

BRITISH GUIANA

FIRST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FIRST SESSION

1954

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

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

MONDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1954

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Eustace Gordon Woolford, O.B.E., Q.C.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. F.D. Jakeway, O.B.E. (Ag.)

The Honourable the Attorney General, Mr. F.W. Holder, Q.C.

The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. W.O. Fraser, O.B.E.

Nominated Members of Executive Council

The Honourable Sir Frank McDavid, C.M.G., C.B.E.
(Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines).

The Honourable P.A. Cummings
(Member for Labour, Health and Housing).

The Honourable W.O.R. Kendall
(Member for Communications and Works).

The Honourable G.A.C. Farnum, O.B.E.
(Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and
Co-operative Development).

The Honourable R.B. Gajraj

The Honourable R.C. Tello

Nominated Officials

Mr. W.T. Lord, I.S.O.

Mr. J.I. Ramphal

Nominated Unofficials

Mr. W.A. Phang

Mr. L.A. Luckhoo, Q.C.

Mr. W.A. Macnie, C.M.G., O.B.E.

Mr. C.A. Carter

Rev. D.C.J. Bobb

Mr. H. Rahaman

Miss Gertie H. Collins

Mrs. Esther E. Dey

Mr. R.B. Jailal

Mr. Sugrim Singh

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. . Crum Ewing.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree (Ag.)

Absent

The Honourable G.H. Smellie -

Mr. W.J. Raatgever, C.B.E.

Mr. T. Lee

Mr. E.F. Correia - on leave.

Dr. H.A. Fraser

Lt. Col. E.J. Haywood, M.B.E., T.D. - on leave.

The Speaker read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 17th of December, 1954, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

BILL

The Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intitled AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL ORDINANCE BY MAKING PROVISION FOR TOWN CONSTABLES TO BE APPOINTED TO BEAR THE TITLES OF SUPERINTENDENT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, SERGEANT AND CORPORAL.

(Bill No. 59/1954 published 18.12.54).

UNOFFICIAL NOTICES

Mr. Sugrim Singh gave notice of the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council recommends to Government the refund to the British Guiana Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha the sum of one hundred dollars paid in terms of the Tax Ordinance, 1939, for the Private Bill intitled An Ordinance to incorporate certain persons as trustees of the body known as the British Guiana Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha; to vest in such persons certain property; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

ORDER OF THE DAY
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS

DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL 1954 - Bill No. 57/1954.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines the BILL intitled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF WORKS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE COLON was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

LEGAL TENDER (JAMAICA CURRENCY NOTES) BILL, 1954 -
Bill No. 58/1954.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines the BILL intitled AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE THAT ALL GOVERNMENT CURRENCY NOTES WHICH ARE LEGAL TENDER IN THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA SHALL BE LEGAL TENDER FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANY AMOUNT IN BRITISH GUIANA was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed with the following amendments in Committee:

- Clause 2: (a) The clause as printed was numbered as subclause (1); and
- (b) The following new subclause (2) was inserted -

"(2) For the purposes of this section the value of currency notes provided, issued or re-issued under the Currency Notes Law of the Island of Jamaica shall be calculated at the rate of one pound for four dollars and eighty cents."

BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION (SPECIAL PROVISIONS)(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954 - Bill No. 56/1954.

At the request of the Member for Agriculture, Forests, Lands and Mines, consideration of the second reading of the following Bill was deferred:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE, 1953, WITH RESPECT TO THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS AND OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BUXTON AND FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION AND ACTS) VALIDATION BILL, 1954 - Bill No. 55/1954.

On a motion by the Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development seconded by the Member for Communications and Works the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO VALIDATE THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN COUNCILLORS OF THE BUXTON AND FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE DISTRICT AND ALL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THAT DISTRICT IN WHICH THOSE COUNCILLORS HAVE ACTED, AND ALL ACTS DONE BY SUCH PERSONS AS COUNCILLORS OF THAT VILLAGE COUNCIL was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954 - Bill No. 60/1954.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney General the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT NO. 2) ORDINANCE, 1950, WITH RESPECT TO THE LICENCE FEES FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

BUDGET - 1955.

The Financial Secretary informed Members that His Excellency the Governor was anxious to have consideration of the 1955 Estimates completed by the 15th of January, and intimated that he would be prepared, with the concurrence of members of Finance Committee,

../ to sit

to sit at nights in order to complete consideration by that date.

The Chief Secretary associated himself with the remarks of the Financial Secretary and added that there were other important matters to be submitted for Council's consideration which would have to await the passing of the Budget.

Mr. Luckhoo supported by Mr. Macnie and Mr. Ramphal expressed the view that members would co-operate in the matter.

YULETIDE GREETINGS

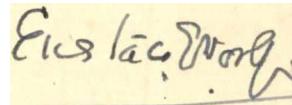
Mr. Phang, on behalf of Council, extended to the Speaker Christmas and New Year Greetings.

The Speaker reciprocated the good wishes of Members.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no other business, the Speaker at 3.40 p.m. adjourned Council sine die.

Confirmed,



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
British Guiana.

27th January, 1955.