

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SINGAPORE, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1955

No. 20

10.00 a.m.

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QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER

*Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Financial Secretary under what authority was the sum of \$4,270.20 paid out of the public funds of the Colony to meet the cost of the farewell party given by the Chief Minister to the former Governor, Sir John Nicoll.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTION

†1. Estate Duty (Increase of Rates) Bill—
Second Reading.

2. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly by virtue of the provisions of subsection (1) of section 11 of the Petroleum Revenue Ordinance (Chapter 224 of the Revised Edition) resolves that, with effect from the 22nd day of November, 1955, the duties specified below shall be paid on petroleum in lieu of the duties imposed by a resolution of the Legislative Council at a meeting on the 24th September, 1934, published as Notification No. 2261 in *Gazette* No. 76 of 5th October, 1934, and amended by a resolution of the Advisory Council at a meeting on the 3rd July, 1947, published as Notification No. S 224 in *Gazette* Supplement No. 57 of 18th July, 1947:—

(a) Petroleum which has a flashing point below 73 degrees Fahrenheit ascertained as provided by the Petroleum Ordinance (Chapter 211 of the Revised Edition) and which is imported otherwise than to a dutiable petroleum store or which is removed from a dutiable petroleum store otherwise than for export ... 73 cents per gallon.

(b) Petroleum which has a flashing point of or above 73 degrees Fahrenheit ascertained as provided by the Petroleum Ordinance (Chapter 211 of the Revised Edition) and which is imported otherwise than to a dutiable petroleum store or which is removed from a dutiable petroleum store otherwise than for export ... 5 cents per gallon.

3. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly by virtue of the provisions of subsection (1) of section 3 of the Liquors Revenue Ordinance (Chapter 225 of the Revised Edition) resolves that, with effect from the 22nd day of November, 1955, the duties specified below shall be paid on intoxicating liquors in lieu of

the duties imposed by a resolution of the Legislative Council at a meeting on the 18th March, 1952, published as Notification No. S 123 in the *Gazette Supplement* No. 28 of 21st March, 1952:—

<i>Intoxicating Liquors.</i>	<i>Duty.</i>
	\$ c.
1.—(a) Rectified Spirit	52 50 per proof gallon.
(b) Brandy and any other intoxicating liquor not hereinafter provided for	76 90 per proof gallon.
(c) Brandy in bottle and accepted by the Comptroller as not exceeding 81 per cent of proof spirit	60 00 per gallon.
(d) Rum and Gin	52 50 per proof gallon.
(e) Rum and Gin in bottle and accepted by the Comptroller as not exceeding 81 per cent of proof spirit	37 50 per gallon.
(f) Whisky	76 90 per proof gallon.
(g) Whisky in bottle and accepted by the Comptroller as not exceeding 81 per cent of proof spirit	60 00 per gallon.
(h) Toddy-arack, Saki, Pineapple spirit and Samsu (including Medicated Samsu) ...	31 00 per proof gallon.
(i) Bitters and Liqueurs not exceeding 100 per cent of proof spirit ...	52 50 per gallon.
(j) Sparkling wines not exceeding 42 per cent of proof spirit ...	40 00 per gallon.
(k) Still wines exceeding 26 per cent but not exceeding 42 per cent of proof spirit ...	18 75 per gallon.
(l) Still wines not exceeding 26 per cent of proof spirit ...	9 40 per gallon.
(m) Ale, Beer, Stout, Porter, Cider and Perry	5 20 per gallon.

Provided that if any brandy specified in item (b) or any liquor specified in item (c), (j), (k), (l) or (m) above is proved to the satisfaction of the Comptroller of Customs to have been produced in and consigned from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, the Dominions, India, Burma, the territories administered by Her Majesty's Governments in the Dominions under Trusteeship or otherwise, the British Colonies, the British Protectorates and Protected States, the Trust Territories of Tanganyika, the Cameroons under British Trusteeship or Togoland under British Trusteeship, the following preferential duties shall be levied thereon:—

<i>Intoxicating Liquors</i>	<i>Preferential Duty</i>
	\$ c.
(i) Brandy	69 20 per proof gallon.
(ii) Brandy in bottle accepted by the Comptroller as not exceeding 81 per cent of proof spirit ...	54 00 per gallon.

<i>Intoxicating Liquors.</i>	<i>Preferential Duty.</i>
	\$ c.
(iii) Sparkling wines not exceeding 42 per cent of proof spirit ...	30 00 per gallon.
(iv) Still wines exceeding 26 per cent but not exceeding 42 per cent of proof spirit ...	15 00 per gallon.
(v) Still wines not exceeding 26 per cent of proof spirit ...	7 50 per gallon.
(vi) Ale, Beer, Stout, Porter, Cider and Perry ...	4 80 per gallon.

II. The duty payable upon intoxicating liquors distilled, fermented, made or prepared in any place licensed under the Liquors Revenue Ordinance for the distillation, fermentation, making or preparation of intoxicating liquors shall be:—

<i>Intoxicating Liquors</i>	<i>Duty</i>
	\$ c.
(a) Samsu (including Medicated Samsu)	27 00 per proof gallon.
(b) Ale, Beer, Stout, Porter, Cider and Perry ...	4 80 per gallon.
(c) Other intoxicating liquors ...	43 75 per proof gallon.

III. The duty leviable on intoxicating liquors imported into the Cocos or Keeling Islands for consumption in the said Islands shall be Nil.

*4. The Minister for Labour and Welfare to move—

That the report of the Select Committee on the Labour Bill contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 12 of 1955 be adopted subject to the recommendation of the Bill in respect of clauses 46 and 49 to a Committee of the whole Assembly.

5. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$168,533 should be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure and for the services specified in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 30 of 1955.

6. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$82,834 should be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure and for the services specified in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 31 of 1955.

†7. Appropriation Bill—Committee of Supply.

†NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

†1. *Estate Duty (Increase of Rates) Bill—*

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Financial Secretary will move the Committee stage and Third Reading.

†7. *Appropriation Bill—Notices of Amendments to be moved in Committee of Supply:*

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

Head 3—Contributions and Charitable Allowances—

Mr. GOH TONG LIANG:

To reduce by \$85,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 3, Family Planning Association, on page 23 of the Estimates.

Head 5—Commissioner-General—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$2,760 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 3 (2), Principal Assistant Secretary, Grade E, on page 27 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$3,120 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 3 (3), Assistant Secretary, Grade G, on page 27 of the Estimates.

Head 6—Legislature—

The CHIEF SECRETARY (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified*):

To increase by \$22,845 the sum to be allotted in respect of the following sub-heads, viz:—

	\$	\$
(i) sub-head 1 on page 29 of the 1956 Estimates—		
Item (6) Assistant Reporters, two. Increase number by one and the provision by	7,560	
New item after item (9). Insert "Stenographer (\$265-15A-295/bar/310-15A-370/bar/385-15A-445) and insert provision	3,180	
Item (10) General Clerical Service, Time-scale, four. Increase the number by one and the provision by	1,830	
Item (11) Typist (one). Increase number by two and the provision by	3,300	
Item (15) Office Boys, four. Increase number by one and the provision by	1,045	
Item (20) Variable Allowance. In consequence of above additions, increase provision by	5,170	
	22,085	
(ii) new sub-head after sub-head 10 on page 30, "Typewriters, two" and insert provision		760
		22,845

Head 10—Audit—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$10,400 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (2), Senior Auditors, on page 39 of the Estimates.

Head 11—Chief Minister—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 5, Entertainment Expenses, on page 44 of the Estimates.

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 5, Entertainment Expenses, on page 44 of the Estimates.

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG:

To reduce by \$1,800 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 7, Transport and Travelling, on page 44 of the Estimates.

Head 12—Chief Secretary—

Mr. WILLIAM TAN:

To reduce by \$2,400 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (32), Entertainment Allowance, on page 49 of the Estimates.

Mr. JOHN EDE:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (57), Hotel Allowance, on page 50 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 8, Passages and Miscellaneous Travelling Expenses, on page 53 of the Estimates.

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 8, Passages and Miscellaneous Travelling Expenses, on page 53 of the Estimates.

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 19, Diagnostic Survey Team, on page 54 of the Estimates.

Head 19—Police—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$12,920 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (5), Superintendents, on page 71 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$14,060 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (6), Deputy Superintendents, on page 71 of the Estimates.

Head 27—Treasury—

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 4, Commissions, Conferences and Visits of Advisers, on page 108 of the Estimates.

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

To reduce by \$5,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 7, Entertainment Expenses, on page 108 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE CHOON ENG:

To reduce by \$5,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 7, Entertainment Expenses, on page 108 of the Estimates.

Head 28—Accountant-General—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$8,840 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (3), Accountants, Scale *A*, on page 109 of the Estimates.

Head 32—Ministry of Commerce and Industry—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$600 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (3), Deputy Secretary to Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Grade *E*, on page 121 of the Estimates.

Mr. JOHN EDE:

To reduce by \$5,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 2 (5), Transport and Travelling, on page 122 of the Estimates.

Mr. JOHN EDE:

To reduce by \$2,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 4, Entertainment Expenses, on page 122 of the Estimates.

Head 44—Ministry of Local Government, Lands and Housing—

Mr. WILLIAM TAN:

To reduce by \$3,600 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 2 (3), Transport and Travelling, on page 153 of the Estimates.

Mr. WILLIAM TAN:

To reduce by \$2,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 4, Entertainment Expenses, on page 153 of the Estimates.

Head 47—Ministry of Education—

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$3,600 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 2 (4), Transport and Travelling, on page 163 of the Estimates.

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$2,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 3, Entertainment Expenses, on page 163 of the Estimates.

Head 48—Education—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$600 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (3), Chief Inspector of Schools, Grade *E*, on page 164 of the Estimates.

Head 51—Ministry of Health—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$18,240 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (2), Deputy Secretary (Administration), Grade *G*, on page 179 of the Estimates.

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

To reduce by \$2,400 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 2 (2), Transport, on page 179 of the Estimates.

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

To reduce by \$2,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 4, Entertainment Expenses, on page 179 of the Estimates.

Head 52—Medical and Health—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$18,240 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 37 (4), Medical Officer-in-charge Maternity and Child Welfare Services (Rural), Grade *G*, on page 190 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$72,970 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 55 (5), Radiologists, Grade G, on page 195 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$22,080 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 55 (27), Sister Tutors, on page 196 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$36,480 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 55 (131), Chest Physicians, Grade G, on page 203 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$10,020 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 55 (163), Medical Superintendent, Grade E, on page 204 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$18,780 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 55 (198), Male Nurses, on page 206 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$6,230 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 55 (202), Sisters (Trained in Mental Diseases), on page 206 of the Estimates.

Head 53—Ministry of Labour and Welfare—

Mr. GOH TONG LIANG:

To reduce by \$5,140 the sum to be allotted in respect of Item 2 (3), Transport and Travelling, on page 213 of the Estimates.

Mr. GOH TONG LIANG:

To reduce by \$2,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of Item 4, Entertainment Expenses, on page 213 of the Estimates.

Head 54—Immigration and Passports—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$1,200 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (2), Deputy Controller of Immigration, Grade G, on page 214 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$15,600 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (3), Senior Assistant Controller of Immigration, on page 214 of the Estimates.

Head 56—Social Welfare—

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 9, Assistance to Youth Organisations, on page 226 of the Estimates.

Head 57—Ministry of Communications and Works—

Mr. A. R. LAZAROUS:

To reduce by \$2,750 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 2 (4), Transport and Travelling, on page 231 of the Estimates.

Head 58—Civil Aviation—

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 15, Telecommunications Services, on page 234 of the Estimates.

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 21, Telecommunications, on page 237 of the Estimates.

Head 59—Meteorological—

Mr. JOHN EDE:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 7, Upper Air Observatory, on page 238 of the Estimates.

Head 60—Postal Services—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$16,560 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (2), Controller of Posts, on page 241 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$10,505 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (3), Assistant Controllers of Posts, on page 241 of the Estimates.

Head 61—Public Works—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$1,200 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (2), Deputy Director of Public Works, Grade *D*, on page 244 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$18,240 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (8), Senior Executive Engineers, Grade *G*, on page 244 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$1,480 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (18), Senior Electrical Engineer, Grade *G*, on page 244 of the Estimates.

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$1,480 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (33), Senior Mechanical Engineer, Grade *G*, on page 245 of the Estimates.

Head 62—Public Works, Recurrent—

Mr. JOHN EDE:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 4 (1), Upkeep of Government Roads, on page 251 of the Estimates.

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 6 (7), Minor Works, on page 252 of the Estimates.

Head 63—Telecommunications—

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

To reduce by \$19,960 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1 (3), Assistant Controllers of Telecommunications, on page 253 of the Estimates.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE**Head D48—Education, Public Works Non-Recurrent—**

Mr. JOHN EDE:

To reduce by \$500,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 4 (2), Primary Schools, Group *B*, on page 8 of the Development Estimates.

Head D45—Land and District Offices—

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 1, Acquisition and Development of Sites for Resettlement, on page 12 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 2, Purchase of Land, on page 12 of the Development Estimates.

Head D52—Medical and Health, Public Works, Non-Recurrent—

Mr. JOHN EDE:

To reduce by \$220,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 2, Urban Health Centre, on page 16 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. JOHN EDE:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 4, District Hospital, on page 16 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$200,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 10 (3), Alterations to Ward, etc., on page 16 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$200,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 10 (6), Quarters for 78 Sisters, on page 16 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 11 (1), Quarters for Matrons, Sisters and Almoner, on page 16 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 11 (4), Additions and Alterations to existing Hospital Buildings, on page 16 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$200,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 12 (2), Ward Blocks, four, on page 17 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 12 (3), Conversion of Students Hostel for 150 Nurses, on page 17 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 13 (2), Staff Quarters, on page 17 of the Development Estimates.

Head D64—Public Works, Non-Recurrent (General)—

Mr. LIM KOON TECK:

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 1, Quarters for Government Officers, on page 22 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. JOHN EDE:

To reduce by \$500,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of sub-head 1, Quarters for Government Officers, on page 22 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. GOH TONG LIANG :

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 2, Improvements to Crown Lands, on page 22 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. A. R. LAZAROUS :

To reduce by \$200,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 9, Improvements to Secretariat Building, on page 22 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG :

To reduce by \$15,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 12, Street Lighting, Goodwood Hill, on page 22 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

To reduce by \$15,000 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 12, Street Lighting, Goodwood Hill, on page 22 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. LEE CHOON ENG :

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 15, Electric Cookers and Water Heaters for Quarters in Government Institutions, on page 22 of the Development Estimates.

Mr. LEE CHOON ENG :

To reduce by \$10 the sum to be allotted in respect of item 16, Flood Alleviation Scheme, Bedok, on page 22 of the Development Estimates.

*MEMORANDUM

The Minister for Labour and Welfare will move the following amendments to the Bill on recommitment to a Committee of the whole Assembly:—

*4. *Labour Bill*—

Clause 46, Page 18, lines 36 to 47: leave out the whole of sub-clause (3).

Clause 46, Page 19, line 1: leave out “(4)” and insert “(3)”.

Clause 49, Page 19, line 33: after “sections” insert “46,”.

Clause 49, Page 19, line 42: after “preceding the” insert “holiday,”.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPER PRESENTED

Cmd. 25. Annual Report of the Administration of Justice for the year 1954.
(21st November, 1955).
