed as printed.

Clause 40 - Mr. Carter moved the deletion of the Clause.

After discussion, the amendment was put and negatived.

Thereafter, Clause 40 was passed as printed.

Clauses 41 to 43 - were passed as printed.

Clause 44 - Mr. Carter moved the deletion of the Clause.

After discussion the amendment was put and negatived on the following division:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mr. Melville	Mr. Lall
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	Mr. Benn

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Thereafter, Clause 44 was passed as printed.

Clause 45 - was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

Third Reading

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

Business for Next Sitting

Before the adjournment was taken, the Minister of Natural Resources (the Honourable B.H. Benn) stated that the second reading of the Appropriation Bill, 1962, would be considered at the next sitting of the Assembly on Tuesday, 22nd May, 1962.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.00 p.m. the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd May, 1962.


Deputy Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

17th May, 1962.