

HONG KONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

4th January, 1950.

PRESENT: —

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (SIR ALEXANDER WILLIAM GEORGE HERDER GRANTHAM, K.C.M.G.).

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING IN CHIEF (LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR E. C. R. MANSERGH, K.B.E., C.B., M.C.).

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (HON. R. R. TODD, *Acting*).

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (HON. J. B. GRIFFIN, K.C.).

THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS (HON. B. C. K. HAWKINS, O.B.E., *Acting*).

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY (HON. G. G. S. FOLLOWS, C.M.G.).

DR. HON. I. NEWTON (Director of Medical Services).

DR. HON. J. P. FEHILY, O.B.E. (Chairman, Urban Council).

HON. E. A. BOYCE (Director of Public Works).

HON. D. F. LANDALE.

HON. CHAU TSUN NIN, C.B.E.

HON. SIR MAN KAM LO, K.T., C.B.E.

DR. HON. CHAU SIK NIN.

HON. LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO, K.C.

HON. M. M. WATSON.

HON. P. S. CASSIDY.

MR. G. C. HAMILTON (Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21st December, 1949, were confirmed.

OATHS.

THE HON. B. C. K. HAWKINS, O.B.E., took the Oath of Allegiance and assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: —By Your Excellency's direction I rise to announce the appointment of the Standing Law Committee for 1950.

The following members have been appointed and have agreed to serve:

THE HON. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (*Chairman*).

THE HON. CHAU TSUN NIN, C.B.E.

THE HON. SIR MAN KAM LO, KT., C.B.E.

THE HON. LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO, K.C.

THE HON. MAURICE MURRAY WATSON.

PAPERS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the following papers: —

The Merchant Shipping Ord., 1899, —Amendment to Table O(A) in the regulations. (G.N. No. A. 269 of 1949).

The Merchant Shipping Ord., 1899, —Amendment to Table O(B) in the regulations. (G.N. No. A. 270 of 1949).

The Telecommunication Ord., 1936, —Amendments to the Radio-communication Regulations. (G.N. No. A. 271 of 1949).

Removal of quarantine restrictions imposed against Bombay on account of plague. (G.N. No. A. 272 of 1949).

Removal of quarantine restrictions imposed against Bangkok on account of cholera. (G.N. No. A. 273 of 1949).

Removal of quarantine restrictions imposed against Bandoeng on account of plague. (G.N. No. A. 274 of 1949).

The Price Control Order, 1946, —Amendments to the Schedule. (G.N. No. A. 275 of 1949).

The Price Control Order, 1946, —Amendments to the Schedule. (G.N. No. A. 276 of 1949).

The Emergency (Principal) Regulations, 1949. (G.N. No. A. 277 of 1949).

The Immigrants Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1949. (G.N. No. A. 278 of 1949).

The Price Control Order, 1946, —Amendments to the Schedule. (G.N. No. A. 279 of 1949).

DOGS AND CATS BILL, 1949.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to regulate the keeping and control of dogs and cats and to prevent and control the introduction into and the spread of rabies in the Colony." He said: Sir, in so doing, I wish to intimate that at the appropriate stage I propose to move amendments to the long title and the short title to this Bill.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clause 1.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —Sir, I move the figures "1949" in the short title be replaced by the figures "1950".

This was agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —Sir, I move that the long title of this Bill be replaced by a title in the following terms:

"An Ordinance to regulate the keeping and control of dogs and cats and provide for the prevention and the control of the spread of rabies."

Sir, I move this amendment because I suggest that the amendment proposed provides long title which is, I believe, more grammatical.

This was agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Dogs and Cats Bill, 1950 had passed through Committee with two amendments and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

ADJOURNMENT.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: —That concludes the agenda, Gentlemen. When is it your pleasure that we should meet again?

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —I suggest this day fortnight, Sir.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: —Council will adjourn to this day fortnight.
