10.00 a.m.

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QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER

*Mr. R. Jumabhoy: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing if he will state what is the total area of land in Singapore Island occupied by Her Majesty's Navy, Army and Air Force; and how much of this total area is owned by the War Office in the United Kingdom.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bills

- The Chief Secretary— Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill.
- The Minister for Communications and Works— Omnibus Services Licensing Authority Bill.
- 3. The Chief Secretary—Pensions Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- † 1. Apportionment of Rents (Amendment) Bill-Second Reading.
- † 2. Final Supply (1954) Bill—Second Reading. (Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)
- † 3. Poisons (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- † 4. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. (Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)
- † 5. War Damage (Winding Up) Bill—Second Reading.
- † 6. Nature Reserves (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- † 7. Cinematograph Films (Amendment) Bill-Second Reading.
- † 8. Silver Jubilee Fund (Singapore) (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- † 9. Revised Edition of the Laws (Annual Supplements) Bill—Second Reading.
- †10. Singapore Improvement (Amendment) Bill-Second Reading.
- †11. Rubber Shipping and Packing Control (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- 12. The Financial Secretary to move—

(With Mr. Speaker's consent, under Standing Order 23, but subject to the general assent of Members present to the dispensation with the requisite one clear day's Notice.)

That this Assembly, in accordance with section 343 of the Municipal Ordinance (Chapter 133), sanctions the raising of a loan not exceeding \$30 millions by the City Council for the purposes stated and under the conditions specified in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 12 of 1956.

13. The Financial Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 61 (2), resolves that the Financial Statements for the year 1954, as contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 3 of 1956, together with the Report of the Director of Audit, Malaya, thereon, as contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 7 of 1956, should be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

- 14. The Assistant Minister for Labour and Welfare to move—
 - (a) That Standing Order 62 be suspended to enable the following motion to be made:—
 - (b) That Mr. Speaker be the Chairman of the Select Committee appointed by this Assembly on the 9th day of February, 1956, to examine, report upon and make recommendations in respect of matters necessary to enable effect to be given to the proposal that for the purposes of oral debate the languages of the Assembly should be English, Malay, Mandarin and Tamil.
- 15. Mr. M. P. D. NAIR (Member for Seletar) to move—

That this Assembly is of the opinion that an Ordinance to provide for the compulsory registration of Hindu Marriages in Singapore and other matters connected therewith in accordance with the Hindu Religion, customs and manners acceptable to all Hindus is necessary; and that the Government should introduce the necessary legislation as early as possible, after consultation with the Hindu public opinion.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

†Subject to these Bills passing their Second Reading, the Ministers in charge will move their Committee stage and Third Reading.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

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- Cmd. 13. White Paper on Education Policy. (2nd March, 1956).
- Cmd. 12. Issue of \$30,000,000 Singapore City Council 5 per cent Debenture Stock 1956. (6th March, 1956).
- L.A. 1. Fourth Report from the Committee of Selection. (17th February, 1956).
- L.A. 2. Special Report from the Select Committee on Languages in Oral Debates in the Legislative Assembly. (25th February, 1956).
- S.L. 9. Prisons (Amendment) Regulations, 1956. (20th February, 1956).
- S.L. 10. Report of a Court of Inquiry into a Dispute between the Singapore Traction Company Limited and its Employees. (1st March, 1956).