

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SINGAPORE, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1956

No. 25

10.00 a.m.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICE OF MOTION

1 The Chief Minister to move—

That this Assembly is of the opinion that for the purposes of oral debate the languages of the Assembly should be English, Malay, Mandarin and Tamil; and that a Select Committee be appointed to examine, report upon and make recommendations in respect of matters necessary to enable effect to be given to the proposal.

(Debate to be resumed.)

2 The Minister for Education to move—

That this House approves in principle the introduction of commercial television in Singapore by the issue of an exclusive licence to a commercial undertaking without charge on public funds but subject to control by the Government.

3 The Chief Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 4 of the Transfer of Powers and Interpretation Ordinance, 1949 (No. 9 of 1949), resolves that the additions to the First Schedule to the Transfer of Powers and Interpretation Ordinance, 1946 (No. 2 of 1946) made under section 16 of the said Ordinance of 1949 and published as Notification No. S 10 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 3 of the 13th day of January, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 2 of 1956, be and are hereby approved.

4 The Assistant Minister for Commerce and Industry to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 477 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Chapter 150), resolves that the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Certificate Partial Survey Fees) Rules, 1955, published as Notification No. S 418 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 109 of 23rd December, 1955, and as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 57 of 1955, be approved.

5 The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)

That this Assembly, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (2) of section 11 of the Customs Ordinance (Ordinance No. 11 of 1955), resolves that the rates of duty leviable in respect of the importation into or manufacture in the Colony of intoxicating liquors, tobacco and petroleum shall be those as specified in the Customs (Duties) Order, 1956 published as Notification No. S 19 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 5 of 26th January, 1956 and contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 3 of 1956.

6. The Financial Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 102 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 1947 (No. 39 of 1947), as amended by the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1948 (No. 20 of 1948), the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1950 (No. 44 of 1950), the Income Tax (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance, 1950 (No. 46 of 1950), the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1952 (No. 29 of 1952), the Income Tax (Amendment)

Ordinance, 1953 (No. 40 of 1953) and the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1954 (No. 34 of 1954), resolves that the Light Dues Board be added to the First Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance, 1947.

7. The Financial Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 102 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 1947 (No. 39 of 1947), as amended by the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1948 (No. 20 of 1948), the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1950 (No. 44 of 1950), the Income Tax (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance, 1950 (No. 46 of 1950), the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1952 (No. 29 of 1952), the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1953 (No. 40 of 1953) and the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1954 (No. 34 of 1954), resolves that the Board of Architects, Singapore be added to the First Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance, 1947.

8. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)

That this Assembly approves the allocation of advances to the Singapore Improvement Trust up to but not exceeding the sum of one million dollars for the purpose of erecting low-cost houses for sale to members of the public subject to such conditions as the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing may from time to time impose; and that this Assembly further takes note that the Government proposes to guarantee repayment of one half of that part of any loan made by the Federal and Colonial Building Society, Ltd., in respect of any such houses which exceeds 80 per cent but does not exceed 90 per cent of the agreed valuation of the property which forms the security for such loan.

9. The Minister for Labour and Welfare to move—

That the Honourable Mr. W. A. C. Goode be appointed to be a member of the Select Committee on the Assembly Staff.

10. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$40,356 should be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure and for the services specified in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 5 of 1956.

11. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$156,555 should be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure and for the services specified in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 6 of 1956.

12. The Financial Secretary to move—

That the First Report of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L. A. 13 of 1955, be adopted; and that the following amendments be made to the Standing Orders—

(i) Standing Order 61, new paragraph (6):

Add new paragraph (6) as follows—

“(6) There shall be a Committee to be known as the Estimates Committee to consist of a Chairman to be appointed by the Speaker and not more than five Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, as soon as may be after the beginning of each Session, in such manner as shall ensure that so

far as is possible the balance between the Government and the Opposition in the Assembly is reflected in the Committee. It shall be the duty of the Committee to examine any of the Estimates contained in the Schedules of Appropriation Bills and financial motions, to suggest the form in which Estimates might be presented, and to report what economies consistent with the policy implied in the Estimates might be effected."

- (ii) Standing Order 69 (1), lines 3 and 4:
Leave out "on all the services of the Government" and insert "out of the revenues and other funds of the Colony".
- (iii) Standing Order 69 (2), line 3:
After "seven" insert "clear".
- (iv) Standing Order 69 (2), line 6:
After "Speaker" insert "or Member presiding".
- (v) Standing Order 69 (11), line 1:
Leave out "the" and insert "any".
- (vi) Standing Order 69 (11), lines 1 and 2:
Leave out from "question" to "debate" and insert "in the Committee of Supply".
- (vii) New Standing Order 69A:
Add new Standing Order as follows—
 - "69A.—(1) Whenever supplementary financial requirements for expenditure out of the revenues and other funds of the Colony become necessary, there shall be introduced into the Assembly a motion: "That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$..... shall be supplied to the Government under the heads of expenditure and for the services specified in the Schedule contained in Sessional Paper No.". At least five clear days' notice shall be given of the introduction of such motion.
 - (2) Upon the motion being proposed and seconded, the same shall stand committed to the Committee of Supply to which the Schedule shall then also stand referred.
 - (3) The Assembly shall thereupon, without any question being proposed, resolve itself into Committee and paragraphs (6) to (11) inclusive of Standing Order 69 shall apply to the consideration of the Schedule.
 - (4) The Schedule to the Motion shall be dealt with before the Motion.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the consideration of the motion and the Schedule in Committee, the Assembly shall resume and the Member in charge shall forthwith report that the motion and the Schedule have been considered in Committee and agreed to (with amendments). Thereupon the question on the motion (with amendments) shall be put and decided without amendment or debate."
- (viii) Standing Order 70:
Leave out Standing Order 70 and insert new Standing Order as follows—
 - "70.—(1) As soon as possible after the end of each financial year there shall be introduced into the Assembly a final Appropriation (No. 2) Bill which shall include such supplementary financial requirements as may have been agreed for the previous year in accordance with Standing Order 69A.

(2) The debate on the motion for the second reading of the Bill shall be confined to the general principles of Government policy and administration as indicated in the Bill and Schedules.

(3) When the Bill has been read a second time, a motion for the third reading shall thereupon be made by a Minister. Such motion shall not be required to be seconded and shall be decided without amendment or debate."

13. The Minister for Labour and Welfare to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (3) of section 27 of the Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance (Chapter 33), resolves that the Women and Girls' Protection (Places of Safety—Amendment) Rules, 1956, made on the 20th day of January, 1956, and published as Notification No. S 27 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 5 of the 26th January, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 6 of 1956, be approved.

14. The Minister for Labour and Welfare to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to section 174 of the Labour Ordinance, 1955 (No. 40 of 1955), resolves that the Labour (Prescribed Forms) Regulations, 1956, published as Notification No. S 22 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 5 of 26th January, 1956, and as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 5 of 1956, be approved.

15. The Minister for Labour and Welfare to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to section 174 of the Labour Ordinance, 1955 (No. 40 of 1955), resolves that the Labour (Notes of Evidence—Fees) Regulations, 1956, published as Notification No. S 21 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 5 of 26th January, 1956, and as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 4 of 1956, be approved.

16. The Assistant Minister for Commerce and Industry to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 477 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Chapter 150), resolves that the Singapore Port (Amendment) Rules, 1956, published as Notification No. S 32 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 7 of 3rd February, 1956, and as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 8 of 1956, be approved.

17. Mr. TAN THENG CHIANG (Member for Rochore) to move—

That this Assembly is of the opinion that the principle of a State Lottery should be accepted.

18. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW (Member for Tanjong Pagar) to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)

That this Assembly is of the opinion that an All-Party Committee should be appointed by the Government to discuss the question of unification of Singapore and the Federation of Malaya with representatives of the Federation Legislative Council and to work out definite proposals for a merger of the two territories.

19. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW (Member for Tanjong Pagar) to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)

That this House deplores the action of the Naval Authorities (1) in forcibly evicting two workers' families residing in quarters in the Naval Base and (2) in using the Protected Areas and Places Ordinance to prohibit and prevent picketing by the workers outside the gates to the Dockyard of the Naval Base.

20. Shop and Office Employees Bill—Second Reading.

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)