

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, 20TH DECEMBER, 1951,

AT 2 P.M.

PRESENT

The President, His Excellency the Governor Sir Charles
Campbell Worlley, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C.
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
" " C.V. Wight, C.B.E. (Western Essequibo)
" " Dr. J.B. Singh, O.B.E. (Demerara-Essequibo)
" " V. Roth, O.B.E. (Nominated)
" " T.T. Thompson (Nominated)
" " G.A.C. Farnum, C.B.E. (Nominated)
" " D.P. Debidin (Eastern Demerara)
" " J. Fernandes (Georgetown Central)
" " Dr. G.M. Gonsalves (Eastern Berbice)
" " Dr. C. Jagan (Central Demerara)
" " W.O.R. Kendal (New Amsterdam)
" " A.T. Peters (Eastern Berbice)
" " W.A. Phang (North Western District)
" " G.H. Smellie (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
19th of December, 1951, as printed and circulated, were
taken as read and confirmed.

ORDER OF THE DAY

TAX (AMENDMENT No. 4) BILL, 1951 - First Reading

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by the
Financial Secretary and Treasurer the BILL intituled AN
ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE TAX ORDINANCE, 1939, was
read the first time.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1951 -
First Reading

On a motion by the Attorney General seconded by the
Colonial Secretary the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE
FURTHER TO AMEND THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING
ORDINANCE was read the first time.

CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT No. 4) BILL, 1951 -
Second Reading

Council resumed the debate on the motion for the
second reading of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE
FURTHER TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS DUTIES ORDINANCE, 1935.

or the discussion the President put the motion as follows:-nd reading and Council divided and voted

For	Against
Mr. Macnie	Dr. Jagan
Mr. Smellie	Mr. Debidin
Mr. Phang	
Mr. Peters	
Mr. Kendall	
Mr. Gonsalves	
Mr. Fernandes	
Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Roth	
The Financial Secretary	
The Attorney General	
The Colonial Secretary	

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The motion having been affirmed, the Bill was read the second time.

Committee

Council resolved into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clause 1 - was passed as printed.

Clause 2 - item 48(c)(1) was amended to read as follows:-

"(1) manufactured in the British Empire entirely from Empire grown tobacco."

Title and Enacting Clauses - passed as printed.

Council resumed.

Third Reading

On a motion by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer seconded by the Colonial Secretary the Bill was read a third time and passed as amended in Committee.

✓ BUDGET 1952

A motion by Mr. Debidin seconded by Dr. Gonsalves for postponement of the debate on the following motion until after the Christmas holidays was discussed and

That, this Council approves the Estimates of Expenditure for the service of the Civil Government of the Colony for the year ending 31st December, 1952, to be defrayed from the annual revenue of the year and other resources of the Colony and from loan funds.

As no member wished to speak to the motion, Council was resolved into Committee to consider the draft estimates together with the Report of the Finance Committee thereon.

In Committee

I. GOVERNOR

sub-heads

A motion by Mr. Debidin for the deletion of/1 e to h and 2 to 6 was discussed.

Thereafter, the Chairman put the question that the Head should stand as amended by Finance Committee and Committee divided and voted as follows:-

For	<u>Against</u>
Mr. Macnie	Dr. Jagan
Mr. Smellie	Mr. Debidin
Mr. Phang	
Mr. Peters	
Mr. Kendall	
Mr. Fernandes	
Mr. Farnum	
Mr. Thompson	
Dr. Singh	
Mr. Wight	
The Financial Secretary	
The Attorney General	
The Colonial Secretary	
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Sub-head 2. Furniture, plate, linen, etc. was reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000 as recommended by Finance Committee.

Total of Head \$44,894, as printed, reduced by \$1,000 and passed at \$43,894.

II. LEGISLATURE -

Mr. Wight moved the deletion of the following sub-head -

Sub-head 7. Allowance to Unofficial Members of the Council - \$37,800.

After discussion the Chairman put the question that the sub-head should stand as printed and Committee divided and voted as follows:-

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	Did not vote
Mr. Smellie	Mr. Macnie	Mr. Farnum
Mr. Phang	Mr. Fernandes	The Financial Secretary
Mr. Peters	Mr. Debidin	The Attorney General
Mr. Kendall	Mr. Wight	The Colonial Secretary.
Dr. Jagan		
Dr. Gonsalves		
Mr. Thompson		
Dr. Singh		

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Total of Head - passed as printed at \$95,064.

III. AGRICULTURE (page 5) was being considered when the hour of adjournment was reached.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Confirmed,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. C. Hoare". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Public Buildings,
British Guiana.
21st December, 1951.