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35TH SITTING

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1964.

AT 2.00 P.M.

PRAYERS -

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

QUESTION NO. 32

Mr. Hugh to ask the Minister of Labour, Health and Housing the following question:

Question: Has Government received the report of the Watchmen's advisory Committee and if so how soon does Government propose to consider and take appropriate action in respect of the working conditions affecting all watchmen in Government and private employment?

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS -

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

1. Mr. Jordan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of British Guiana for the year ended 31st December, 1961, reveals an alarmingly unsatisfactory state in the administration of the Colony's finances:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly recommends to Government the immediate appointment of an Independent Commission to hold a Public Enquiry into the administration of the Colony's finances.

(Notice was given on 1st August, 1963).

BILLS - Second Reading

2. Mr. Merriman to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE FULL GOSPEL MOVEMENT STREAMS OF POWER IN BRITISH GUIANA AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

(Bill No. 6/1964(L. .) published 22.2.64;
29.2.64; 7.3.64).

(Notice was given on 30th April, 1964).

3. Mr. Carter to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD IN BRITISH GUIANA AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

(Bill No. 11/1964(L.A.) published 28.3.64;
4.4.64; 11.4.64)

(Notice was given on 30th April, 1964).

MOTION

4. The Attorney-General to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly recommends that all voters be issued with identity cards which should include photographs to be provided at the expense of the Government.

(Notice was given on 24th April, 1964).

BILLS - Second Reading

5. The Attorney-General to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS.

(Bill No. 7/1964(L.A.) published 22.2.64)

(Notice was given on 26th February, 1964).

6. The Attorney-General to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 8/1964(L.A.) published 22.2.64)

(Notice was given on 26th February, 1964).

7. The Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO ~~AMEND~~ THE GEORGETOWN CULTURAL CENTRE ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 4/1964(S) published 29.2.64)

(Notice was given on 28th February, 1964).

8. The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 9/1964(L.A.) published 7.3.64)

(Notice was given on 4th March, 1964).

MOTIONS

9. The Minister of Communicatio to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Legislature in terms of section 4 of the Government Wharves Ordinance, Chapter 263, approves of the Government Wharves (Charges) Rules, 1964 which were made by the Governor on the 18th of March, 1964.

(Notice was given on 31st March, 1964).

10. The Minister of Communications to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Legislature, in terms of section 24(2) of the Transport and Harbours Ordinance, Chapter 261, approves of the increases in the tonnage and light dues specified in the third schedule to the Ordinance as follows:-

I. TONNAGE DUES -

(1) On a sailing vessel -

(a) under 100 tons net register on every ton of the net register tonnage

... \$0 07½

Provided that tonnage dues shall not be levied on any one such sailing vessel more than 4 times in any one year.

(b) between 100 tons and 500 tons both inclusive net register, on every ton of the net register tonnage

... 0 37½

(c) over 500 tons net register, on every ton of the net register tonnage of the vessel or of the cargo landed or taken on board, as the case may be ... 0 45

(2) On a steam vessel, on every ton of the net register tonnage of the vessel or of the cargo landed or taken on board, as the case may be ... 0 45

II. LIGHT DUES -

(1) On every coasting vessel of 10 tons burthen and upwards which enters the port of New Amsterdam from the sea, for every ton of the net register tonnage ... 0 03

(2) On every vessel (other than a coasting vessel or a vessel under 10 tons burthen) which enters any port of the Colony from the sea, for every ton of the register tonnage ... 0 07½

(Notice was given on 23rd April, 1964).

11. The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly authorise the write-off of losses totalling \$12,348.98 as listed in the undermentioned schedule.

SCHEDULE

Losses of Cash and Stores

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Loss</u> | <u>Value</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-------------------|--|--------------|---|
| Post Office | Remittance of \$3,000 lost in transit between New Amsterdam and Rosignol Post Offices on 27.3.58 | \$3,000.00 | The mail bag was checked, sealed and sent by registered mail from New Amsterdam and received sealed at Rosignol. On opening however, the money was missing. Police investigations were unsuccessful and they reported that insufficient evidence existed to convict anyone. |

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Loss</u> | <u>Value</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-------------------|--|--------------|--|
| Education | \$2,550.00 lost in nugatory expenditures. The cost of materials for building a house for the Head Teacher, Taymouth Manor School, Essequibo Coast. | 2,550.00 | In 1955, a contractor was advanced this amount but was, at the last minute prevented from building because of unsuitability of the site. The materials were removed to the contractor's premises at Pomeroon pending arrangements for an alternative site. These were not finalised until December, 1957. In 1956, the Pomeroon area was flooded, the materials became waterlogged and damaged by termites. While the officers who drew up the contract were negligent in not first securing the site, it was not possible to effect disciplinary action against them as they had already left Government employment when the loss was discovered. |
| Post Office | Loss of Cash and stamps at Tuschen Post Office on the night of 7.9.63. | 3,401.19 | Thieves broke into the apartment of the Postmaster, Mr. Oscar Simon, which is situated above the Post Office itself, murdered him, stole keys to the safe below and escaped with the amounts stated. |
| Deeds Registry | Loss of Cash between 23rd and 24th September, 1958. | 3,397.79 | On the afternoon of the 23rd, the office was secured and the two watchmen were left in charge of the compound. On the following morning it was discovered that a window had been prized open and the safe which was embedded in concrete, broken into. Police investigations were unsuccessful in finding the perpetrator of this theft. |

Total \$12,348.98

(Notice was given on 29th April, 1964).

BILLS - Second Reading

12. The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISION WITH RESPECT TO THE PENSIONABLE SERVICE OF FREDERICK WALTER ELEAZAR CASE.

(Bill No. 12/1964(L.A.) published 11.4.64)
(Notice was given on 30th April, 1964).

- The Minister of Finance to move th second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION ORDINANCE BY MAKING PROVISION FOR THE INCREASE OF PENSIONS REGISTERED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1958, OF PENSIONS REGISTERED SUBSEQUENT TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1958, IN RESPECT OF MARRIED OFFICERS WHO ON THAT DATE WERE AWAITING MEDICAL EXAMINATION, AND OF PENSIONS IN PAYMENT ON THAT DATE.

(Bill No. 13/1964(L.A.) published 11.4.64)
(Notice was given on 30th April, 1964).

14. The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LIQUOR LICENSING ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 14/1964(L.A.) published 11.4.64)
(Notice was given on 30th April, 1964).

- * 15. The Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP OF VILLAGE COUNCILS.

(Bill No. 33/1963(S) published 9.11.63)
(Notice was given on 4th November, 1963).

- * 16. The Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Lands to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO HIRE-PURCHASE AND SALE UPON CREDIT OF GOODS.

(Bill No. 5/1964(L.A.) published 15.2.64)
(Notice was given on 19th February, 1964).

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASEMBLYDefinite Matter of urgent public importance

At 4.30 p.m. assembly will resume the discussion on the strike and general situation in the sugar industry allowed on a motion for the adjournment of the assembly at the previous sitting.

* Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.