

**OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS****Meeting of 26th September, 1956.**

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**PRESENT:**HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT (*PRESIDENT*)

MR. EDGEWORTH BERESFORD DAVID, C.M.G.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL WILLIAM HENRY STRATTON, C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY

MR. CLAUDE BRAMALL BURGESS, O.B.E. (*Acting*).

THE HONOURABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MR. ARTHUR RIDEHALGH, Q.C.

THE HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS

MR. BRIAN CHARLES KEITH HAWKINS, C.M.G., O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

MR. ARTHUR GRENFELL CLARKE, C.M.G.

THE HONOURABLE THEODORE LOUIS BOWRING, C.M.G., O.B.E.

*(Director of Public Works)*.

DR. THE HONOURABLE YEO KOK CHEANG, C.M.G.

*(Director of Medical and Health Services)*.

THE HONOURABLE DAVID RONALD HOLMES, M.B.E., M.C., E.D.

*(Director of Urban Services)*.

THE HONOURABLE PATRICK CARDINALL MASON SEDGWICK

*(Commissioner of Labour)*.

DR. THE HONOURABLE CHAU SIK NIN, C.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES EDWARD MICHAEL TERRY, O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE LO MAN WAI, C.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE NGAN SHING-KWAN, O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE DHUN JEHangIR RUTTONJEE.

THE HONOURABLE KWOK CHAN, O.B.E.

DR. THE HONOURABLE ALBERTO MARIA RODRIGUES, M.B.E., E.D.

THE HONOURABLE JOHN DOUGLAS CLAGUE, C.B.E., M.C., T.D.

MR. RONALD THOMPSON (*Deputy Clerk of Councils*).

**MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th September, 1956, were confirmed.

**PAPERS.**

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by Command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the following papers: —

*Subject.* *G.N. No.*

Sessional Papers, 1956: —

No. 20—Annual Report by the Registrar of Trade Unions  
for the year 1955/56.

No. 21—Annual Report by the Administrator of Japanese  
Property for the year 1955/56.

No. 22—Annual Report by the Commissioner of Prisons  
for the year 1955/56.

Workmen's Compensation Ordinance, 1953.

Workmen's Compensation (Rules of Court) (Amendment)  
Rules, 1956 ..... A. 84.

Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance.

Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment of Schedule)  
Regulations, 1956 ..... A. 85.

Penicillin Ordinance.

Penicillin (and other Substances) (Amendment) (No. 2)  
Regulations, 1956 ..... A. 86.

Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance.

Quarantine and Prevention of Disease (Scale of Charges)  
(Amendment) Regulations, 1956 ..... A. 87.

Vehicle and Road Traffic Ordinance.

Vehicle and Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Regulations, 1956. A. 88.

Vehicle and Road Traffic Ordinance.

Vehicle and Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles)  
Regulations, 1956 ..... A. 89.

Defence Regulations, 1940.

Prohibited Exports (Amendment) Order, 1956 ..... A. 90.

**BASEMENTS (AMENDMENT) BY-LAWS, 1956.**

MR. D. R. HOLMES moved the following resolution: —

Resolved that the Basements (Amendment) By-laws, 1956, made by the Urban Council on the 4th day of September, 1956, under Section 4 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, be approved.

He said: Sir, the rescission of these By-laws is necessary to pave the way for the introduction of the Urban Council's new and more realistic policy in regard to basements to which reference was made at the last meeting of this Council.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

**MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance further to amend the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance, Chapter 114."

He said: Sir, the purpose of this Bill is fully explained in the statement of objects and reasons, and I would merely add that at the Committee Stage I shall propose an amendment to the definition of the expression "automatic machine" in clause 2 to except from that definition all machines designed solely for producing articles for sale.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a First time.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The "Objects and Reasons" for the Bill were stated as follows: —

The object of this Bill is to prohibit the keeping of certain automatic machines, *e.g.* pin ball tables and fruit machines except under a licence. Considerable numbers of these machines are

already in Hong Kong and it is considered desirable that the powers of control and supervision afforded by the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance (Chapter 114) should extend to the installation and use of these machines. This Bill seeks to amend that Ordinance accordingly, and it is intended that appropriate regulations will be made thereunder.

### **IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION (AMENDMENT)**

#### **BILL, 1956.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance further to amend the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, Chapter 50."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

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

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Importation and Exportation (Amendment) Bill, 1956 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH (ANIMALS AND BIRDS)**

#### **(AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 1956.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance, Chapter 139."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

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

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1956 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed.

**PUBLIC HEALTH (SANITATION)  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956.**

MR. D. R. HOLMES moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend certain provisions of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, relating to the occupation and use of basements."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

MR. D. R. HOLMES reported that the Public Health (Sanitation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed.

**INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956.**

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY moved the Third reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance further to amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance, Chapter 112."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

H. E. THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT: —That concludes our business for today gentlemen. When is it your pleasure that we should meet again?

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —May I suggest this day fortnight, sir?

H. E. THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT: —Council will adjourn to this day fortnight.