

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Fourth Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana at its Fourth Session, 1951, held at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara, on

THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1951,

AT 2 P.M.

PRESENT:

The Deputy President, the Honourable C.V. Wight, C.B.E.  
(in the Chair)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. Gutch, O.B.E.

" " the Acting Attorney General, Mr. A.C. Brazao

" " the Acting Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W.O. Fraser

" " Dr. J.B. Singh, O.B.E. (Demerara-Essequibo)

" " Dr. J.A. Nicholson (Georgetown North)

" " W.J. Rastgever (Nominated)

" " V. Roth, O.B.E. (Nominated)

" " C.P. Ferreira (Berbice River)

" " T.T. Thompson (Nominated)

" " G.A.C. Farnum, O.B.E. (Nominated)

" " J.P. Coghlan (Demerara River)

" " D.P. Debidin (Eastern Demerara)

" " J. Fernandes (Georgetown Central)

" " Dr. G.M. Gonsalves (Eastern Berbice)

" " Dr. C. Jagan (Central Demerara)

" " W.O.R. Kendall (New Amsterdam)

" " A.T. Peters (Western Berbice)

" " J.A. Phang (North Western District)

" " G.H. Smellie (Nominated)

" " J. Carter (Georgetown South)

" " L.A. Luckhoo (Nominated)

" " W.A. Macnie, C.M.G., O.B.E. (Nominated).

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, the 28th of November, 1951, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following:-

The First Report of the Select Committee appointed on the 7th of July, 1949, to investigate and report on motions by Mr. Roth and Mr. Lee relating to the Pawnbroking and Money Lenders Ordinances.

RE-EMPLOYMENT OF PENSIONERS

Before proceeding to the Order of the Day, Mr. Carter referred to Council's resolution No. XXXIX of the 12th of April, 1951, recommending that Government pensioners should not be re-employed except in cases of emergency and stated that he had recently read in the press of an appointment of a pensioner. In view of this, Mr. Carter was of the opinion that the recommendation was not being fully observed.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ANNUAL HOLIDAYS BILL, 1951 - First reading

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by Dr. Nicholson the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAYS WITH PAY FOR WORKERS IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS was read the first time.

FEDERATION

Dr. Nicholson moved and Mr. Carter seconded the following motion:-

That, this Council accepts in principle the proposed Federation of the British Caribbean Colonies and agrees to consider in a Committee of all the unofficial members of the Council the recommendations in the Closer Association Report.

Dr. Gonsalves and Mr. Fernandes spoke to the motion.

It being close on the hour of 5 o'clock, Mr. Raatgever moved and Dr. Nicholson seconded a motion for the adjournment of Council which was carried unanimously. Accordingly, the debate stood adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy President adjourned Council to 2 p.m. the following day.

Confirmed,

*Michael Wright*  
Deputy President.