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36TH SITTING

THURSDAY, 14TH 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. -

By the Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs:

Report on the General Election of Members of the  
Legislative Assembly, 1961.

(H.A: PROB: 22/3/1)(Circulated).

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

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

MOTIONS

1. Motion - Committee of Supply - Financial Paper No. 1/1964.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this House approves the proposals set out  
in Financial Paper No. 1/1964 - Schedule of Additional  
Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for January to  
April, 1964, totalling \$199,812.00.

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

2. Motion - Committee of Supply - Financial Paper No. 2/1964.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this House approves the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1964 - Schedule of Additional Provision on the Development Estimates for January to April, 1964, totalling \$66,596.00.

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

\* 3. Motion - Committee of Supply - Financial Paper No. 3/1964.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this House approves the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1964 - Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for January to April, 1964 (Supplementary), totalling \$18,950.00.

(Notice was given on 13th May, 1964).

\* 4. Motion - Committee of Supply - Financial Paper No. 4/1964.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this House approves the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 4/1964 - Schedule of Additional Provision on the Development Estimates for January to April, 1964 (Supplementary), totalling \$7,000.00.

(Notice was given on 13th May, 1964).

5. 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

6. 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).

7. 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).

- \* The Minister of Finance proposes to move the suspension of Standing Order No. 69 to enable the Financial Paper to be considered at this sitting.

8. 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).

9. 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

10. The Minister of Communications 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).

11. 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 07 $\frac{1}{2}$

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 37 $\frac{1}{2}$

(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).

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 intransit 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.
Education	\$2,550.00 lost in mandatory 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 Pomeroun pending arrangements for an alternative site. These were not finalised until December, 1957. In 1956, the Pomeroun area was flooded, the materials became waterlogged and damaged by termites. While the officers who drew up the contract were negligent in not first

	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
			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 prised open and the safe which was embedded in concrete, broken into. Police investigations were unsuccessful in finding the perpetrator of this theft.
	Total	<u>₹12,348.98</u>	

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

BILLS - Second Reading.

13. 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).

14. The Minister of Finance to move the 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).

15. 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).

- # 16. 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).

- # 17. 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).

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

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE.

(Bill No. 15/1964(L.A.) published 9.5.64)  
(Notice was given on 13th May, 1964).

- # 19. The Premier and Minister of Development and Planning to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAKING OF CENSUSES, THE COLLECTION, COMPILATION, ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN STATISTICAL INFORMATION AND FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

(Bill No. 16/1964(L.A.): Date of Publication - 16.5.64)  
(Notice was given on 13th May, 1964).

# Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.