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MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1959.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. M.S. Porcher (Ag.)
The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.
The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. W.P. D'Andrade (Ag.)

Ministers

The Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan,
Minister of Trade and Industry.
The Honourable B.H. Benn,
Minister of Community Development and Education.
The Honourable E.B. Beharry,
Minister of Natural Resources.
The Honourable Janet Jagan,
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.
The Honourable Ram Karran,
Minister of Communications and Works.

Elected Members, Majority Party

Mr. F. Bowman
Mr. B.S. Rai
Mr. S.M. Saffee
Mr. Ajodha Singh

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
Mr. S. Campbell
Mr. A.L. Jackson

Nominated Members

Mr. R.B. Gajraj
Mr. R.C. Tello
Mr. R.E. Davis
Mr. A.M. Fredericks
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

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

Absent:

Mr. Jai Narine Singh.
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E. - on leave.

The Clerk read prayers.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. W.P. D'Andrade, Financial Secretary (Acting) took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance vice Mr. F.W. Essex who had left the Colony to attend a meeting of the Currency Board in Trinidad.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, the 17th of February, 1959, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC BUSINESSORDER OF THE DAYBILL -In Committee.Item 1 - APPROPRIATION BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 37/1958.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary, Council was resolved into a Committee to resume consideration of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, clause by clause.

In CommitteeSCHEDULE

HEAD 7B. INFORMATION SERVICES.

Committee resumed the debate on the amendment moved by Mr. Tello at the previous sitting for a reduction by \$1:- of Subhead 1 - item (1) - 1 Chief Information Officer ... \$7,200:-

After discussion, the amendment was withdrawn.

HEAD 7B. INFORMATION SERVICES ..	was passed at ..	\$173,059:-
HEAD 8. CIVIL AVIATION ..	was passed at ..	\$172,241:-
HEAD 9. CO-OPERATIVE ..	was passed at ..	\$167,402:-
HEAD 10. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ..	was passed at ..	\$596,970:-
HEAD 11. DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION ..	was passed at ..	\$582,847:-
HEAD 11A. DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION - Annually Recurrent ..	was passed at ..	\$337,776:-
HEADS 12 and 12A. EDUCATION.		

Mr. Burnham moved the reduction by \$1:- of Subhead 1 - item (7) - 1 Supervisor of Handicrafts .. \$4,560:-

In Committee (contd.)

Committee was considering the amendment when, at 4.35 p.m., the Financial Secretary moved that Council resume:

Council resumed.

Suspension of Sitting - Tea Interval.

At 4.35 p.m. the Speaker suspended the sitting for a short tea interval.

Resumption of Sitting

The sitting was resumed at 5.05 p.m.

Council then resolved itself into Committee to resume consideration of the Bill.

In Committee

Mr. Burnham's motion was further considered and thereafter withdrawn.

Committee was still considering Head 12 and 12A - Education, when the hour of adjournment was reached.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.00 p.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 19th of February, 1959.

Confirmed,

Donald Jackson
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

19th February, 1959.