

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
under the
British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council, 1961.

SECOND SESSION

1962

THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1962

AT 2.00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

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PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS -

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this House approves the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 7/1962 - Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for November and December, 1962, totalling \$2,360,023.

(Notice was given on 18th December 1962).

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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the 4th 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,

on
THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER 1962.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. R.B.

(a) Members of the GovernmentPeople's Progressive Party(i) Ministers

Dr. the Honourable C.B. Jagdeo, Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Planning.
The Honourable B.H. Benn, Minister of Natural Resources.
The Honourable Ram Karran, Minister of Works and Hydraulics.
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. Ramahoye, 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 Finance.
Mr. S.M. Saffee, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Works and Hydraulics.

(iii) Other Members

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

(b) Members Constituting the Minority(i) People's National Congress

Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, Q.C.
Mr. W.O.R. Kendall, Deputy
Mr. J. Carter, Q.C.
Mr. E.F. Correia
Mr. N.J. Bissember
Mr. W.A. Blair

Mr. R.S.S. Hugh
 Mr. J.G. Joaquin
 Mr. R.J. Jordan
 Mr. C.A. Merriman
 Mr. H.M.S. Wharton

(ii) United Force

Mr. P.S. d'Aguiar
 Mr. R.E. Cheeks
 Mr. E.E. Melville

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.
 Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - . F.A. Narain (Ag.)

Absent:

Mr. S. Campbell.
 Mr. B.S. Rai.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

APPRECIATION TO DEPUTY SPEAKER

His Honour the Speaker expressed his appreciation to the Deputy Speaker for carrying on for him at the last sitting of the Assembly.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Item 1 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 7 1 62.

The Minister of Finance stated that at the appropriate time he proposed to move the addition of the following item to the Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for November and December, 1962:

"110. HEAD 59 - LOANS FROM PUBLIC FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Subhead 4. Loans to Co-operative Societies .. \$206,432".

Assembly then resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 7/1962.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance laid over the Governor's recommendation in terms of Standing Order No. 21, and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this House approves the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 7/1962 - Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for November and December, 1962, totalling \$2,363,023.

Committee then considered the Schedule

Items 1 - 109 were passed as printed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance the following item was added to the Schedule:

"110. HEAD 59 - LOANS FROM PUBLIC FUNDS

Subhead 4. Loans to Co-operative Societies

Amount provided in Estimates ..	
Previous additional provision ..	
Provision now sought ..	\$206,432

To provide loans for Rice Mills Co-operative Societies in the Black Bush Polder, repayable within 3 years with interest at the rate of 7% per annum."

The Schedule was then passed at \$2,569,455.

Thereafter, Committee of Supply adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this House approves the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 7/1962 - Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for November and December, 1962, totalling \$2,569,455.

Item 2 - MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 8 1 62.

The Minister of Finance laid over the Governor's recommendation in terms of Standing Order No. 21, and moved the following motion.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this House approves the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 8/1962 - Schedule of Additional Provision on the Development Estimates for July to December, 1962, totalling \$2,317,323.

Committee then considered the schedule.

HEADS I, III, IV, V, VII and XI were passed as printed.

HEAD XII was still under consideration when the hour for the suspension was reached.

Assembly resumed.

Suspension of Sitting

At 4.01 p.m. the sitting was suspended for tea.

Resumption of Sitting

At 4.37 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to resume consideration of Financial Paper No. 8/1962.

In Committee of Supply

HEAD XII was passed as printed.

The Schedule was then passed as printed at \$2,317,323.

Thereafter, Committee of Supply adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this House approves the proposals set out in Financial Papers No. 8/1962 - Schedule of Additional Provision on the Development Estimates for July to December, 1962, totalling \$2,317,323.

Assembly resumed.

The Minister of Finance reported that the Committee of Supply had considered and approved of Financial Papers Nos. 7/1962 and 8/1962, and moved that the Assembly agree with the Committee in its Resolutions.

Assembly concurred.

Item 3 -- MOTION TO APPROVE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AS SET OUT IN THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

On a motion by the Minister of Natural Resources, Standing Order No. 23(3) was suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed with this item.

Mr. Shakoor then moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly approves of the Government's policy as set out in His Excellency the Governor's Address at the opening of the Second Session of the Legislature on 10th December, 1962.

Mr. Bhagwan seconded the motion but reserved his right to speak at a later stage.

Mr. Bissemer spoke to the motion.

Mr. Bhagwan was speaking to the motion when the hour agreed for the adjournment was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.32 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Natural Resources, the Assembly was adjourned at 2.00 p.m. on Friday, the 21st of December, 1962.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

21st December, 1962.