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By virtue of His Majesty’s Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to His Majesty’s Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Wednesday the Seventh day of February next, to be then here helden.
Wednesday, 7th February 1917.

Prayers at Twelve of the clock.

A MESSAGE from His Majesty, by
Admiral Sir Henry Frederick Stephenson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The King commands this Honourable House to attend His Majesty immediately, in the House of Peers.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Majesty:—And having returned:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at Four of the clock; and acquainted the House that he

Ordered,

That all Members who are returned Elections, had issued, during the Recess, Warrants to the for two or more places ... present it shall appear th?it there is  no question upon the Parliament— Return for that place; and if anything shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in Debate; and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till the Returns are determined.

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except such Peers of Ireland as shall, for the time being, be actually elected, and shall not have declined to serve, for any county, city, or borough of Great Britain, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by Bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such Bribery or other corrupt practices.

James Daniel Kiley, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Tower Hamlets (Whitechapel Division), was sworn.

Christopher Nicholas Johnston, Esquire, K.C., Member for the Universities of Edinburgh and Saint Andrews, was sworn.

Sir William Job Collins, K.C.V.O., M.D., Member for the Borough of Derby, was sworn.

Thomas Brock Mortison, Esquire, K.C., Member for the County of Inverness, was sworn.

Arthur Warren Sumuls, Esquire, K.C., Member for the Borough of the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Queen Elizabeth, near Dublin, was sworn.

Arthur Richardson, Esquire, Member for the Southern Part of the West Riding (Rotherham Division), was sworn.

Herbert Albert Lawrence Fisher, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Sheffield (Hallam Division), was sworn.

James Henry Mussen Campbell, who hath accepted the Office of Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

For Lancashire County, North East Lancashire (Rossendale Division), in the room of The Right Honourable Lewis Harcourt, called up to the House of Peers.

For York County, Southern Part of the West Riding (Rotherham Division), in the room of The Right Honourable Joseph Albert Pease, called up to the House of Peers.

New Members sworn.

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Witnesses.

Ordered, That if it shall appear that any person has been tampering with any Witness in respect of his evidence to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly has endeavoured to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime or misdemeanor; and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Ordered, That if it shall appear that any person has given false evidence in any case before this House, or any Committee thereof, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that, during the Session of Parliament, the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open, and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House, during the Sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or thereabouts; and that the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioners aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as shall be licensed by Mr. Speaker; and that no other person do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing clandestine Outlawries was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, from the end of the last Session to the end of the present Session, with an Index thereto, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Courtenay Peregrine Ilbert, C.B., C.H., G.C.B., C.H., the Clerk of this House.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by such person as shall be licensed by Mr. Speaker; and that no other person do presume to print the same.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Recess, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Recess, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95 —

Copy of Memorandum addressed by the French and British Governments to the United States Government respecting the Examination of Parcels and Letter Mails (in continuation of Miscellaneous, No. 23, 1916).

Copy of further Correspondence respecting the proposed release of Civilians interned in the British and German Empires (in continuation of Miscellaneous, No. 35, 1916).

Copy of Despatch to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington respecting the Allied Note of 10th January 1917.

Copy of Index to Treaty Series, 1916.

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Treaty Series No. 8, 1916.

Treaty Series No. 9, 1917.

Treaty Series No. 10, 1917.
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Office (London) Railway Act, 1913, for the period ended 31st March 1916.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Post Office (London) Railway Act, 1913 (Account, 1915-16), be printed.

Mr. Charles Bathurst presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Price of Milk Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Routes Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of (i) List of Certified Schools Instruction, for Blind, Deaf, Defective, and Epileptic Children on 31st July 1916; (ii) List of Schools and Classes for Blind, Deaf, Defective, and Epileptic Students recognised under the Regulations for Technical Schools, &c., for the year ending 31st July 1916.

Mr. Herbert Fisher also presented, pursuant Naval and to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report of Two Orders in Council, dated 24th January 1917, approving Memorials of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty made under the provisions of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of Two Orders in Council, dated 22nd December 1916 and 10th January 1917, made under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890 and 1913, dated 10th January 1917, sanctioning an Agreement between the Governor of Hong Kong and the Commissioner of Wei-hai-wei as to the removal of Prisoners from the latter territory.

Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 24th January 1916, postponing the date of operation of the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 24th January 1917, entitled the Bahrein (Amendment) Order in Council, 1917.


Copies of Two Orders in Council under the Spring Assizes Act, 1879, dated 24th January 1917, extending Spring Assize Counties Nos. 2 and 3 for the Spring Assizes until further Order.

Copy of Order in Council under the Merchant Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and Convention) Act, 1914, dated 22nd December 1916, postponing the date of operation of the Shipping Convention) Act of 1914 to 1st January 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. chancellor of the Exchequer presented, National by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order, Health Commissioners, entitled the National of 21st November 1916, made by the Insurance National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors' Benefits) Order, 1916.

Copy of Order, dated 16th December 1916, made by the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors' Benefits) Order (Scotland), 1916.

Mr. chancellor of the Exchequer also pre- presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Health Parliament,—Copy of Report of a Committee, December 1916, made by the National Health...
Insurance Joint Committees and the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations (Wales), 1916 (No. 2).

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 11th January 1917, declaring that Alfred Hooper, Master, War Department Vessel "Agnis," and Henry Pellant, Mate, War Department Vessel "Seastopol," War Office, were appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inattention on the part of the head of their Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Forster, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, for the year ended 31st March 1916, of Pensions specially granted under Articles 777 and 1901 of the Pay Warrant.

Mr. Forster also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the Army Council for the establishment and constitution of Associations for the Counties of Devon, Stafford, Wigton, Ross and Cromarty, Perth, Bute, Clackmannan, Caithness, and Dumbarton.

Copy of revised Rates for billeting Horses under Section 108 of the Army Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 52 (Glasgow, No. 15) (Foundation of Tennant Chair of Ophthalmology), and No. 53 (Glasgow, No. 15) (Regulations for Degrees in Education), of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Copy of the Locomotives on Highways (Construction of Wholes) (Scotland) Order, 1917, dated 29th January 1917, made by the Secretary for Scotland under the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896.

Copy of Act of Sedentarv under the Court of Session Act, 1858, appointing Judges and Clerk for additional Division of the Inner House.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance), be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor of the number of Visits made, the number of Patients seen, and the number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatic, between the 1st April 1916 and the 30th September 1916.

Copy of Rules of the Supreme Court (Costs), 1917, dated 26th January 1917.

Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor of the number of Visits made and the number of Patients seen by the several Commissioners in Lunacy during the six months ending on the 31st December 1916.

Copy of Annual Accounts of Exchequer Bills and other Government Securities purchased, and amount of balances of sums issued for the payment of Dividends, &c., for the year ended 31st January 1917.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Bank of England be printed.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had, Mr. Speaker this day, attended His Majesty in the House of Lords, with His Majesty's Speech.

A Motion was made, and the Question being King's Speech on the Paper proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom

...
of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament—(Mr. Methury);—And a Debate arising thereupon; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned— (Lord Edmund Talbot):—It was resolved in the Affirmative. 
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to- morrow.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(Parliament).

Thence the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, and Means, as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:—

1. Aluminium Corporation.
7. Haslemere and District Gas.
8. Hemel Hempstead Gas.
10. Lea Bridge District Gas.
11. Mansfield Railway.
14. South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating).
15. West Kent Electric Power.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the supplementary sum required to be voted for the Civil Services of the year ending 31st March 1917. No. 7.

Supplementary Estimate of the amount required to be voted during the year ending 31st March 1917 for general Navy and Army Services, Warlike Operations, and other Expen- diture arising out of the War.

Estimate of the amount required to be voted (Vote of Credit) for Service of the War for 1917–18.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Appropriation Accounts, of the same granted by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes I. to VII., and for the Revenue Departments, for the year ending 31st March 1917; together with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and certain Reports upon Store Account.

Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December 1916, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations, 1916 (Regulations) (No. 2).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and the Paper relative to Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Appropriation Accounts), and the said Estimates, be printed.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented,—Return to an Order dated the 17th day of February in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return relative to Deaths from Starvation or accelerated by Fever (England and Wales).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.
Copy of Order No. 9881, dated 31st January 1917, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, postponing the operation of the Two Orders described in the Schedule thereto until the 1st April 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Forster presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Scheme made by the Army Council under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1897, for the establishment and constitution of an Association for the County of Warwick.

Copy of Amendments to Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland, in respect of the funds of suitors in the said Court, including therein funds to the credit of Lunacy Accounts, in the year to the 30th day of September 1916; together with a Statement of Liabilities and Assets, and particulars of Securities in Court, on the 30th day of September 1916. (Mr. Baldwin.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Report of the Director of the National Gallery for the year 1916. (Mr. Baldwin.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament;

And the Question being again proposed;—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "But humbly regrets that Your Majesty's Speech does not mention the urgent necessity of stimulating the food production of the country at the present time, nor the equally urgent necessity of presenting to Parliament, at the earliest possible date, proposals embodying a complete agricultural policy which, by giving to the farmer permanent security for his legitimate profit, and to the labourer fair wages, good housing, and satisfactory conditions of life, and by recognising, and where necessary enforcing, the duty of good cultivation owed to the State by all owners and occupiers of agricultural land, will guarantee to the nation the fullest development of its agricultural resources." (Mr. Leslie Scott.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;—It passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 9th February 1917;

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.—(Lord Edward Talbot.)

Ordered, That the several Estimates presented to this House this day be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas) Order of 1914.

And the Question being again proposed;—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "But humbly regrets that Your Majesty's Speech does not mention the urgent necessity of presenting to Parliament, at the earliest possible date, proposals embodying a complete agricultural policy which, by giving to the farmer permanent security for his legitimate profit, and to the labourer fair wages, good housing, and satisfactory conditions of life, and by recognising, and where necessary enforcing, the duty of good cultivation owed to the State by all owners and occupiers of agricultural land, will guarantee to the nation the fullest development of its agricultural resources." (Mr. Leslie Scott.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;—It passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Monday next.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till Monday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.
Railways

Coke Company

Com'Bill. London Corn Exchange Company; to alter the Committee Bill in regard to their

London Corn

Levinstein

Bill. read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Barrow-in-Furness

Committee Bill. to provide and run omnibuses, and to make further provision for the improvement,

Water Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers on the London Corn Exchange Company, to alter the capital of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to alter the boundaries of the Borough of Blackpool; to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of that borough to construct additional promenades, street improvements, tramways, and other works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Gas Light and Coke Company was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Urban District Council of Elby Vale in regard to their water and electricity undertakings; to authorise the Council to provide and run omnibuses, and to make further provision for the improvement, health, and good government of the district; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Gas Light and Coke Company was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the construction by Levinstein, Limited, of branch railways in the City of Manchester, for the conveyance of traffic between their works and the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the London Corn Exchange Company; to alter the capital of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the South Eastern Railway Company to alter and strengthen part of the London, Charing Cross Railway Bridge, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Seaham Harbour Dock Company was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Corporation of the City of Sheffield to construct a generating Corporation station and other works in connection with their electricity undertakings; to extend the boundaries of the City, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Seaborn Harbour Dock Company was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Port of London Authority to construct further works for the London improvement of the Port of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Manchester Corporation Act, 1911, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Manchester Corporation Act, 1901, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Cheshire Lines Committee, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Cheshire Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the construction by Whitworth, and Company, Limited, to construct a branch railway in the City of Manchester, and to provide for the conveyance of traffic between the works of the company in the said city and the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Barrow-in-Furness Corporation Bill. to provide for the conveyance of traffic between the works of the company and the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the South Eastern Railway Company to construct a branch railway in the County of Cheshire, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Cheshire Lines Committee, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Corporation of the City of Sheffield to construct a generating Corporation station and other works in connection with their electricity undertakings; to extend the boundaries of the city, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the conveyance of the existing capital of the Sheffield United Gaslight Company, and to authorize them to raise additional capital; to change the name of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide further powers on the Cheshire Lines Committee, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Sheffield United Gaslight Company, and to authorize them to raise additional capital; to change the name of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Midland Counties Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the West Riding Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Midland Counties Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Reply to Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reply to the German Peace Note communicated by the French Government, on behalf of the Allied No. 6, 1917.) Powers, to the United States Ambassador in Paris, 30th December 1916.

Copy of Reply to the Allied Governments to Note communicated by the United States Ambassador on 20th December 1916.

Copy of Report drawn up by the Committee on the Administration of the Order in Council of March 1915 (1916).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Report. Welsh Church Majesty's Command,—Copy of Second Report, Act, 1914. of various 7

Grants in respect of the medical inspection and the organisation and supervision of physical training of children.
attending Public Elementary Schools, and the medical treatment and care of children attending certain Special Schools in England and Wales, are made by the Board of Education.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1914.

Mr. George Roberts presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament — Copy of Supplementary List of Persons, Firms, and Companies as to whom Orders have been made under Section 1 (1) of the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Central Council of Education and Wales, 1911.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1911, with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

National Gallery, No. 11.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented,—Copy of Return of the Irish Land Commissioners for the year ending 31st March 1916.

Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887 (Eviction Notices).

Copy of Return under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, of the number of Eviction Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts, and the number of Evictions in Ireland during the year ended 31st December 1916.

Agricultural Prices (Ireland) Act, 1908.

Mr. Duke also presented,—Return to an Order, dated 21st December 1916 in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return relative to Agricultural Prices (Ireland).

Irish University Act, 1908.

Mr. Duke also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statute VIII. of University College, Cork, under the Irish Universities Act, 1908.

Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1906.

Copy of Orders made by the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council in Ireland under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1906.


Copy of Account of Receipts and Payments of Local Taxation in Ireland for the financial year ended 31st March 1916.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 25th January 1917, under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, giving effect to Rules of Court.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return, and the Papers relative to the Irish Universities Act, 1908, and Local Taxation (Ireland) Account, be printed.

University (Guernsey) Act, 1889 (Ordinance), No. 15.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 54 (Edinburgh, No. 19) (Foundation of Chair of Tuberculosis) under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Copy of Order by the Secretary for Scotland prisoners under the Prison (Scotland) Acts closing the (Scotland) Old Prison at Nelson Street, Greenock.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Pech County Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member for the County of Perh (Western Division), in the room of John George Stewart-Murray (commonly called Marquis of Taillatbridge), who, since his Election for the said county, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chilterns Hundreds of Stokes, Desborough, and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—

(Colonel Craig.)

Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to Grand Juries (Ireland) for connection with the present war: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Secretary Sir George Cave, supported by Secretary Sir Brace, presented a Bill to enable two Food Secretaries in the Ministry of Food to sit in the House of Commons at the same time, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, was agreed to, and to be printed.

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(1) Government Business do have precedence;

(2) At the conclusion of Government Business Mr. Speaker shall propose the Question that this House do now adjourn, and, if that Question shall not have been agreed to, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House, without Question put, not later than one hour after the conclusion of Government Business if that Business has been concluded before 10.20 p.m., but, if that Business has not been so concluded, not later than 11.30 p.m.;

(3) If the day be a Thursday the House shall sit until its rising stand adjourned till the following Monday;

(4) Any Private Business set down for consideration at a quarter-past Eight of the clock on any day shall, if Government Business is concluded before that time, be taken at the conclusion of Government
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Business, and, for the purposes of the preceding provisions of this Order, shall be deemed to be Government Business;

(5) All Select Committees, including Committees on Private Bills, shall have power to sit on Friday, and, if the House adjourns from Thursday or Friday till the following Tuesday, on Monday, notwithstanding the adjournment of the House;

(6) Whenever the House adjourns from Thursday to the following Monday or Tuesday, Members desiring to give Notice of Questions for oral answer on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday may send Notices of such Questions to the Clerks at the Table, and any Notices of Questions so received by them before Five of the clock on a Friday or Monday shall be accepted as Notices of Questions for oral answer on the following Monday and Tuesday, or Wednesday, respectively, and be printed and circulated with the Votes;

(7) Whenever the House adjourns from Thursday to the following Monday or Tuesday, Members desiring to give Notice of new Clauses and Amendments to Bills or of Amendments to Motions may send such Notices to the Clerks at the Table, and any such Notices received by them before Five of the clock on a Friday or Monday shall be printed and circulated with the Votes.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out (1) and (10).—(Mr. Dillon.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Lord Edward Twilliet, Yes, [Mr. Parnell;]

Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, Noe, [Commander Wedgwood;] 64.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That, until the House otherwise determines, and so far as the House does not otherwise determine, on every day on which the House sits—

(1) Government Business do have precedence.

(2) At the conclusion of Government Business Mr. Speaker shall propose the Question, That this House do now adjourn, and, if that Question shall not have been agreed to, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House, without Question put, not later than one hour after the conclusion of Government Business if that Business has been concluded before 10.30 p.m., but, if that Business has not been so concluded, not later than 11.30 p.m.

(3) If the day be a Thursday the House shall at its rising stand adjourned till the following Monday.

(4) Any Private Business not set down for consideration at a quarter-past Eight of the clock on any day shall, if Government Business is concluded before that time, be taken at the conclusion generally for all Business, and, for the purposes of the preceding provisions of this Order, shall be deemed to be Government Business.

(5) All Select Committees, including Committees on Private Bills, shall have power to sit on Friday, and, if the House adjourns from Thursday or Friday till the following Tuesday, on Monday, notwithstanding the adjournment of the House.

(6) Whenever the House adjourns from Thursday to the following Monday or Tuesday, Members desiring to give Notice of Questions for oral answer on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday may send Notices of such Questions to the Clerks at the Table, and any Notices of Questions so received by them before Five of the clock on a Friday or Monday shall be accepted as Notices of Questions for oral answer on the following Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday, respectively, and be printed and circulated with the Votes.

(7) Whenever the House adjourns from Thursday to the following Monday or Tuesday, Members desiring to give Notice of new Clauses and Amendments to Bills or of Amendments to Motions may send such Notices to the Clerks at the Table, and any such Notices received by them before Five of the clock on a Friday or Monday shall be printed and circulated with the Votes.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1916-17.

Resolved, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £200,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1917 for general Navy and Army Services, so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risks, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Vote of Credit, 1917-18.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1918, for general Navy and Army Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risks, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the
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1917.

ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of
the existence of a state of War.—(Mr. Chancellor
of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That
the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-
morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also
acquainted the House that he was directed to
move, That the Committee may have leave to
sit again.

Renvold, That this House will, to-morrow,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee of Ways and Means;

Adjournment. Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant  to the
Order BUI.

Provisional

Drainage

Shops Act,

1912.

to the directions  of an Act  of Parliament,—

Commission

National

Insurance

Health

Section 67  of the National Insurance Act, 1911,
(England.)

Acts, 1911 to

National

Insurance

ment Fund

1911, Part II., showing the Receipts and
Payments during the period 15th July 1914 to
17th July 1915 ; together with the Report of the
Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

No. 18.

Account showing all the sums which have treasury
been received into the Treasury Chest, and Chest.
which have been paid out of the same, between
the 1st April 1915 and the 31st March 1916,
and of the Liabilities and Assets of the Treasury
Chest on the latter day, with the Report of the
Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table ; and that the Papers relative to the
National Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1914 (Part II.,
Unemployment Insurance) (Unemployment
Fund Account), and Treasury Chest, be
printed.

The Right Honourable Sir Albert Henry New Member
Steadley, Member for the Borough of Ashton, sworn.
derunder-Lyne, was sworn.

Ordered, That Government Business, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of
the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a War Pensions
Bill to make provision with respect to the administrative expenses of the Statutory Committee and of local and district committees under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. Act, 1915, and for certain other purposes connected with pensions and allowances: And that Mr. Barnes, Mr. Munro, Mr. Duke, Mr. Hayes Fisher, and Sir Arthur Griffiths-\nBoscqwen do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Barnes accordingly presented a Bill to War Pensions
make provision with respect to the administrative Bill.

expenses of the Statutory Committee and of local and district committees under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. Act, 1915, and for certain other purposes connected with pensions and allowances: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into the Committee of Supply.

(PRINIPHOMENB)

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1916-17.

Class I.

1. £12,370, for the Survey of the United
Kingdom and for minor services connected therewith.

Class II.

2. £3,975, for the Salaries and Expenses of the War Cabinet.

3. £41,709, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

4. £5,800, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Control (Lunacy and Mental
Deficiency), England.

5. £1,300, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan
Commissioners.

6. £120,000, for His Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services.

7. £250, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also
reported, That

the Committee had come  to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Committee may have leave  to

sit again.

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sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

No. 18.

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Kingdom and for minor services connected therewith.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself supply.

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7. £250, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c.

 ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

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Table.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Reports
of Decisions on Appeals and Applications under
Section 67 of the National Insurance Act, 1911,
and Section 27 of the National Insurance Act,
1913, Part IV.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer also
presented, pursuant to the directions of several
Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Account of the
Unemployment Fund established pursuant to
Section 92 (1) of the National Insurance Act,
1911, Part II., showing the Receipts and
Payments during the period 15th July 1914 to
17th July 1915 ; together with the Report of the
Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

National

Health

Insurance

Commission

(England.)

No. 18.
Resolved, That the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [12th February] the Report from the Committee of Supply of February 12th of this instant February:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of Food (Parliamentary Secretaries) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the Adjournment, clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 14th February 1917.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household King’s Speech reported to the House, That His Majesty, (Answer to Address) having been attended with their Address of Thursday the 8th day of this instant February, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received with great satisfaction the loyal and dutiful expression of your thanks for the Speech with which I have opened the present Session of Parliament.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, Greek Loan, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 84, for interest and sinking fund on that part of the Greek Loan which was guaranteed by this country under the authority of the said Acts, and of the amount repaid by the Greek Government on account of the same, up to 31st December 1916.

Copy of Account of the Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1855 for the year 1916.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Development Fund be printed.

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Ordered, That Government Business, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House,) and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed. — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant February several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1916-17.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £200,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1917 for general Navy and Army Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.

Vote of Credit, 1917-18.

That a sum not exceeding £250,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1917 for general Navy and Army Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 13th day of this February several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Consolidated Fund.

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917, the sum of £290,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, the sum of £250,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill to Consolidated apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen and one thousand nine hundred and eighteen: And the sums was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [13th February] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Grand Juries (Suspension) Bill was, Grand Juries according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill. — (Mr. Attorney General.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

Vote of Credit, 1917-18.

Clause No. 1 (Suspension of grand juries).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, to leave out from the end of 1. 21 to the end of 1. 4, in p. 2. — (Mr. King.)

Question proposed, that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause: — Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Claire, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Short title and extent).

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again — (Mr. Attorney General), — put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Business.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Public Accounts do consist of Fifteen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Arnold, Mr. Baldwin, Sir Robert Baldwin, Mr. Reginald Blaisdell, Mr. Braddy, Sir Hildred Carlisle, Sir Henry Craik, Sir Edward Gouging, Mr. Hazelden, Sir Charles Henry, Mr. Higham, Mr. Leif Jones, Mr. Fottell, Mr. W. Ainsworth Wood, and Sir Robert Williams.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee. — (Colonel Craig.)
Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the arrangements for the Official Report of Debates, and to inquire into the expenditure on Stationery and Printing for this House and the Public Service generally.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir James Agar-Gardner, Mr. Bowmer, Mr. Geoffrey Collins, Mr. Doris, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Grant, Mr. Butler Lloyd, Mr. Francis McEwen, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Pertington, and Sir George Toulmin.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Colonel Craig.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House; and that the Reports of the Committee do classify and prepare abstracts of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it; and that such Committee have power to direct the printing of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it; and that such Committee have power to report the opinion and observations thereupon to the House.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir William Birl, Mr. Birt, Mr. Dalrymple, Mr. Charles Duncan, Mr. Hesketh, Mr. Leicester Harcourt, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hayden Jones, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Rosamund Neville, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Mankinde, Colonel Pryce-Jones, Mr. Reddy, and Mr. Trench.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Colonel Craig.)

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th hour of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued in sitting till twenty-four minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 1 (Sittings of the House) I hereby nominate—

The Right Honourable Charles Fawcett, The Right Honourable John William Wilmot, The Right Honourable William Hyett Packenham, Mr. Thomas Power O'Connor, and Mr. John Frederick Peel Rawlinson, to act during this Session as temporary Chairman of Committees when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

JAMES W. LOWTHER, Speaker.

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Thursday, 15th February 1917.

PRAYERS.

SIR John Barlow, Mr. Roland, Mr. Bowmer, Selborne, Sir Daniel Goddard, Mr. Lawrence Hardy, Mr. Holmes, Colonel Lockwood, Sir John Lascelles, Sir William Priestley, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Sumner Roberts were nominated Members of the Committee of Selection.—(Sir John Lascelles.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warwick Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Warwick (Northern or Tamworth Division), in the room of Francis Alexander Newdigate, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said county, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Chancellor of the Northstead, in the County of York.—(Colonel Craig.)

Sir Edward Carson presented, by His Navy Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the further amounts required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending 31st March 1917.

Estimate of the additional numbers of Officers and Men required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending 31st March 1917.

Navy Estimates for the year 1917–18.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Charles Bathurst presented, by His Ministry of Navy, the Second Annual Report of the Board of Control on Lunacy and Mental Deficiency, to the Governor and Deputy Governor authorised by Parliament, from 5th January 1916 to 5th January 1917.

Copy of Second Annual Report of the Board of Control on Lunacy and Mental Deficiency, to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions Local of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Local Government Board for Ireland under the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts, (1) dissolving the Mitchelstown Union and adding the several townlands thereof to the Fermoy Union; (2) revoking Article 37 of the General Regulations of 18th December 1889, and substituting therefor a fresh Article to be read and construed in place of the Article revoked.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of all Applications made by the Local Government Board for Ireland under the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts, No. 24.

Copy of Second Annual Report of the Board of Control on Lunacy and Mental Deficiency, Mental Deficiency, for the year 1916. Part I.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed. o 4
Mr. Arthur Henderson, supported by Secretary Sir George Cave, Dr. Addison, Mr. Hayes Fisher, and Mr. Hodge, presented a Bill for establishing a Ministry of National Service, and for purposes incidental thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Secretary Sir George Cave, supported by Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Hayes Fisher, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the punishment of sexual offences and the prevention of indecent advertisements, and matters connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill and the proceedings on the Grand Juries (Suspension) Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Monday next.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries (Suspension) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 13th day of this instant February;

Resolved, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of Food (Parliamentary Secretaries) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of salaries and remuneration under any Act of the present Session for establishing a Ministry of National Service, and for purposes incidental thereto—(Mr. Arthur Henderson);

Mr. Arthur Henderson, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of this instant February.

Monday, 19th February 1917.

Ordered, That the Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company (Railways) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Barrow-in-Furness Corporation Water Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Barton and Stretford Railway Bill was read, and committed.

The Blackpool Improvement Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bristol Water Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of March next.

The Chesterton Water Bill was read a second time Chesterton Water Bill, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Cheshire Lines Committee Bill was read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Ebbw Vale Urban District Company Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill be read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Levinstein (Railways) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The London Corn Exchange Company Bill London Corn Exchange Company Bill was read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Selsey Harbour Dock Bill was read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Sheffield Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Sheffield United Gaslight Company Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Vaughan-Davies, Sir Thomas Esmarch, Mr. George Fisher, Mr. Fell, Lord Claud Hamilton, Sir Charles Nicholson, Mr. O'Grady, Major William Redmond, Mr. Samuel Roberts, Mr. Eugene Wason, and Mr. John William Wilson were nominated Members of the Select Coun-
Public Petitions.— (Sir Charles Nicolson.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to be printed upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1916-17.

Class VII.

1. £27,000 (Supplementary sum), for the payment of Grants towards the cost of the extension of Sanatorium Benefit to the Dependants of insured persons under the National Insurance Act, 1911, and of the treatment of Tuberculosis generally.

Ministry of Munitions.

2. £100 (Supplementary sum), for the Expenses of the Ministry of Munitions.

Ministry of Munitions (Ordnance Factories).

3. £100 (Supplementary sum), for the Expenses of the Ordnance Factories, the cost of the production of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, Ministry of Munitions, and Indian and Colonial Governments, &c.

Resolutions to be reported.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker resume the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Craig reported from the Committee Supply [13th February] severa Resolutions; which were read, and ordered to be reported:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1916-17.

Class I.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £3,075 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Survey of the United Kingdom, and for minor services connected therewith.

Class II.

2. That a sum not exceeding £3,800 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payments during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

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Mr. Prince presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of the Second and Third Reports of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to investigate the principal causes which have led to the increase of Prices of commodities since the beginning of the war. Bread, Flour, and Wheat Prices; Freight Charges; and Potato, Tea, and Sugar Prices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command, Estimates for Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ended 31st March 1916, with Memorandum.

Copy of Resolutions passed by the Committee on Commercial and Industrial Policy on the subject of Imperial Preference; together with Covering Letter to the Prime Minister.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues for the year ended 31st March 1916, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eighty-second Annual Report on Education in Ireland, for the year 1916-17.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £27,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Salaries and Expenses of the War Cabinet.

Ordered, That a sum not exceeding £3,075 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

Foreign Trade and Commerce.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions for each month of 1917.— (Sir Albert Stanley.)

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Classes No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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5. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £1,300 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners.

6. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £1,191 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Salaries of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police and of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police Districts, the Metropolitan Police Fund, the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary, and Expenses in connection with the Special Constables and the Police Reserve.

7. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £250 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c.

8. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £18,366 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

9. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £1,911 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Salaries of the Commissioners of Police and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Receivers for the Metropolitan Police Districts, the Metropolitan Police Fund, the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary, and Expenses in connection with the Special Constables and the Police Reserve.

10. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £344 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland, including a Grant in relief of certain Expenses payable by statute out of Local Rates.

11. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £10,950 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioner of Police, the Police Courts, and the Metropolitan Police Establishment of Dublin.

12. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £68,770 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

13. That a sum not exceeding £4,875 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for making good the Net Loss on transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury CHESTS ABROAD in the year 1916-17.
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Criminal Law Amendment Bill.
The Criminal Law Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. James Hope.)

Ways and Means.
The Order of the day being read, for the Order of Ways and Means:—
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ministry of National Service (Salaries and Remunera-
tion.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Ministry of National Service (Salaries and Remuneration);—
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Question being put—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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THe Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company (Railways) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ebem Vale Urban District Council Bill.
The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Ebbw Vale Urban District Council Bill;—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Gas Light and Coke Company Bill.
The Gas Light and Coke Company Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Levinstein (Railways) Bill.
The Levinstein (Railways) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill;—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Sheffield United Gaslight Company Bill.
The Sheffield United Gaslight Company Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill;—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of March next.

Treaty Series (No. 5, 1917.)
Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and Italy respecting the Exchange of Parcels between Italy and the Straits Settlements. Signed at London, 21st December 1915.

Copy of Accession of Italy to the Convention Treaty Series of 9th November 1915 between the United Kingdom and France relating to Prisoners captured during the present War. London, 15th January 1917.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Motion being made, That this House will, War Pensions to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of sums equal in the aggregate to one-half of the expenses incurred by local and district committees in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the administrative expenses of the Statutory Committee and of local and district committees under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c., Act, 1915—(Mr. Redhead;)
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Chairman's Panel.
Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Com- petition of Selection; That they had selected the following six Members to be the Chairman's (Chairmen's) Panel:—Mr. Lawrence Hardy, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Samuel Roberts, Mr. Arthur Stanley, Mr. Eugene Wason, and Mr. John William Wilson.

Appointment of Members under the Parliament Act, 1911.
Sir Daniel Goddard further reported from the Chairman's Committee; That in pursuance of Section 1, Parliament Act, 1911, if Members they had appointed Mr. Lawrence Hardy and under Mr. John William Wilson from the Chairman's Parliament Panel, with whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before giving his Certificate to a Money Bill.

Unopposed Bill Committees (Panel).
Sir Daniel Goddard further reported from the Unopposed Committee; That they had selected the following Committee Members to be the Panel to serve an unopposed Bill Committees under Standing Order No. 109—Sir William Deane, Mr. Brown, Sir Francis Edwards, Sir Francis Leghorn-Barnett, Mr. Ronald McNeill, Mr. Mowrey, Colonel Alan Sykes, Mr. Thomas-Stanford, and Mr. Tertius.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Roberts, supported by Sir Albert Conrad Stanley and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to amend the Census of Production Act, 1909, with respect to the times at which a Census of Production may be taken: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
Mr. Baldwin presented a Bill to relieve Railway Companies whose railroads are under the control of His Majesty from keeping separate accounts in respect of Railway Passenger Duty, and from making separate payments in respect thereof; and the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

James W. Lowther,
Speaker.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of National Service Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Ministry of National Service [Salaries and Remuneration];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Colonel Craig reported from the Committee of Supply of Supply of the 18th day of this instant February several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1916-17.

Ordered, That the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, That the only funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum consist of thirty thousand pounds; of a bequest of the eighth Earl of Bridgewater, the annual proceeds of which amount to about three hundred and sixty-five pounds; of a bequest of the late Mr. Henry Louis Florence, invested in Six per cent. Exchequer Bonds, 1920, the annual proceeds whereof amount to ninety-five pounds; of a bequest of the late Mr. Henry Louis Florence, invested in Six per cent. War Loan, 1929-47, the annual proceeds whereof amount to about six hundred and sixty-five pounds; of a bequest of the late Mr. Charles Drury Edward Foxton, amounting at the present time to one thousand eight hundred and forty pounds, of which one thousand eight hundred and five pounds are invested in Five per cent. War Loan, 1919-47, the annual dividends whereof amount to ninety-five pounds; of a bequest of the late Mr. Henry Louis Florence, invested in Six per cent. Exchequer Bonds, 1920, the annual proceeds of which amount to sixty pounds; of a fund bequeathed by the late Mr. James W. Lowther, the annual proceeds whereof amount to about seven hundred and fifty pounds; and of a bequest of the late Mr. Edward John Hinde, invested in Six per cent. War Loan, 1929-47, the annual proceeds of which amount to about three hundred and sixty-five pounds; and of a bequest of the late Mr. Henry Louis Florence, invested in Six per cent. Exchequer Bonds, 1920, the annual proceeds of which amount to about three hundred and sixty-five pounds; and of a bequest of the late Mr. Henry Louis Florence, invested in Six per cent. Exchequer Bonds, 1920, the annual proceeds of which amount to about three hundred and sixty-five pounds; and of a bequest of the late Mr. Henry Louis Florence, invested in Six per cent. 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Sir Albert Stanley presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Foreign Trade and Commerce.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Government of India Act, 1915, dated 6th February 1917, amending the Orders in Council of the 9th February 1914, 3rd February 1915, and 3rd February 1916, as to the Establishment of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed, with amendment, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

City of Sheffield.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order by the Secretary for Scotland under the Motor Car Act, 1903, dated 16th February 1917, partially restricting the Motor Cars (Prohibition on Special Roads) (County of Perth) Order, 1904.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Seventy-eighth Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England and Wales, 1915.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Henry Maden, Member for North East Lancashire (Rosedale Division), was sworn.

Mr. Solicitor General, supported by Secretary Sir George Cave and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to amend the Courts (Emergency Powers) Acts, 1914 to 1916, and the Income of Rent and Mortgage Interest (War Restrictions) Act, 1915, and to grant relief in connection with the present war from liabilities and disqualifications arising out of certain Contracts: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. George Roberts, supported by Sir Albert Stanley and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to prohibit the alteration, except with the consent of the Board of Trade, of articles of association or regulations which restrict Foreign Interests in Companies: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply (Navy Estimates); And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Sir Edward Carson); VOL. 172.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to Warrant the Question, by leaving out from the word "Warrant.

"That to the end of the Question, and adding the words "in the opinion of this House, the protection, maintenance, and organisation of the Mercantile Marine are vital to national life and to the successful prosecution of the war, and that there should be more frankness and consistency in the statements of the Government relating thereto"—(Mr. France),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put; That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Nin the Committee.)


Motion made, and Question proposed, That 400,000 Officers, Seamen, and Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Sir Edward Carson);—put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to supply [19th]
take into further consideration the First of the Resolutions which, upon the 20th day of this instant February, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant February, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £27,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the payment of Grants towards the cost of the extension of Sanatorium Benefit to the Dependants of insured persons under the National Insurance Act, 1911, and of the treatment of Tuberculosis generally.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking supply [19th]
take into consideration the Second and Third of the Resolutions which, upon the 29th day of this instant February, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of this instant February:

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the war Pensions Committee on War Pensions [Contributions];—instead thereof.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Census of Second Reading of the Census of Production Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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Railway Passenger Duty Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Passenger Duty Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ministry of National Service Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of National Service Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ministry of National Service (Salaries and Remuneration.) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Ministry of National Service (Salaries and Remuneration);

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ministry of Food (Parliamentary Secretaries) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of Food (Parliamentary Secretaries) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

War Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 22nd February 1917.

PRAYERS.

Elles Vale Urban District Council Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elles Vale Urban District Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copy of Order in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Acts, 1895, dated 16th February 1917, approving a Memorial of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 6th February 1917, under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1895, entitled the China (Amendment) Order in Council, 1917.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 6th February 1917, approving a Memorial of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Copy of Order in Council, dated the 18th March October 1915, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, increasing certain Light Duties.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Prothero presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Order under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, numbered D.I.P. 456, declaring an area described in the Schedule thereto to be infected with Wart Disease, and an infected area for the purposes of the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas) Order of 1914.

Copy of Order numbered D.I.P. 455, reducing the limits of an area declared infected with Wart Disease of Potatoes.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henry Forster presented, by His Majesty’s Army Command.—Estimate of the Effective and Non-effective Services of the Army for the years 1917–18.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the Power and directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Orders in Council under the General Pier and Harbour Acts, 1861.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of National Service Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House declines to agree to a Bill conferring upon the Director General of National Service an authority which may include, without further legislation, powers to impose industrial conscription upon the country”—(Mr. Maltom), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next—(Secretary Sir George Carew.)
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Second and Third of the Resolutions which, upon the 26th day of this instant February, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 18th day of this instant February; Ministry of Munitions.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Expenses of the Ministry of Munitions; Ministry of Munitions (Ordnance Factories).

3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for the Expense of the Ordnance Factories, the cost of the production of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, Ministry of Munitions, and Indian and Colonial Governments, &c.; The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Resolutions into consideration. And the said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ministry of National Service (Salaries and Remuneration).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Ministry of National Service (Salaries and Remuneration). (In the Committee.) Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of an annual salary not exceeding two thousand pounds to the Director General of National Service appointed under any Act of the present Session for establishing a Ministry of National Service, and of other salaries, remuneration, and expenses which may become payable in pursuance of such Act.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.) Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Foreign Interests) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ordnance Factories (Emergency Services) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Passenger Transport Duty Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ministry of Food (Parliamentary Secretaries) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Pensions Second Reading of the War Pensions Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant adjournment to the Order of the House of the 18th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 23rd February 1917.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; Public Petitions Vide First Report.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Regulations, (Scotland) dated 23rd February 1917, made by the Scotch Education Department, as to Grants in Aid of War Bonuses to Teachers.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant private to the Directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of the Draft of a Royal Warrant and of an Order in Council for the Pensions of Soldiers and Sailors disabled, and of the families and dependants of Soldiers and Sailors deceased, in consequence of the present war, to which are appended an explanatory Note and an actuarial Report.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, by His Majesty’s Command, — Copy of the Draft of a Royal Warrant and of an Order in Council for the Pensions of Soldiers and Sailors disabled, and of the families and dependants of Soldiers and Sailors deceased, in consequence of the present war, to which are appended an explanatory Note and an actuarial Report.

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Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Committee have power, if they so determine, to sit as two Committees, and in that event to apportion the Bills referred to the Committee between the two Committees, each of which shall have the full powers of, and be subject to the instructions which apply to, the univided Committee; and that Four be the quorum of each of the two Committees.—(Mr. Bruce.)

Monday, 20th February 1917.

PRAYERS.

Ebbw Vale Urban District Council Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do nominate a Committee, not exceeding Fifteen Members, to be called the Local Legislation Committee, to whom shall be committed all Private Bills promoted by municipal and other local authorities by which it is proposed to create powers relating to police, sanitary, or other local government regulations in conflict with, deviation from, or excess of the provisions of the general Law.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 124, 150, and 173a apply to all such Bills.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Four be the quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That if the Committee shall report to the Committee of Selection that any Clauses of any Bill referred to them (other than Clauses containing police, sanitary, or other local government regulations) are such as, having regard to the terms of reference, it is not, in their opinion, necessary or advisable for them to deal with, the Committee of Selection shall thereupon refer the Bill to a Select Committee, who shall consider those Clauses, and so much of the Preamble of the Bill as relates thereto, and shall determine the expenditure (if any) to be authorised in respect of the parts of the Bill referred to them; that the Committee shall deal with the remaining Clauses of such Bill, and so much of the Preamble as relates thereto, and shall determine the period and mode of repayment of any money authorised by the Select Committee to be borrowed, and shall report the whole Bill to the House, stating in their Report what parts of the Bill have been considered by each Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power, if they so determine, to sit as two Committees, and in that event to apportion the Bills referred to the Committee between the two Committees, each of which shall have the full powers of, and be subject to the instructions which apply to, the univided Committee; and that Four be the quorum of each of the two Committees.—(Mr. Bruce.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dillon, Member for East Mayo, rose in Adjournment his place and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the said Service—(Captain Burgoyne), 399,900 Officers, Seamen, and Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines be maintained for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918:—put, the said Motion, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.
2. £1,000 for the Wages, &c., of Officers, Seamen, and Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjustment of Standing Orders.

The Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Dillon.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Ministry of National Service (Salaries and Remuneration) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Ministry of National Service (Salaries and Remuneration);

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ministry of National Service Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ministry of National Service Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Law Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Companies (Foreign Interests) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Foreign Interests) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

War Pensions (Contributions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on War Pensions (Contributions);

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Census of Production Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Census of Production Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Railway Passenger Duty Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Passenger Duty Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ministry of Food (Parliamentary Secretaries) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Pensions Second Reading of the War Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the War and Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjustment, Order of the House of the 12th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 27th February 1917.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, That from one of the Examiners of Petitions for granting Private Bills, That in the case of the following previously authorised Private Bills, referred on the Second Reading thereof, included in the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, &c. (BILs), which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—London Corn Exchange Company Bill. Sheffield United Gaslight Company Bill. Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Excellency in Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of a Reference Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and to advise whether or not they should be continued or modified, and, if continued, in what cases and with what conditions.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Trade and Navigation.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to College Directions, Mr. Speaker,—Copy of Petition from Lady Strathcona and Mount Royal and others, praying for the grant of a
Amendment Bill. No. 32.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account of the gross amount of all moneys received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the Fund for Military Savings Banks, pursuant to the Military Savings Banks Act, 1859, from the 19th September 1845 to the 5th January 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

National Debt (Military Savings Banks) Bill.

Mr. Baldwin, supported by Mr. Brain and Major Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, presented a Bill to extend section four of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1908, to Mines other than Coal Mines: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order made upon the 19th day of this instant February, That the Criminal Law Amendment Bill be committed, be read and discharged; and that the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Lord Edmund Talbot, Yeas, Mr. Prinsep: 118.

Tellers for the Sir Frederick Banting, Noes, Mr. Dillon: 91.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee on Ministry of National Service [Salaries and Remuneration] a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of an annual salary not exceeding two thousand pounds to the Director General of National Service appointed under any Act of the present Session for establishing a Ministry of National Service, and of other salaries, remuneration, and expenses which may become payable in pursuance of such Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ministry of National Service Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Appointment of Minister of National Service).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "persons," to insert the words "between eighteen and fifty-five years of age."—(Sir Charles Hobhouse.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "any," to insert the word "essential."—(Sir Charles Hobhouse.)

Question put, That the word "essential" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Bartley Denny, Yeas, 73.

Tellers for the Lord Edmond Talbot, Noes, Mr. Prinsep: 118.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the word "whether."—(Sir Charles Hobhouse.)

Question, That the word "whether" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, to leave out from the word "concerned" to the end of the Clause.—(Colonel Sir Charles Seely.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Beck, Yeas, Mr. James Hope: 124.

Tellers for the Mr. Anderson, Noes, Mr. Watt: 47.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, at the end, to add the words "but no such regulation shall authorise the compulsory employment or transfer of any person in or to any industry, occupation, or service."—(Mr. Brain.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

Proposed Amendment amended, in l. 1, by leaving out the word "such," and inserting the words "in or to"—(Mr. Bartley Denny.)

Another Amendment proposed to proposed Amendment, as amended, at the end, to add the words "or shall impose any penalty for any breach of a voluntary agreement made by any person with the Director General of National Service."—(Mr. Prinsep.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment to proposed Amendment, as amended, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to proposed Amendment, as amended, at the end, to add the words "or shall authorize the compulsory stoppage of any trade, business, or industry."—(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Proposed words, as amended, there added.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, after the words last added, to add the words—

"(3) The Office of Minister of National Service and the Ministry of National Service shall cease to exist on the termination
of a period of twelve months after the conclusion of the present war, or such earlier period as may be fixed by His Majesty in Council, and then any appointments made under the powers conferred by this Act shall be determined, and any powers or duties which have been transferred to the Minister of National Service under this Act shall, without prejudice to any action taken in pursuance of those powers or duties, revert to the department or authority from which they were transferred."—(Sir Charles Hobhouse.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, after the words last added, to add the words—

"(6) The Director General of National Service shall from time to time lay before Parliament a schedule of trades to which labour has been transferred under the provisions of this Act, and no labour shall be so transferred until such schedule has been presented to Parliament for ten days."—(Sir Charles Hobhouse.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause No. 3 (Supplemental provisions as to Ministry of National Service). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, at the end, to add the words "Provided that an estimate shall be presented to Parliament in Committee of Supply of any expenditure to be incurred under this subsection."—(Mr. Leif Jones.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause No. 3 (short title) agreed to.

A Clause (Extent of Act)—(Mr. Dillon)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Roland : 34.

Tellers for the Noes, Lord Edwin Talbot, Mr. Pruness : 132.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Navy Supplementary Estimates, 1916-17.

1. 50,000 additional number of Officers and Men for the Sea and Coast Guard Services, beyond the number already provided in the Navy Estimates.

2. £10 (Supplementary sum), for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917, for additional Expenditure on the Wages, &c. of Officers, Seamen, Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines.

Orders to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to some resolutions.

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Standing Committee A.

Sir Daniel Goddard further reported from the Committee; That they had nominated the following Fifteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A.—Sir James Agg-Gardner, Mr. Acland, Mr. Archdale, Sir John Barron, Sir William Bole, Mr. Bowerman, Mr. Burns, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Catter, Mr. Chancellor, Sir William Collins, Mr. Dalrymple, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. George Faller, Mr. Felt, Mr. Freem, Mr. Fox, Sir George Greenwood, Mr. Rupert Gwynne, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Cecil Hermworth, Mr. Henry Perry Harris, Mr. Gordon Harvey, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Higham, Mr. Hills, Mr. Haydn Jones, Mr. Leif Jones, Mr. Keating, Sir Francis Lewis, Mr. Ramsey Macdonald, Mr. Ronald McNiel, Sir Philip Magnus, Sir George Crogdon Marks, Mr. Miller, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Nield, Mr. Negent, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Perkins, Sir Owen Philips, Mr. Randall, Mr. Charles Roberts, Sir Herbert Roberts, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Routtrey, Mr. Solicitor General, Sir John Spear, Sir Albert Sprot, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Theodore Taylor, Mr. Thomas Stanford, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. William Thorne, Lord Alexander Thomson, Mr. Turton, Mr. Watson, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Tyson Wilson, and Viscount Wedder.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to enable Ecclesiastical Services in certain cases to be omitted on account of the war; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Vaughn-Davies reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Cork Improvement, Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

2. That in the case of the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill, Petition for dispensing with Standing Order 138 in the case of the Petition of the Institute of British Architects and the London Society, the Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee A:

—Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee Supply (27th of Supply of the 27th day of this instant February) several Resolutions; which were read, and reported follow:

Navy Supplementary Estimates, 1916-17.

1. That an additional number of Officers and Men, not exceeding 50,000, be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £10 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for additional Expenditure on the Wages, &c. of Officers, Seamen, Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the day being read, for the War Pensions Committee on War Pensions (Contributions);—

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the day being read, for the War Pensions Second Reading of the War Pensions Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the day being read, for the Railway Passenger Duty Bill, Railway Passenger Duty Bill;

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—

Mr. James Hope.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas Dacres Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers—and having returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as follows:

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1917.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 1st March 1917.

Prayers.

The Order of the day being read, for the 2nd Reading of the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Land Drainage (Ramsey) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Carew presented, by His Majesty's Command, a copy of the Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to inquire into the social and economic results of the Summer Time Act, 1916, and to consider (i) whether it is advisable that Summer Time should be reintroduced in 1917 and in subsequent years, and, if so, (ii) whether any modifications in the arrangements are required, and (iii) between what dates Summer Time should be made operative.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Charles Bathurst presented, by His Majesty's Command, the copies of the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Store Accounts of the Navy:

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the copy of Order (No. 36) of the Ministry of Munitions, granting the power to the Ministry of Munitions for the year ended 31st March 1916; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command, a copy of the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Appropriation Account of the Navy for 1915-16, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Procter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the copy of Order (No. 2) of the Ministry of Munitions, granting the power to the Ministry of Munitions for the year ended 31st March 1916; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, an annual return of the Official Assignee of the King's Bench Division in Bankruptcy in Ireland and the Local Courts in Belfast and Cork, for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Eugene Wason reported from the Chair-

man’s Panel; That they had appointed Mr. John
William Wilson to act as Chairman of Standing
Committee A. (In respect of the Criminal Law
Amendment Bill).

Mr. Eugene Wason further reported from the
Chairman’s Panel; That they had agreed to the
following Resolutions:

That any Member of the Chairman’s Panel
may be and he is hereby empowered to ask any
other Member of the Chairman’s Panel to take
his place temporarily in case of necessity.

That, in the absence of the Chairman of the
Chairman’s Panel, the Panel may be convened
at the request of any Two Members of the Panel.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the
Table.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Com-
mittee of Selection; That they had discharged
the following Members from Standing Com-
mittee A.—Mr. Butcher, Mr. Wilson-Faw, Mr.
Cecil Harmsworth, Mr. Henry Percy Harris,
Mr. Stewart, and Viscount Wedderburn; and had
appointed in substitution: Sir Frederick Basset,
Lord Henry Cowenitch-Bentick, Mr. Boy-
ton, Sir Stephen Collins, Sir Charles Hunter,
and Sir John Kerr.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

The Ecclesiastical Services (Omission on
account of War) Bill [Lords.] was read the first
time, and ordered to be read a second time
upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-
mittee of Supply (Army Estimates):

And a Motion being made, and the Question
being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave
the Chair—(Mr. Forster);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to
the Question, by leaving out from the word
"That" to the end of the Question, and adding
the words "in the opinion of this House, the
classification of recruits for the Army by military
medical boards, particularly of men who have
previously been examined upon attestation under
the Derby scheme and rejected as unfit, has
been productive of great and unnecessary hardships,
and, as such, by reason of the large
number of such men, while undergoing training,
been found unable to perform the military work
required of them in the class to which they
have been assigned, whereby they have had to be
sent for hospital treatment, and have occupied
accommodation and medical attendance urgently
required for returned wounded men; and this
House is of opinion that an inquiry is urgently
needed to alter and standardise these medical
examinations, and to ascertain the extent to which
hospital accommodation and expense has been
exceeded which, with proper care, might have
been avoided"—(Mr. Nield),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the
words proposed to be left out stand part of the
Question:—The said proposed Amendment
was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the
Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into
the Committee.

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Monday, 5th March 1917.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ministry of Food.

Captain Charles Ritchie presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Bread Order, 1917, dated 26th February 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Church Estates Commission.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Sixty-sixth Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ecclesiastical Commission.

Copy of Sixty-ninth Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

National Debt Annuities.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account of the gross amount of all Bank Annuities and any Annuities for terms of years transferred, and of all sums of money paid to the Commissioners for the Redaction of the National Debt; and the gross amount of Annuities for lives and for terms of years which have been granted for the same, and Contracts for payments on death, which have been made under the provisions of the National Debt Act, 1829, and other Acts, within the year ended 31st March 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Army (Supplementary Estimates) 1916-17.

Mr. Morpurgo presented, by His Majesty's Command,— Estimate of the further sums required to be voted for the Army for the year ending 31st March 1917.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

County Court Rules.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of County Court Rules, 1917, dated 10th February 1917.

Ordered, That all Standing Committees have leave to print and circulate with the Votes the Minutes of their Proceedings and any amended Clauses of Bills committed to them. — (Mr. Eugene Wason.)

Select Committees.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Alden and Mr. Rupert Gwynne; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ellis and Mr. Geoffrey Locker-Lampson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
7 GEO. V.  5th—6th March.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the following Bills, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—

Cheshire Lines Committee Bill.
Levingston (Railways) Bill.
Order, That the Bills be committed.

The Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Illingworth presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of the Postal Order (Foreign and Colonial) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1917, dated 31st January, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty’s Command, —Copy of Final Report of the Royal Commission on the Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty’s Dominions.

Copy of Papers laid before the Royal Commission on the Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty’s Dominions, 1914-17.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Table.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Harbour Abstract of the Annual General Account of the Bridlington Piers and Harbour for the year ending 24th July, 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Abstract of the Annual General Account of the Bridlington Piers and Harbour for the year ending 24th July, 1916.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ministry of National Service Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on War Pensions [Contributions];
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Pensions Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 7th March 1917.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Report of His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for the year ended 29th September 1916.

Covers of Orders made by the Councils of the undermentioned Local Authorities under the Shops Act, 1912, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Boroughs of Chatham and Tynemouth (North Shields).

Urban District of Walthamstow.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Police (Counties and Boroughs, England and Wales) be printed.

Munitions.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Rules for the use of Trincomalee house made by the Minister of Munitions with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, pursuant to the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, with a view to strengthening the hands of the Allies in achieving the recognition of the equal rights of small nations, and the principle of nationality against the opposite German principle of military domination and government without the consent of the governed, it is essential without further delay to confer upon Ireland the free institutions long promised to her. — (Mr. T. F. O'Connor);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House would welcome any settlement which would produce a better understanding between Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom, but considers it impossible to impose by force on any section or part of Ireland a form of government which has not their consent"—(The Prime Minister); —instead thereof War Pensions.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question; —And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned — (Sir Henry Dalziel): — The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—(Sir David Mason);— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant March;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Services (Omission on account of War) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wards and Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Pensions Committee on War Pensions [Contributions];
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Pensions Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to control the arrangements for the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms in the Department of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir James Agg-Gardner, Mr. Bentham, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Rupert Gwynne, Lord Claud Hamilton, Sir Ivor Herbert, Mr. John Denton Hope, Mr. Howard, Colonel Lockwood, Sir John Lawdale, Mr. Macmullan, Mr. Monney, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Major William Redmond, Sir Harry Samuel, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Tyson Wilson.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee. — (Lord Edmund Talbot.)
7 GEO. V. 7th—8th March.  

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Duchy of Lancaster be printed.


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Ordered, That there be laid before this House supreme a Copy of Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Assistant Paymaster General for the Royal Navy, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Supreme Court business on behalf of the Admiralty Division in Prize for the year ended the 31st day of March 1916, and for the period 4th day of August 1914 to 31st day of March 1916; together with Copy of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

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Question again proposed:

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Question put, and agreed to.
Adjournment.

Coal Mines Bill.

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Regulation [fith March]

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Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant March ;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Services (Omission on account of War) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Pensions Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on War Pensions [Contributions and Repayments];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Nine of the clock, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last.

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Monday, 12th March 1917.

T H E House being past, the Clerk at the Table Mr. Speaker informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting:

—Whereupon Mr. Whitley, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, prayed pursuant to the Standing Order.

Ordered, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do issue writs on his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make one new writ out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, in the room of Jonathan Samuel, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Galland.)

The Bristol Water Bill was, according to Warrant of the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Table First Report.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Further Correspon dence with the United States Ambas sador respecting the treatment of British Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians in Germany (in continuation of Miscellaneous, No. 26, 1918).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Glasgow for the year 1915-16.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Proctor presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, numbered D.I.P. 458, declaring an area described in the Schedule thereto to be infected with Wart Disease, and an infected area for the purposes of the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas) Order of 1914.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented,—Return to an Order dated the 6th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Supreme Court Prize and Pensions Account, 1915-16.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1912.—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undersigned Local Authority, and confirmed, with amendment, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

City of Wells.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of National Service Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision as to orders and regulations).—(Mr. Pringle.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Secretary Sir George Cane rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, Yeas, 177. Mr. Pringle, Noes, 80.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, Yeas, 162. Mr. Pringle, Noes, 80.]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Extent of Act).—(Mr. Farrell.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Secretary Sir George Cane rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. Pringle, Yeas, 97. Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Noes, 80.]

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1, 9, by inserting, after the word "Service," the words "for Great Britain, and another such Minister under the title of Director General of National Service for Ireland."—(Mr. Hazleton.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Bill,

Resolved, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on War Pensions;—the Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Committee on the Companies (Foreign Interests) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill;—the Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Pensions Bill;—the Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on War Pensions [Contributions and Repayments];—the Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
7 GEO. V. 12th—13th March.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker, and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, at five minutes after Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till tomorrow.

Tuesday, 15th March 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Cork Improvement.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Lancashire Power Construction Company (Lords).

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Bens presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Provisional Order (Marriages) Act, 1905: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Hayne Fisher presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Brighton, Eastbourne, Liverpool, and Wells-next-the-Sea: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undersigned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Home Department—

City of Liverpool (Three).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command, Supplementary Estimates of the amount required to be voted during the year Vol. 172.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

1917-18.

Expenditure arising out of the War.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Committee of Selection (Standing Committees) on Standing Orders (No. 8).
And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "And the Director of National Service shall have a veto on any proposal by any Government department to remove men or women from any industry at which they are now engaged."—(Mr. Dillon.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, ] Mr. Patrick O'Brien, 69.
 Tellers for the Lord Edward Talbot, Mr. Prinsep, 177.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1, 2, by leaving out the word "twelve."—(Mr. Prinsep.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "twelve" stand part of the Bill:

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 8, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question put.

The Order of the day being read; the Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The postponed proceeding on the Amendment proposed on consideration of the Ministry of National Service Bill, as amended, was resumed.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "twelve" stand part of the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
Wednesday, 14th March 1917.

Prayers.

Several Public Petitions were presented, considered, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that, whereas the Government of India, deeming the well-being and interests of the Indian Empire to be vitally concerned in the successful prosecution of the war, have recommended that a Contribution charged on the Revenues of India should be made towards the cost of the war, but regrets that the proposed changes as are proposed in the Indian Budget in respect of the Contribution as aforesaid, this House records its gratitude to the Government of India for the proposition made to His Majesty's Government and gratefully accepts it, and the Government of India have now made provision by legislation and in their Revenue and Expenditure Estimates for meeting, by means of increased taxation and otherwise, the annual charge for interest and sinking fund in respect of the Contribution as aforesaid, this House considers that a Contribution of £100,000,000 charged on the Revenues of India shall be made towards the cost of the war.—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain).

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House records its gratitude to the Government of India for its recommendation that a Contribution of £100,000,000 should be made by India towards the cost of the war, but regrets that the provision for meeting the charges of the same should include an alteration in the established system of duties on cotton goods, thereby throwing an unnecessary burden upon the people of India and inevitably causing a conflict between different parts of the Empire, which it was most inexpedient to raise during the war”—(Mr. Barlow).—(Mr. Barlow).—(Amendment)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question, the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yes: Lord Edward Talbot, 265; Mr. Primrose, 129.

Tellers for the No: Mr. Barlow, 265; Sir Henry Norman, 129.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words “The House, at the same time, declares its opinion that such changes as are proposed in the Indian Budget in the system of Indian cotton duties should be considered afresh when the fiscal relationship of the various parts of the Empire to one another and to the rest of the world comes to be reviewed as a whole after the war.”—(The Prime Minister.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Ministry of National Service Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.—(Mr. James Hope.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Services Bill:

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Companies (Foreign Interests) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
War Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Pensions Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

War Pensions (Contribution, Issue and Repayment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on War Pensions (Contributions and Repayments); Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 15th March 1917.

PRAYERS.

Several Public Petitions were presented, 5 and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Abstract of Accounts of Loan Societies in England and Wales for the year 1916, furnished to the Central Office for the Registry of Friendly Societies.

British Museum

Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum (Special Trust Funds) for the year ending the 31st day of March 1917; and Return of the number of Persons admitted to visit the Museum and the British Museum (Natural History) in each year from 1911 to 1916, both years inclusive; together with a Statement of the progress made in the arrangement and description of the Collections, and an Account of objects added to them in the year 1916.—(Mr. Herbert Fisher.)

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Grand Juries (Suspension) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to prevent the treatment of Venereal Disease otherwise than by duly qualified medical practitioners, and to control the supply of remedies therefor, and for other matters connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Grand Juries (Suspension) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Venereal Disease Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Ministry of National Service Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917, the sum of £60,423,573 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

2. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, the sum of £28,025,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Grand Juries (Suspension) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Venereal Disease Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Services (Omission on account of War) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 19th March 1917.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Supplement to the First Report of the Special Commissioners appointed to inquire into the origin, inception, and conduct of operations of war in the Dardanelles.

Secretary Sir George Cave also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Account of Cash Receipts and Payments of the Welsh Church Commission for the year ended 31st December 1916; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Draft of Rules proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prison Act, 1888, for the government of Local and Convict Prisons.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Welsh Church Act, 1914, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memoranda and Tables as to the chief Harbours of the British Empire and certain Foreign Countries, and as to the Suez and Panama Canals, prepared by the Royal Commission on the Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty’s Dominions.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of (1) an Estimate of the sums receivable by the Education (Scotland) Fund for the year 1916-17, and of the expenditure therefrom under Section 16 (1) (a) to (f) of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1906, and of the balances available for allocation under Section 16 (2) of that Act; (2) the allocation of such balance in accordance with the terms of the Department’s Minute of 25th June 1915.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 14th March 1917, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and by the Commissioners, acting jointly, entitled the National Health Insurance (Temporary Employment in Agriculture) Order, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Scheme under the Union of Benefices Acts,
18 GEO. V. 19th March.


Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, to express the deep concern of this House at the loss which His Majesty has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, and to conclude with His Majesty on this melancholy occasion; and to assure His Majesty that this House will ever participate with the most affectionate and dutiful attachment in whatever may concern the feelings and interests of His Majesty.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or of His Majesty's Household.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this House do concur in the report of the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant March of the Duke of Connaught on the great loss which he has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught. —(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That a Message of Condolence be sent to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and that Brigadier-General Lowther and Major William Redmond do attend His Royal Highness with the said Message.—(The Prime Minister.)

Mr. Barnes reported from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant March an estimate; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1916-17.

That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917 for Pay, &c. of the Army.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 16th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Pensions Committee on War Pensions [Contributions and Repayments];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolutions on account of War [Ways and Means Bill];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, to express the deep concern of this House at the loss which His Majesty has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, — (The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Services Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Venereal Disease Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Pensions Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereas Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the day being read, for the Adjournment;

Order of the House of the 12th day of February a 3
last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to­ morrow.

Tuesday, 20th March 1917.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously suspended into operation with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously suspended from operation, with which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz:—

Chepstow Water Bill.
South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill.
Bristol Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations for Special Schools (i.e., Schools for Blind, Deaf, Demented, and Epileptic Children), together with Regulations for Institutions providing Instruction in preparation for a Trade for Students formerly in attendance at Special Schools.

Mr. Herbert Fisher also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Three Orders in Council, dated 13th March 1917, made under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1885.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 13th March 1917, made under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Reports to the Board of Trade by the Trinity House of Deptford Strand, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Commissioners of Irish Lights of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons in 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Infant Welfare (Grants from the Local Government Board.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Grants given by the Local Government Board in the year 1916-17 to the twenty-seven London Boroughs and the City of Westminster, and to the Cities of Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, and Bradford, in aid of—

(1) Municipal infant welfare centres or clinics and municipal health visitors;
(2) Voluntary infant welfare centres or clinics and voluntary health visitors;
(3) Total grants under (1) and (2);
(4) The names of the institutions on account of which grants were given, showing whether municipal or voluntary;
(5) The total for London and the five Cities, respectively.—(Mr. Acland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Infant Welfare a Return of Expenditure from Rates by the twenty-seven London Boroughs and the City of Westminster, and by the Cities of Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, and Bradford, during the year 1915-16, for—

(1) Municipal infant welfare centres or clinics and municipal health visitors;
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(3) Total expenditure under (1) and (2);
(4) The rate in the pound which it represents; and
(5) The amount by which the total rate in the pound for all public local services was less or more for the year 1915-16 than for the year 1913-14; showing under (1), (2), and (3) the totals for London and the five Cities, respectively.—(Mr. Acland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the estimated quantity of Coal in the United Kingdom.

A Motion was made, and the Question was Adjourned—Proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Lord Edward Talbot);—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant March several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917-18 (Vote on Account).

1. That a sum not exceeding £38,023,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the following Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, viz:—

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House Infant Welfare a Return of Expenditure from Rates by the twenty-seven London Boroughs and the City of Westminster, and by the Cities of Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, and Bradford, during the year 1915-16, for—

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of the Pay, &c. of His Majesty's Army (including Army Reserve) at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918.

The First Resolution being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by leaving out "£38,023,000," and inserting "£38,023,900"—(Mr. Dillon)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "£38,023,000" stand part of the said Resolution;

And it being Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the Report of the Vote.

And the Question being put, That "£38,023,900" stand part of the said Resolution;

The House divided.

Tellers for the [Lords];

Tellers for the [Mr. Princeps];

The Noes to the Left.

The House divided.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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**Wednesday, 21st March 1917.**

**Prayers.**

They Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of condolence on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I return you My most sincere thanks for your loyal and dutiful Address expressing sympathy with Me in the bereavement which I have sustained by the death of My beloved Aunt, the Duchess of Connaught. The assurance of your affectionate and dutiful participation in all that concerns My feelings and interests is a source to Me of comfort in My great loss.

Brigadier-General Lowther having been appointed, together with Major William Redman, to attend upon His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught with a Message of Condolence on the death of my beloved wife, I deeply appreciate their thought of me at this sad moment.

Clarence House, Saint James's, S.W.

I desire to express to the House of Commons my most heartfelt thanks for their Vote of Condolence on the death of my beloved wife. I deeply appreciate their thought of me at this sad moment.

21st March 1917.
Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command, the Board of Education, dated 21st March 1917, modifying the Regulations for Public Elementary Schools, 1917, in England and Wales, as already modified by the Minutes dated 4th July 1913, 24th June 1914, and 25th November 1914. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cole presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Accounts of the General Medical Council and Branch Councils, and of the Dental Registration Fund, for 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the output of Coal in the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Account showing the nature and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at 31st December 1916, as investments for moneys forming part of the National Health Insurance Fund, paid over to them by the insurance Commissioners for England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively, under Section 54 (3) of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Vaughn-Davies reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Cork Improvement, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That in the case of the Lancashire Power Construction Company (Lords), Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That in the case of the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill, Petition for dispensing with Standing Order 126 in the case of the Petition of the Essex County Council against the Bill, the Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the proceedings on Government Business be not interrupted this day under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Second and Third of the Resolutions which, upon the 20th day of this instant March, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 4th day of this instant March, 1917, ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 16th day of this instant March several Resolutions; which were read, as report follow:

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917, the sum of £26,428,675 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, the sum of £38,025,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Maconham accordingly presented a Bill ARMY (Amendment) Bill, Bill 19.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army: And that Mr. Macpherson, Sir Edward Carson, Dr. Menzies, and Mr. Forster do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Maconham accordingly presented a Bill ARMY (Amendment) Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army: And the said Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Baldwin accordingly presented a Bill ARMY (Amendment) Bill, to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army; and the said Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The War Pensions Bill was, according to War Pensions Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow. (Colonel Sir Arthur Griffiths-Boscawen.)
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on War Pensions. [Contributions and Repayments].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the repayment to Local Authorities, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of part of such expenses of local and district committees established under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. Act, 1915, &c., under any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the administrative expenses of the Statutory Committee and of local and district committees as aforesaid, or any enactment repealed by that Act, may be or have been defrayed by Local Authorities.—(Mr. Barnes.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Craig reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Services (Omission on account of War) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Companies (Foreign Interests) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That this House do sit to-morrow.—Business of Supply.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Motion Business of relative to Russia (Congratulations to Duma), the House on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, and on the Consideration of the Lords' Amendments to the Grand Juries (Suspension) Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.—Business of the House (Friday Meeting).

Resolved, That this House sends to the Duma its fraternal greetings and tenders to the Russian people its heartfelt congratulations upon the establishment among them of free institutions, in full confidence that they will lead not only to the rapid and happy progress of the Russian nation, but to the prosecution with renewed steadfastness and vigour of the war against the stronghold of an autocratic militarism which threatens the liberty of Europe.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "having regard to the state of affairs in Ireland and the supreme importance to the cause of the Allies of a settlement being effected without further delay, it is, in the opinion of this House, imperative that the Government should take such steps as may be necessary to achieve this end"—(Sir Henry Dalziel), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Grand Juries (Suspension) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army (Annual) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

War Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army (Annual) Bill ;

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee on War Pensions [Contributions and Repayments] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the repayment to Local Authorities, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of part of such expenses of local and district committees established under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. Act, 1915, as, under any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the administrative expenses of the Statutory Committees, and of local and district committees as aforesaid, or any enactment repealed by that Act, may be or have been defrayed by Local Authorities.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Ecclesiastical Services (Omission on account of War) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Coal Mines (Regulation (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Companies (Foreign Interests) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Prohibition of alteration of articles restricting foreign interests in companies except with consent of Board of Trade).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the word “foreigners,” in order to insert the words “alien enemies.”—(Mr. Pembridge.)

Question, That the word “foreigners” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wines and Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, ordered the House of the 15th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.
PRAYERS.

THE Land Drainage (Ramsey) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Lord Mayors, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Cork and the Cork Harbour Commissioners, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of Local Taxation in Ireland for the year 1915-16, collected and compiled under the direction of the Local Government Board for Ireland by desire of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifty-ninth Annual Report of His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, for the year 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Craig reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply (Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates); and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Baldwin);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "in the opinion of this House, the Government should issue regulations under the Defence of the Realm Act directing the Local Authorities throughout the country to establish depots for the sale and delivery of Coal, Sugar, and other necessaries"—(Mr. John Henderson), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Oxford Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Oxford, in the room of Sir Arthur Annesley, Viscount Valentia, who, since his Election for the said borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stotoc, Desborough, and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Lord Edward Talbot).

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Aberdeen Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Burgh of Aberdeen (South Division), in the room of George Birnie Balfour, Require, who, since his Election for the said burgh, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His
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Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Mr. Gulland.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cole presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract of Statements as to Crimes in counties and boroughs during the year 1915, furnished to the Secretary of State for the Home Department pursuant to the County and Borough Police Act, 1896 (including the figures in respect of the City of London and the Metropolitan Police District).

Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the aforementioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department—

City of Bristol.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Interim Report by the Health of Munition Workers Committee on Industrial Efficiency and Fatigue.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall for the year 1916.

Copy of Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, to pay the expenses incurred for general Navy and Army services, beyond the specific provisions made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of naval and military operations; for measures taken for the security of the country; for maintaining the food supply, and promoting the continuance of trade, industry, business, and communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of foodstuffs and materials, or otherwise; for relief of distress; and generally for all expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of war, in the year ended 31st March 1916; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, until Easter, Government Business be not interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order regulating the Sittings of the House, and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Pensions Bill. Vol. 172.
Clause No. 3 (Local committees for certain boroughs and urban districts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, to leave out the words "after consultation with the county council."—(Sir Norval Horne.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lord Ewart Talbot, Yes, 124.]

Mr. Beckett: No, 56.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, after the word "Act," to insert the words "for the City of London and any metropolitan borough and,"—(Mr. Alley.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out the words "and not less than twenty thousand."—(Major Newman.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, after the word "thousand," to insert the words "or for any combination of boroughs or urban districts."—(Mr. Roffe.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Alteration of purposes for which voluntary funds may be applied in certain cases).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, to leave out the words "he thinks," in order to insert the words "they think."—(Mr. Watson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Power to chairman and vice-chairman of Statutory Committee to sit in Parliament)—(Mr. Borner)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Application of principal Act in London)—(Sir George Trench)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

The Army (Annual) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow:—(Mr. James Hope.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Venereal Disease Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of this instant March:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Third Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wages and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment;

Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 27th March 1917.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Orders (No. 1) Bills referred on the First Reading thereof, no applicable:—Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Marriages Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretory Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minutes of Evidence (October 1916—November 1916) to the Royal Commission on the Courts of Justice in Wales, with Appendices and Index.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Final Report of the Departmental Committee on Juvenile Education in relation to Employment after the War. Volume I.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ministry of Munitions

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Accounts of the Ordnance Factories for the year 1915-16, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Mr. John Bertrand Watson, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, was sworn.

Naval Discipline (Delegation of Powers) Bill.

Bill 21.

Mr. Henry Forster, supported by Sir Edward Carson, Mr. Pethick, and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to amend the Naval Discipline (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1916, with respect to the officers to whom powers under that Act may be delegated:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time tomorrow; and to be printed.

Army (Annual) Act (No. 2) Bill.

Bill 22.

Mr. Secretary Sir Macnamara, supported by Sir Edward Carson, Mr. Pethick, and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to amend the Schedule to the Army (Annual) Act, 1916:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time tomorrow; and to be printed.

Parliament and Local Elections Bill.

Bill 23.

Mr. Speaker, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Henry Forster, presented a Bill to amend and extend the Parliament and Local Elections Act, 1916:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time tomorrow; and to be printed.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill;—And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;—And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 28th March, 1917:

And the Question being put;—Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Venereal Disease Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report of the Committee of Supply, Committee of Ways and Means;—Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply of the Committee of Supply;—Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;—Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of Adjournment, the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-eight minutes before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.
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PRAYERS.

THIi Cork Improvement Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Marriages Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Application received from the Royal British Nurses' Association for the grant of a Supplemental Charter under the College Act, 1871, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1917, incorporating the said Association and the College of Nursing, Limited, under the name of the Royal British College of Nursing, Limited, with a Copy of the Draft Supplemental Charter applied for.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Herbert Fisher, pursuant to the

Command, — Copies of Sugar (Restriction) Order, 1917, and Freshwater Fish Order, 1917, returned:

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to the

Minute of Food.

College Charter Act, 1871.

The Lords have agreed to the College Charter Act, 1871, and to the Bill for the grant of a Supplemental Charter under the College Act, 1871, incorporating the said Association and the College of Nursing, Limited, under the name of the Royal British College of Nursing, Limited, with a Copy of the Draft Supplemental Charter applied for.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1917.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1917, without any Amendment.

Ministry of National Service Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of National Service Bill, without any Amendment.

Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1917, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of National Service Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker, supported by Mr. Henry Forster, Mr. Hughes Fisher, and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to enable the exception from Military Service of men excepted on the ground of previous rejection, or the previous relinquishment of, or discharge from, Naval or Military Service, or unsuitability for Foreign Service, to be reviewed: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House records its thanks to Mr. Speaker for his services in presiding over the Electoral Reform Conference, and is of opinion that legislation should promptly be introduced on the lines of the Resolutions reported from the Conference—(Mr. Asquith) ;—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question ;

A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas Royal As.

Mr. Speaker, the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Command read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers :—And having returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow :—

4. Ecclesiastical Services (Omission on account of War) Act, 1917.
5. Grand Jury (Suspension) Act, 1917.

The Question was again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question ;

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Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow :—

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Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow :—

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Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow :—

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And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question ;
The Order of the day being read, for the
**Second Reading of the Naval Discipline (Delegation of Powers) Bill**:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
**Second Reading of the Army (Annual) Act (1915) Amendment Bill**:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
**Second Reading of the Parliament and Local Elections Bill**:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
**Second Reading of the Venereal Disease Bill (Lords)**:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving
the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of March last;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

Sir Geoffrey Baring reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday the 25th day of April next, at half an hour after Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Ball reported from the Select Public Petitions Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 12th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 27th, and 28th days of February last, and the 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 27th, and 28th days of this instant March, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Jako William Wilson reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Criminal Law Amendment Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 17th day of April next; and be printed.
Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Army (Annual) Bill, without any Amendment.


Mr. Kelway, supported by Dr. Addison, Mr. Hodge, and Mr. Bridgewen, presented a Bill to extend and amend the Munitions of War Acts, 1815 and 1916: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Kelway, supported by Dr. Addison, Mr. Lavington-Bowns, Mr. Hodge, Mr. Henry Forster, and Mr. Prothero, presented a Bill to make provision for the Billeting of persons engaged on work of national importance for the purposes of the present war: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Sir Edwin Cornwall, supported by Mr. Barnes and Mr. Baldwin, presented a Bill to amend the enactments relating to National Health Insurance with respect to persons suffering from disablement in consequence of the present war: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings on other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Lord Edward Talbot),

Yea, Mr. Beck;

Tellers for the (Mr. Thomas Richardson),

Noo, Mr. Richard Lambert;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Mr. James Hope.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking War Pensions into consideration the War Pensions Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause 1, p. 2, Is. 1, 2, and 55, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of the Eight Honourable Members for Glasgow (Blackfriars Division), to be moved on recommittal.—(Mr. Barre.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on recommittal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Application of principal Act in London)—(Sir George Tomlinson.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 5, by leaving out Clause 2.—(Sir Henry Dalziel.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Army (Annual) Act (1916) Amendment Army Bill was, according to Order, read a second (Annual) Act time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately report the same, without Amendment to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Army (Annual) Act (1916) Amendment Army Bill was, according to Order, read a second (Annual) Act time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately report the same, without Amendment to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Army (Annual) Act (1916) Amendment Army Bill was, according to Order, read a second (Annual) Act time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately report the same, without Amendment to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

The Naval Discipline (Delegation of Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. James Hope.)

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate):

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

JAMES W. LOWTHER,
Speaker.

Naval Discipline (Delegation of Powers) Bill.

The Naval Discipline (Delegation of Powers) Bill to be reported.

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill be not the House to move after Five of the clock.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Sunday, 30th March 1917.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Betheras presented, by His Majesty's Secretary at Command,—Copy of Food (Conditions of Sale) Order, 1917, Sweden (Prices) Order, 1917, and Malt (Restriction on Shipping) Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Tabular Statement showing Education in the area of each Local Education Authority in England and Wales: I. Staging per thousand Scholars in Public Elementary Schools in 1913-14; II. Average Salaries of Certified Teachers in 1912-13; and, III. Average Salaries of uncertificated Teachers in 1913-14.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gledones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Court of Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Colonial Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 920 Reports (Nigeria, Report for 1915). (Annual.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agricultural Statistics, 1915, Volume I: Part I. Average and Live Stock Returns of Scotland, with a Summary for the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Military a Copy of Amendments proposed to be moved Service by the Government on consideration, as amended, (Review of Exception) of the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Bill.—(Mr. Macpherson.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Bill be not interrupted this day at Five or half an hour after Five of the clock.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Power to call up certain excepted men for examination).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "time," to insert the words "after May the first next."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "man," to insert the words "who is not engaged in agriculture and."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, after the word "not," to insert the words "now registered as."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. W. M. Bright.)

Question put. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yea:"—Mr. Primrose, 150.
Tellers for the "Nay:"—Mr. Hogge, 60.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out the words "in such manner," in order to insert the words "by a medical board of not less than two doctors, one of whom shall be his own doctor if he so desire."—(Mr. Maurice Lever.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "Provided that this section shall not apply to a man who has been rejected and has attained forty-one years prior to having notice served upon him under this Act."—(Mr. Anderson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that in any case where a man so examined and passed for military service produces a medical certificate that he is unfit for general service, or any other form of military service, he shall be entitled to be re-examined by a special medical board whose decision shall be final."—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 24, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Pringle.)
7 Geo. V.

2nd April.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament, to the Borough of Belfast (South Belfast Division), in the room of James Chambers, Esquire, e.o., who, since his Election for the said borough, hath accepted the Office of His Majesty's Solicitor General for Ireland.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table. Vide Second Belfast Division Petitions. read; and ordered to lie upon the Table. Vide Second Belfast Division Petitions. read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Care presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report and Accounts of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report and Accounts of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

John Arthur Ransome Marriott, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Oxford, was sworn.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power to call up certain excepted men for examination).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "two."—(Mr. King.)

Question put, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, | Mr. Primrose : | 166.
Tellers for the Noses, | Mr. Hogge : | 26.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words "If upon such examination a man previously rejected shall be classified for service, whether or not he shall be a voluntarily attested man or subject to the Military Service Acts, 1916, he shall be entitled to present an appeal to a tribunal mentioned in such Acts."—(Mr. Nield.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed. Bill 29.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;—
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply on the 23rd day of March last;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Powers of court to suspend or annul certain contracts).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the words "for the construction of any building or work."—(Mr. Nield.)
Question proposed, That the words "for the construction of any building or work," stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "or," to insert the words "the execution of;"—(Mr. Peto.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—(Mr. Peto.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Beckett: 113.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buxton: 16.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7 and 8, to leave out the words "fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and fourteen," in order to insert the words "seventeenth day of July, nineteen hundred and sixteen."—(Mr. Peto.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, after the word "shall," to insert the words "while the present war lasts."—(Mr. King.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Rowlands.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "property," in l. 16, stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Munitions Second Reading of the Munitions of War Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill of the Second Reading of the Bill of Civilian Customs Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the National Second Reading of the National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 3rd April 1917.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting; and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Supplementary List of Persons, Firms, and Companies as to whose Orders have been made under Section 1 (1) of the Treaty with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of First Annual Report of the National War Savings Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of Accidents resulting in death or personal injury known by the police to have been caused by Vehicles in streets, roads, or public places during the year ending the 31st day of December 1916 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 39 of Session 1916).—(Mr. Broun.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Grants given by the Board of Education in the year 1916-17 to Voluntary Schools for Minors in the twenty-seven London Boroughs and the City of Westminster, and also to Voluntary Schools for Mothers in the Cities of Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, and Bradford. (Mr. Acland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Contributions from the Rates during the year 1915-16 to Voluntary Schools for Mothers recognised by the Board of Education in the twenty-seven London Boroughs and the City of Westminster, and also in the Cities of Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, and Bradford. (Mr. Acland.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

Mr. Speaker received a Message from the Lords informing the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting.

The Lords have agreed to the Army (Annual) Act (1916) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Mansfield Railway Company to raise further capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the capital powers of the West Kent Electric Company, Limited, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for enabling the Aluminium Corporation Limited, to arrange for the extinction of its participating shares and for issuing preference stock in satisfaction of such shares, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Mansfield Railway Bill [Lords] was read Mansfield Railway Bill the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Yorkshire Registries (North Riding) Bill (Lords) was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The West Kent Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Aluminium Corporation Bill [Lords] was Aluminium Corporation Bill read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Military the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Service upon the 2nd day of this instant April, on the Order proposed Amendment was to be made on consideration of the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Bill. Which Amendment was, in p. 1, l. 7, to insert, after the word "man," the words "who is not now employed in agriculture;" and the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "man," the words "who is not included in one of the classes set out in the Schedule to this Act."—(Mr. King.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 26, by leaving out the word "six," and inserting the word "twelve"—(Mr. Snowden),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "six" stand part of the Bill;—it passed in the Negative.
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. James Hope, Mr. Beckett]; 166.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Anderson]; 33.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.
AN Amendment was proposed to be made to the
Bill, in p. 1, l. 26, by inserting, after the
words last inserted, the words "Provided that the
powers under this provision shall not extend—
(a) to any man who is for the time being
engaged in agriculture, and whose work
is certified by the Board of Agriculture and
Fisheries, or, as respects Scotland, the
Board of Agriculture for Scotland, to be
work of national importance, and who was
engaged on such work on the thirty-first
day of March, nineteen hundred and seven-
teen;"

—(Mr. Macpherson.)
And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted in the said proposed Amend-
ment to the Bill:

AN Amendment was proposed to be made to
the proposed Amendment to the Bill, in l. 2, by
leaving out from the word "agriculture" to the
word "and," in l. 2.—(Sir Charles Wotton.)
And the Question being proposed, That the
words proposed to be left out stand part of the
said proposed Amendment to the Bill:—The
Amendment to the said proposed Amendment to
the Bill was, with leave of the House, with-
drawn.

And the Question being put, That the words
"Provided also that the powers under this
provision shall not extend—
(a) to any man who is for the time being
engaged in agriculture, and whose work
is certified by the Board of Agriculture and
Fisheries, or, as respects Scotland, the
Board of Agriculture for Scotland, to be
work of national importance, and who was
engaged on such work on the thirty-first
day of March, nineteen hundred and seven-
teen;"
be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in
the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 26, by inserting, after the
words last inserted, the words "or"

(b) to any officer or man who has left or been
discharged from the naval or military ser-
vice of the Crown in consequence of disable-
ment, if the disablement is certified by the
Admiralty or the Army Council to be the
result of wounds (including injury from
poisonous gas) received in battle or in any
engagement with the enemy, or otherwise
from the enemy, or in consequence of neurasthenia or allied
functional nerve disease, if so certified by a special medical
board to be the result of naval or military
service in the present war;—(Mr. Macpherson.)

And the Question being put, That the words
"or"

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted in the said proposed Amend-
ment to the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Butcher, Mr. Seely]; 46.
Tellers for the [Colonel Sir Charles
Talbot, Mr. Primrose]; 151.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The proposed Amendment to the Bill was
further amended, in l. 6, by inserting, after the second word "enemy,
the words "or in consequence of neurasthenia or allied
functional nerve disease, if so certified by a special medical
board to be the result of naval or military
service in the present war."—(Sir Charles Nichol.)

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted in the said proposed Amend-
ment to the Bill:—(Mr. Macpherson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted in the said proposed Amend-
ment to the Bill:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment to the Bill was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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further amended, in l. 6, by inserting, after the second word "enemy,
the words "or in consequence of neurasthenia or allied
functional nerve disease, if so certified by a special medical
board to be the result of naval or military
service in the present war;—(Mr. Macpherson.)

And the Question being put, That those words
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ment to the Bill:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment to the Bill was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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functional nerve disease, if so certified by a special medical
board to be the result of naval or military
service in the present war;—(Mr. Macpherson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted in the said proposed Amend-
ment to the Bill:—It was resolved in
the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 26, by inserting, after the
words last inserted, the words "Provided that in
any case where a man so examined and passed
for military service produces a medical certificate
that he is unfit for general service, or for any
form of military service, he shall be entitled to
be re-examined by a special medical board."—
(Mr. Pringle.)

And the Question being put, That those words
be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Courts The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill.

Clause No. 4 (Relief from disqualification for membership of House of Commons in certain cases).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Rooledge.)
Question again proposed. That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "property," in l. 16, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment by leave, withdrawn.
Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 5 agreed to.
A Clause (Relief in respect of certain contractual obligations)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, amended, and, as amended, added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Maintenance of contracts for life employment)—(Mr. Charles Duncan)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.
Another Clause (Enemy raids reinstatement)—(Mr. Boyton)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.
Another Clause (Provision as to sums made irrecoverable by 5 & 6 Geo. 5, c. 97)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

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Wednesday, 4th April 1917.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting;—Whereupon Mr. Whitley, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.


Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the proceedings of the Inspection Committee of Trustee Savings Banks, for the year ended 20th November 1916, with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Irish Land Commission.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 53 (Saint Andrews, No. 8), of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Nippon, was laid upon the Table; and be printed.

National Insurance (Part I. Insurance (Part II. Amendments) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the National Committee on the National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of March last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Two of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Rules of the Supreme Court (Revision), 1917, dated 4th April 1917.

Ordered, That the proceedings on Government Business be not interrupted this day under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House do meet tomorrow at Twelve of the clock, and, at its rising, do adjourn till Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April, and that Mr. Speaker, as soon as he has reported the Royal Assent to Bills agreed on by both Houses, do adjourn the House without Question put:—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer;)

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 5th April 1917:

Mr. Deputy Speaker called the attention of the House to tedious repetition on the part of Mr. Pemberton Billing, Member for East Hertfordshire, and directed the honourable Member to discontinue his speech.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the National Committee on the National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of March last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Two of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Thursday, 5th April 1917.

WHEREUPON Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned on the motion of a Privy Councillor, to be continued on Tuesday the 17th day of the instant April, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of this instant April.

Tuesday, 17th April 1917.

WHEREUPON Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned on the motion of a Privy Councillor, to be continued on Tuesday the 17th day of the instant April, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of this instant April.


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Order of the House of Commons for the Return of all Loans raised in England under the provisions of any Acts of Parliament, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended on the 31st March 1917, with the rates of interest and total amount payable thereon, and the date of

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the termination of each Loan, the debts incurred during the half-year, the moneys raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which moneys have been raised during the half-year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ministry of Food.

Captain Bathurst presented, by His Majesty's Command, copies of Tea (Nett Weight) Order, 1917, Food Weighing Order, 1917, Manufacture of Flour and Bread Order (No. 3), 1917, and Public Meat Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Diseases of Animals Acts.

Dr. Addison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Minister of Munitions under Section 5 (4) of the Munitions of War Act, 1915, entitled the Munitions (Limitation of Profits) Rules, 1915 (Amendment), Rules, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, No. 9842, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 29th March 1917, postponing the operation thereto until the 1st July 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Government of India Act, 1861.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 30th March 1917, approving a Memorial of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Copy of Order in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 30th March 1917, approving a Memorial of the Minister of Pensions.

Copy of Order in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 14th April 1917, approving a Memorial of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Copy of Order in Council under the Government of India Act, 1915, dated 30th March 1917, amending a Scheme for the Establishment of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Pensions.

Mr. Barlow presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Royal Warrant for Pensions of Soldiers disabled, and of the families and dependants of Soldiers deceased, in consequence of the present war, together with Order in Council and Regulations for Pensions of British Seamen and Maritimes, their widows, relatives, and dependants.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Elementary School Teachers' Superannuation Acts.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of additional Rules for Elementary School Teachers' Superannuation under the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Acts.
And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, 1, 5, by leaving out the words "whether before or."—(Mr. Boyce.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, and leave having been given to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pringle)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Holt rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Deputy Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

The postponed proceeding on consideration of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill, as amended, was resumed.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Venereal Disease Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Munitions of War Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Billeting of Civilians Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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eighteen, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time, and referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of
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Resolved, That this House desires to express to the Government and people of the United
States of America its profound appreciation of the action of that Government in joining the
Allied Powers, and thus defending the high cause of freedom and the rights of humanity
against the gravest menace by which they have ever been imperilled.—(Mr. Chancellor of the
Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliament and Local
Elections Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Further prolongation of present Parliament).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the words "six years and ten months," in
order to insert the words "seven years."—(Mr. Paton.)

Question proposed. That the words "six years" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment,
by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the word "ten," in order to insert
the word "eight."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question put. That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lord Eduard Talbot, Yes. [Mr. Pescov.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Patrick O'Brien, No. [Mr. Hazleton.]

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Further postponement of local elections).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, after the word "elections," to insert the words "in Great
Britain."—(Major Newman.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out from the word "and" to the word "shall," in 1, l. 18, in order to insert the words "thirteenth of November, nineteen hundred and
seventeen."—(Mr. Dickinson.)

Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out from the word "seventeen" to the end of subsection (1).—(Mr. Dickinson.)

Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

A Clause (Repeal of ss. (2) of s. 1 of the Parliament and Registration Act, 1916)—(Sir
Frederick Banbury)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed. That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and
Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Duration of new Parliament)—(Mr. Hazleton)—brought up, and read the first
time.

Motion made, and Question put. That the Clause be read a second time.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left:
Tellers for the [Mr. Beck, Mr. James Hope]: 203.
Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, Mr. Patrick O'Brien]: 42.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Munitions of War Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Munitions of War Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Billeting of Civilians Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Amendment of 5 Geo. 5, c. 29, s. 1 (1)).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman of the Ways and Means, proceeding to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Prayers. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this evening, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Corn Exchange Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this evening, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

Mr. Duke presented a Bill to confirm certain Local Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the King's County and the Rural District of Newry No. 1: And ordered Bill 33.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Proctor presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Area and Number of Acres, Etc.

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The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting:—Whereupon Mr. Whit ley, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Prayers. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this evening, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn Production Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Munitions of War Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Munitions of War Bill:

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant Adjournment, to the Order of the House of the 18th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report be received to­
Production of Wheat, Barley, and Oats in the United Kingdom in each of the years 1847 to 1916; and the average Price of British Wheat, Barley, and Oats in England and Wales.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum explaining the Supplementary Estimate of £3,856,000 for Education for the financial year ending 31st March 1918.

Copy of Regulations under which Supplementary Grant will be paid to Local Education Authorities for Elementary Education, if provision is made by Parliament for the purpose.

Copy of Regulations for Secondary Schools in England, excluding Wales and Monmouthshire.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, and Means under Standing Order No. 8, further set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 5, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of March last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means under Standing Order 175a,—Copy of Report of the Board of Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the Supplementary sum of £3,856,000 (including sundry Grants in Aid) be granted for the financial year ending the 31st day of March 1918 to the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid, resumed.

Question again proposed:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Postponed proceeding on Question, That a Supply sum not exceeding £13,565,780 (including a Supplementary sum of £3,856,000) be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid, resumed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The London Corn Exchange Company Bill London Corn
was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Copy of Third Report to the House of Commons on the Blackpool Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the direction of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance (Normal Rate of Remuneration) Order, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917-18.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £13,565,780 (including a Supplementary sum of £3,856,000) be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid:

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 5, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

The Gas Light and Coke Company Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Adjournment, to the Order of the House of the 12th day of
7 GEO. V. 19th—23rd April.

Prayer.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred to the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Aluminium Corporation Bill [Lords].
Mandelfield Railway Bill [Lords].
South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) Bill [Lords].
Yorkshire Registrars (North Riding) Bill [Lords].
West Kent Electric Power Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,— Copies of Reports of Inquiries and Appeals under the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations (England), 1913, Volume I.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Bathurst presented, by His Majesty's Command,— Copies of Wheat, Barley, and Oats (Prices) Order, 1917, Barley (Requisition) Order, 1917, and Malt (Restrictions) No. 2 Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Middlesex (Ealing Division), in the room of Herbert Field, Esquire, M.P., who, since his Election for the said county, hath accepted the Office of Recorder of the City of York.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Marriages Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they continued, had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Cork Improvement Improvement Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Bruce presented a Bill to reduce, in connection with the present war, the number of jurors at Coroners' Inquests: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; Bill 34, and to be printed.

The Venerable Diocesan Bill [Lords] was, Venerable according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Biling of Civilians Bill was, according to Order, read a second time. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. James Hope); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, Yeas, [Mr. Beek :]
Tellers for the [Mr. Heppe, 
Nos, [Mr. Penson :]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Munitions of War Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Amendment of 6 Geo. 5, c. 29, s. 1 (1)). Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Dean.)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 to No. 5 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Sir Edwin Cornwall)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Societies (Suspension of Meetings) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

—(Mr. James Hope.)

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corn Production Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of March last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorizing the payment, out of money to be provided by Parliament, of salaries, remuneration, and other expenses payable under any Act of the present Session to make provision for the Billeting of persons engaged in work of national importance for the purposes of the present war—(Lord Edmund Talbot);

Mr. Duke, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at fifteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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Tuesday, 24th April 1917.

Prayers.

The Marriages Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Care presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of the Seventy-eighth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the Crown's directions of an Act of Parliament—Abstract Account of Receipts and Payments of the Treasury Solicitor, in the year 1916, in the administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown; and alphabetical list of Intestates' Estates in respect of which Letters of Administration were granted to the Treasury Solicitor as Crown's...
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Standing Committee A

New Member sworn.

Sir John Fleming, Member for the Burgh of Aberdeen (South Division), was sworn.

Selection (Standing Committee). — That they had added to Standing Committee A the following Members (in respect of the Venereal Disease Bill [Lords]):—The Lord Advocate, Mr. Bruce; Secretary Sir George Care, Sir Henry Craik; Mr. beerley Dennis, Mr. Dilke, Mr. Hay; Fisher, Mr. Glynn-Jones, Mr. King, Mr. Hogg Law, Sir George Radford; Mr. Rennison, Mr. Herbert Samuel, Mr. Snowden, and Commander Wedgwood.

Standing Committee A.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Lord Alexander Thynne; and had appointed in substitution Major Astor.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corn Production Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months." — (Mr. Laugh.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 23rd day of this instant April, That the National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Standing Committee A.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Munitions of War Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Concres (Emergency Provisions) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill of the Civilian Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Securities (Suspension of Meetings) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of March last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House does now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 25th April 1917.

PRAYERS.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Longford Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Longford (South Longford Division), in the room of John Phillips, Esquire, deceased.—(Captain Donelan.)

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public Petitions. Vote Second Report.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Committee on Employment of Conscription Objects.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Account of Receipts and Payments in respect Land Registry for the year ended 31st March 1917.

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Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in the year ended 31st March 1917; together with the balances in the Exchequer on the 1st April 1916, the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended 31st March 1917, and the balances in the Exchequer on that day.

Ordered, that the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered; That the proceedings on any Lords' Amendments to the Parliament and Local Elections Bill that may be communicated to the House this day be not interrupted this day under the Standing Order (Sitting of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Corn Production Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out the words "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months;"

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;—The House divided,
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Edmund Talbot, 1 27)
Tellers for the Noses, (Mr. Wedgwood, 27.)

And the Question was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Parliament and Local Elections Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, that the Lords' Amendments to the Parliament and Local Elections Bill be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of this instant April, That the National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Munitions of War Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn Production Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill of the Committee on the Bill of Civilians;—

Ordered, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Society of the Committee on the Societies (Suspension of Meetings) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Bill of the Committee on the Bill of Civilian's Bill;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bank of the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill of the Committee on the Bill of Civilian's Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Question, That the House do now adjourn.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Ordered, the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Report.

Board of Education.

Petitions.

Public (Contributions from the Rates)

Education.

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Bates.)

National Health Insurance Commission and Dover South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bills.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute of the Board of Education, dated 26th April 1917, modifying the Regulations for Public Elementary Schools, 1912, in England and Wales, as already modified by the Minutes dated 4th July 1915, 24th June 1914, 25th November 1914, and 21st March 1917.

Mr. Herbert Fisher also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Infant Welfare (Grants from the Board of Education).

Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Infant Welfare (Contributions from the Rates).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 12th April 1917, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Irish Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Temporary Employment in Agriculture) (Ireland) Order, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Godfrey Baring reported the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bills, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Godfrey Baring reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at half an hour after Ten of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Eugene Wason reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. John William Wilson to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A. (in respect of the Venereal Disease Bill [Lords].)

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917-18.

Air Board.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Air Board:

Whereupon, the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod having come with a Message for the House to attend the Lords Commissioners, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas Royal Assent. Dacres Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as follows:


Then the House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Air Board:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will sit to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply (the 3rd day of March last); the Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill.

Bill be now read the third time;
Friday, 27th April 1917.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, read and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Captain Bathurst presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copies of Wheat, Rye, and Rice (Restriction) Order, 1917, and Cakes and Pastry Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper be upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the aforementioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary for Scotland—

Brough of Greensock.

Ordered, That the said Paper be upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland for the year 1916; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Munitions of War Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to proceed with the Second Reading of the Bill until the restrictions upon the freedom of employment of munition workers are removed"—(Mr. Pringle)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Munitions of War Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Munitions of War Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjourned.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being one hour after the conclusion of Government Business, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, it being then eleven minutes after Ten of the Clock, till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Saturday, 28th April 1917.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next. —(Mr. James Hope.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of this instant April, That the National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill be now read the third time;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Coroners (Emergency Provisions) Bill Coroner's (Emergency Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill,—(Mr. Pratt.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Chambers No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Laming Worthington-Evans reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Sessamine into a Committee on the Societies (Suspension of Meetings) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Chambers No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Laming Worthington-Evans reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Billeting of Civilians [Salaries and Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of salaries, remuneration, and other expenses payable under any Act of the present Session to make provision for the Billeting of persons engaged in work of national importance for the purposes of the present war. — (Sir Lewis Wigram-Evans.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Edwin Cornwall reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cheshire Lines Committee Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Mansfield Railway Bill [Lords] was read Mansfield a second time, and committed.

The South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The West Kent Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Yorkshire Registries (North Riding) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Macpherson presented, pursuant to the array, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th April 1917, defining the Duties of the Members of the Army Council.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant Metropolitan to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the Metropolitan Police and the Police Pension Funds for the year ended 31st March 1917.

Copies of Orders made under the Shops Shops Act, 1914, by the Councils of the urban—Districts, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

County of Anglesey (Urban District of Amlwch).

Borough of Saltford.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Metropolitan Police be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to Finance the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulation relating to Excess Profits Duty made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Com- mand,—Copy of Notice giving particulars of cases in which persons have been reinstated with the assistance of the Estates Commissioners during the quarter ended 31st March 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Criminal Law Amend- ment Bill, as amended in the Standing Com- mittee:—

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill, as amended, be re- committed.—(Mr. South) —And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the House proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Examination of persons sentenced to penal servitude or imprisonment or detention for sexual offences).—(Sir George Greenwood.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

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Another Clause (Amendment of 9 Edw. 7. c. 67, s. 1 (a)—(Sir George Groves)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Reasonable care against spread of disease)—(Mr. Rossiter.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Rawlinson.]
Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot.]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Institution of proceedings)—(Mr. Glyn- Jones.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time—it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause (Increase of penalty for certain offences where the offender is suffering from venereal disease in a communicable form)—(Mr. Dunbar Miller)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of principal Act)—(Mr. Albert Spicer.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Duty of person suffering from venereal disease to place himself under treatment, &c.).—(Captain Guest.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Defilement of girls under seventeen).—(Mr. Dickinson.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on the Billeting of Civilians [Salaries and Expenses];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill of the Committee on the Billeting of Civilians Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee on the Munitions of War Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of 26th April;—Resolved, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of 23rd March;—Resolved, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;—Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 8 Edw. 7, c. 67, s. 58 (1) (e) )—(Sir Rawlinson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Order, dated the 15th day of March last, for a Museum. No. 117.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented,—Return to an Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 1st May 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders Bill.

Tuesday, 1st May 1917.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, That in the case of the following Private Bills, Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:-

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of March last, for a Return relative to the British Museum.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 12th April 1917, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee acting jointly with the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Tem-
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and
the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That
the Committee had come to several Resolutions.
Ordered, That the Report be received to­
morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also
acquainted the House that he was directed to
move, That the Committee may have leave to
sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to­morrow,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving
Supplier Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of March last
a Resolution which was read as follows:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments

Class I.

1. £35,250 for the Salaries and Expenses of
Royal Palaces, to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to
defray the charge which will come in course of
payment during the year ending on the 31st day
of March 1918 for Expenditure in respect of
Royal Palaces, including a Grant in Aid.

The said Resolution being read a second
time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and
Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of March last
Resolved, That this House will, to­morrow,
resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Billi­
ing of the Report from the Committee on the Munitions of
Civilian Buildings, Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to­
morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for
the Munitions Committee on the Munitions of
Civilian Works and Expenses; Civilian Works and
Expenditure.

Ordered, That this House will, to­morrow,
resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Munitions
Committee on the Munitions of
Civilian Buildings, Report.

Ordered, That this House will, to­morrow,
resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment,
Order of the House of the 12th day of February
last, proposed the Question, That this House do
now adjourn.

And it being one hour after the conclusion of
Government Business, Mr. Speaker
adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of
the 12th day of February last, it being
then half an hour after Seven of the
clock, till to­morrow.
Wednesday, 2nd May 1917.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cork Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Magrath presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prison Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Annual Accounts of Receipts and Payments in respect of the Capital and Income of the National School Teachers (Iceland) Pension Fund for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget (1917-18).—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Mr. Baldwin accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in Scotland, in the year ended the 31st day of December 1916, in the administration of Estates and Treasure Trove on behalf of the Crown:—And of alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Heres in Scotland, administered by the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the same year.—(Mr. Balchin.)

New Member sworn.

Mr. Eugene Westen reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That in the case of the Colonial Bank [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Commons Business of the House at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. (In the Committee.)

Continuation of Duties (Customs).

1. Resolved, That the following duties of Customs, imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section seventeen of the Finance Act, 1916, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and seventeen, shall continue to be charged as from that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen (that is to say)—

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And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Continuation of Duties (Excise).

2. Resolved, That the following duties of Excise, imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1916, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and seventeen, shall continue to be charged until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen (that is to say)—

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And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Tobacco (Customs).

3. Resolved, That the additional duties of Customs on tobacco imported into Great Britain or Ireland imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section seventeen of the Finance Act, 1916, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and seventeen, shall, as from the second day of May, nineteen hundred and seventeen, be doubled; and, shall continue to be charged at the doubled rate until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
4. Resolved, That the additional duties of Excise on tobacco grown in Great Britain or Ireland, imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1916, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and seventeen, shall, as from the second day of May, nineteen hundred and seventeen, be doubled, and shall continue to be charged at the doubled rate until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Entertainments Duty (Increase of Rates).

5. Resolved, That on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and seventeen, the rates of entertainments duty shall be increased so that the rate shall be—

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And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Income Tax.

(a) Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and sixteen; (b) the like provisions shall have effect with respect to the Income Tax so charged (including Super Tax, and the said additional Income Tax) and the annual value of property as had effect with respect to the Income Tax charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and the value of property during that year; and (c) it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Income Tax (War Loan Securities).

8. Resolved, That the interest on any securities issued in connection with any Government Loan is made exempt from liability to Income Tax, but is not made exempt from liability to Super Tax, but for the purposes of Super Tax and for the purposes of any relief from Income Tax which depends on the total income from all sources, the income derived from such interest shall be treated as if the amount actually received represented net income after deduction of Income Tax at the highest current rate.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Excess Profits Duty.

9. Resolved, That—

(a) excess profits duty under Part III. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, as amended or extended by any subsequent enactment, shall, unless Parliament otherwise determines, be charged for any accounting period commencing on or after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and before the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen; and

(b) excess profits duty shall be an amount equal to eighty per centum, instead of sixty per centum, of the excess profits for any accounting period commencing on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, or, in the case of an accounting period which has commenced before that date but ends after that date, eighty per centum, instead of sixty per centum, of so much of the excess profits as may be apportioned to the part commencing on that date; and

(c) the excess mineral rights duty under section forty-three of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, as amended or extended by any subsequent enactment, shall be an amount equal to eighty per centum, instead of sixty per centum, of the excess rent for any accounting year commencing on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, or, in the case of an accounting year which has commenced before that date and ends after that date, eighty per centum, instead of sixty per centum, of so much of the excess rent as may be apportioned to the part commencing on that date; and

Excess Profits Duty (Shipping).
enactment, as to the repayment or setting off of deficiencies or losses shall not apply in relation to any deficiency or loss in any accounting period commencing on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, or, in the case of an accounting period which has commenced before that date but ends after that date, in relation to so much of the deficiency or loss as may be apportioned to the part commencing on that date. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Depletion Fund.

11. Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund such sums as may be required for the purposes of any depletion fund established in connection with any loan raised for the purposes of the present war, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow money for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Redemption Expenses.

12. Resolved, That there shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund any sums which may be required for any expenses incurred in connection with the redemption of any securities issued under the War Loan Act, 1916. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received to morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to acquaint the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

War Pensions Bill.

Resolved, That the House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the War Pensions Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant May; Ordered, That the Report be received to morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.


Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant May; Ordered, That the Report be received to morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Mr. George Roberts presented a Bill to confirm Gas and Water certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Stretford Gas, Tonbridge Gas, and Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water: And the same was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the Merchant direction of an Act of Parliament,—Account Session's 

of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Seamen's Fund Winding-up Act from 1st January to 31st December 1916. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Bathurst presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copies of Flour Mills Order, 1917, Food, and Freshwater Fish (Ireland) Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Mr. Boldwin presented—Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of April last; "That the Report be printed."

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Duke presented, by his Majesty's Command, Copy of the Annual Report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. John William Wilson reported from the Standing Committee A, to whom the Venereal Disease Bill [Lords] was referred; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to raise additional capital; to confer further powers upon that Company in connection with their undertaking, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means have precedence this day of the Business of the House. (Supply.)

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.—Business of the House (Friday sitting).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Standing Committee on Supply, who the Lords desire the concurrence of.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

The Lancashire Power Construction Company Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee on Supply.

Amendment of Law.

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue (including Excises), and to make further provision in connection with Finances.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the charge on, or the issue out of, the Consolidated Fund of any sums which may be required for the purposes of any War Loan, and of authorising the Treasury to borrow money in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Finance—(Mr. Baldwin).

Mr. Hodge, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House. Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker, and Forty Members not being present, and it being then, after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, at sixteen minutes before Ten of the clock, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day, till to-morrow.

Friday, 4th May 1917.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Munitions of War Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Munitions of War Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Billeting of Civilians Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Billeting of Civilians Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Motion of Adjournment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Billeting of Civilians Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power to billet persons engaged on work of national importance).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the words “any Government department,” in order to insert the words “the Ministry of Munitions.”—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Constitution and duties of the Central Billeting Board).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after the word “women,” to insert the words “together with representatives of the people to be directly affected by this Act”—(Mr. Anderson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 17, after the word “rules,” to insert the words “subject to the approval of the Ministry of Munitions.”—(Mr. David Mason.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Constitution and duties of local committees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, to leave out subsection (b)—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of l. 25, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmond Talbot; Yeas, Captain Guest;7] 82. Tellers for the [Mr. Pringle; Noes, Mr. Anderson;] 32.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, at the end, to insert the words “and (c) make provision for the appointment by the local municipal councils of at least two members of such body to be members of the local committee.”—(Mr. David Mason.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 2, after the word “billets,” to insert the words “but such persons, in the event of any dispute,
outrage, or offence which may be committed by
the persons billeted, to have the right to suspend
the allocation pending the settlement of such
dispute by the local committee or Central
Billeting Board.”—(Mr. David Mason.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 3, to
leave out the word “attendance.”—(Mr. Hogg.)

Question proposed, That the word “atten­
dance” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment,
by leave, withdrawn...

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 24, after
the words last added, to add the words—
“(d) the occupier of any premises upon whom
persons have been allocated to be billeted
may appeal to the Central Billeting Board
against any decision come to by the local
committee.”—(Mr. David Mason.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 4 (Duty to provide billets).
Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 2, to
leave out from the word “pounds” to the end
of the subsection.—(Mr. Hogg.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to
be left out stand part of the Clause:—
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 8, to
leave out the words “local committee,” in
order to insert the word “Board.”—(Mr.
Anderson.)

Question proposed, That the words “local
committee” stand part of the Clause:—
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, to
leave out the words “fair wear and tear
excepted.”—(Mr. Anderson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left
out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to,
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to,
Clauses No. 6 to No. 11 agreed to.

A Clause (Medical examination of persons so
billeted)—(Mr. Pringle)—brought up, and read
the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That
the Clause be read a second time:—Motion
and Question (3) of Clause 5.—(Mr.
Anderson.)

And the Question being put, That the words
proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—
it was agreed to in the Affirmative.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That the Bill be now read the third
time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Five of the clock, the Debate
stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon
Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Motions of Committees on the Munitions of War Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into
a Committee on Finance [Depreciation Fund and
Redemption Expense].

(in the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise
the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such
sums as may be required for the purposes of
any depreciation fund established in connection
with any Loan raised for the purposes of the
present war, and to authorise the Treasury to
borrow money for the issue of such sums or the
repayment thereof; and to charge on the Con­
solidated Fund any sums which may be required
for any expenses incurred in connection with the
redemption of any securities issued under the
War Loan Act, 1916.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr.
Rossitza reported, That the Committee had
come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on Corn Production [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the
Report from the Committee of Ways and Means
of the 3rd day of this instant May; Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply
Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the
Report from the Committee of Supply of the
1st day of this instant May; Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the
Report from the Committee of Supply of the
26th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Monday next.
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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 2nd day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, that the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Adjournment. Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then three minutes after Five of the clock, till Monday next.

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Monday, 7th May, 1917.

PRAYERS.

The Cork Improvement Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimate of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, 1917-18, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hodge, supported by Mr. Arthur Hender- son, Mr. Arthur Barnes, Mr. Bridges, and Mr. Malcolm, presented a Bill to amend the Trade Union Act (Amendment) Act, 1876, with respect to the amalgamation of Trade Unions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Munro, supported by the Lord Advocate, presented a Bill to prohibit the use in shops and other places in Scotland of certain Machines or mechanical contrivances by the operation of which prices or stakes in money or kind are won or lost by people resorting to such places: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 2nd day of this instant May several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

Continuation of Duties (Excise).

1. That the following duties of Excise, imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1916, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and seventeen, shall continue to be charged at the doubled rate until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen (that is to say):—

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   And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

2. That the following duties of Excise, imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1916, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and seventeen, shall continue to be charged at the doubled rate until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen (that is to say):—

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   And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

3. That the additional duties of Customs on Tobacco imported into Great Britain or Ireland (Excise) imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1916, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and seventeen, shall, as from the second day of May, nineteen hundred and seventeen, be doubled, and shall continue to be charged at the doubled rate until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

   And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

4. That the additional duties of Excise on Tobacco grown in Great Britain or Ireland (Excise), imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1916, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and seventeen, shall, as from the second day of May, nineteen hundred and seventeen, be doubled, and shall continue to be charged at the doubled rate until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

   And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

Cork Improvement Bill.

Ministry of Food.

Navy and Army Services, Warlike Operations, and other Expenditure arising out of the War, 1917-18 (Supplementary Vote). Bill No. 78.

Trade Union (Amendment) Bill. Bill No. 49.

Gambling Machines (abolished) Bill. Bill No. 40.


Continuation of Duties (Customs).

1. That the following duties of Customs, imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1916, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and seventeen, shall continue to be charged as from that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen (that is to say):—
Entertainments duty shall be increased so that the rate shall be—

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Excess Profits Duty.

9. That—

(a) excess profits duty under Part III of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, as amended or extended by any subsequent enactment, shall, unless Parliament otherwise determine, be charged for any accounting period commencing on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and before the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen; and

(b) excess profits duty shall be an amount equal to eighty per centum, instead of sixty per centum, of the excess profits for any accounting period commencing on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, or, in the case of an accounting period which has commenced before that date but ends after that date, eighty per centum, instead of sixty per centum, of so much of the excess profits as may be apportioned to the part commencing on that date; and

(c) the excess mineral rights duty under section forty-three of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, as amended or extended by any subsequent enactment, shall be an amount equal to eighty per centum, instead of sixty per centum, of the excess rent for any accounting year commencing on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, or, in the case of an accounting year which has commenced before that date but ends after that date, eighty per centum, instead of sixty per centum, of so much of the excess rent as may be apportioned to the part commencing on that date.

Excess Profits Duty (Shipping).

10. That in computing the excess profits duty excess profits duty of any trade or business deriving profits from shipping the provisions of Part III. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, or any other enactment, as to the repayment or setting off of deficiencies or losses shall not apply in relation to any deficiency or loss in any accounting period commencing on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, or, in the case of an accounting period which has commenced before that date but ends after that date, in relation to so much of the deficiency or loss as may be apportioned to the part commencing on that date.

Depreciation Fund.

11. That it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required for the purposes of any depreciation fund established in connection with any loan raised for the purposes of the present war, and to authorize the Treasury to borrow money for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof.

Redemption Expenses.

12. That there shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund any sums which may be required for expenses incurred in connection with the redemption of any securities issued under the War Loans Act, 1916.
The first Ten Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Eleventh and Twelfth Resolutions be taken into consideration tomorrow.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 3rd day of this instant May a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Amendment of Law.

That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue (including Excise), and to make further provision in connection with Finance.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution, and upon the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 2nd day of this instant May, and agreed to this day; And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Baldwin do prepare and bring in:

Bill 41.

Ways and Means (3rd May) Report.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of a new subsection to Clause 4.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 4 amended, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Mentions of a Committee on the Munitions of War Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power to extend Munitions of War Acts to work other than munitions work).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after “1916,” to insert the words “excepting section seven of the Munitions of War Act, 1915, as amended by section five of the Munitions of War Act, 1916.”—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pringle,
Yeas, { Edmund Talbot } 35.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot,
Nayes, { Captain Guest } 92.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word “establishment,” to insert the words “not including agriculture.”—(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the second word “establishment,” to insert the words “and where the Minister has made an agreement authorising such extension with the trade union or unions representing the workers affected thereby.”—(Mr. Pringle.)
Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply, Committee of Supply;—

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st May, the 1st day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Adjournment, to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 8th May 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—
Haslemere and District Gas Bill [Lords].
Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways Bill [Lords].
Hemel Hempsted Gas Bill [Lords].
Lancashire Power Construction Company Bill [Lords].
Lea Bridge District Gas Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Burgh of Edinburgh (South Division), in the room of Major the Honourable Charles Henry Lyell, who, since his Election for the said burgh, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Captain Guest.)

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Question. That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Amendment of Schedule II. of 5 & 6 Geo. V., c. 54).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 26, after the word "though," to insert the words "the words "in any readjustment of staff which may have to be effected" were omitted and."—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Watt;]
Yes, [Mr. Timothy Davies;] 25.

Nees, [Captain Guest;] 71.

An Amendment made,
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

A Clause (Reporting of differences)—
(Mr. Kellaway)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendments of s. 7 of the principal Act)—(Mr. Kellaway)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 22 of the Act of 1916)—(Mr. Pringle)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Application of s. 17 of the principal Act)—(Mr. Kellaway)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Restriction on change of piece rates in controlled establishments)—(Mr. Kellaway)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 22 of the principal Act)—(Mr. Pringle)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

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Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Corn Production [Expenses];—

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Venereal Disease Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Corn Production Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Harrow-on-the-Hill Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Levisham (Railways) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Blackpool Improvement Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bristol Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Mansfield Railway Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the North Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the West Kent Electric Power Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Yorkshire Registrars (North Riding) Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

Mr. Macpherson, supported by Mr. Forster, Military Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Brace, and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to enable His Majesty in Council to carry into effect Conventions (States) Bill, which may be made with Allied and other States to the mutual liability of His Majesty's subjects and subjects of the Allied and other States to military service: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Supply Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917-18.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £600 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Expenses of the Ministry of Munitions:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £500 be granted for the said service.—(Mr. Changy.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st May, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st May, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Union Second Reading of the Trade Union (Amalgamation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eleventh and Twelfth Resolutions which, upon the 7th day of the instant May, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 2nd day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
S GEO. V. 8th—9th May.

PRAYERS.

PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Thirty-fourth Report of the Comptroller General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Review of the Trade of India in 1915-16.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Agricultural Statistics of Ireland, with detailed Report for 1915.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Money reported from the Committee on the Sheffield United Gaslight Company Bill : That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and had corrected the same so as to make it accord with the facts proved to the Committee, and found the same, as corrected, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Corn Production (Expenses) ;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker ; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at six minutes to the hour Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 9th May 1917.

PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Review of the Trade of India in 1915-16.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Review of the Trade of India in 1915-16.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Societies (Suspension of Meetings) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage (Ramsey) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Carmarthen Bill, to confer powers on the Council of Carmarthen to provide and run omnibuses, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Kenilworth Gas Bill, to confer powers on the Kenilworth Gas Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An South Cheshire Water Bill, to confer further powers upon the South Cheshire Water Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage (Ramsey) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Kenilworth Gas Bill, to confer powers on the Kenilworth Gas Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1917-18.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £500,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1918 for general Navy and Army Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk; the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union (Amalgamation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn Production [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, ordered the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn; and the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 10th May 1917.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(House of Commons.) Copy of Home Accounts of the Government of India.

Copy of Finance and Revenue Accounts of East India the Government of India for the year 1915-16.—(Finance and Revenue.) Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to East India (Home Accounts) be printed.

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.—(Business of the House (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.) (Friday.)

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means do not intercept the debate of the House, and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And notice being taken that strangers were strangers present, Mr. Speaker put forthwith the Question, That strangers be ordered to withdraw:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the remainder of this day's Secret Session, sitting be a secret Session.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1917-18.

Resolved, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £500,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1918 for general Navy and Army Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk; the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union (Amalgamation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
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Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1917, the sum of £500,033,230 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant May ;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of April last ;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union (Amalgamation) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn Committee on Corn Production [Expenses].

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment. Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 11th May 1917.

PRAYERS.

SIR Richard Winfrey presented a Bill to Land confirm a Provisional Order under the Drainage Land Drainage Act, 1861, in the matter of a Proposed drainage district in the Parish of Order Bill. Wistow, Cavendish, and Selby, in the West Riding of the County of York : And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Munro presented a Bill to confirm a Perth School Order Bill. Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords to the Companies (Foreign Interests) Bill, with Amendments; (Foreign Interests) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Companies Companys (Foreign Interests) Bill, with Amendments; (Foreign Interests) Bill.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth :—

The Lords have agreed to the Companies (Foreign Interests) Bill, with Amendments; (Foreign Interests) Bill.

To which the Lords desire the concurrence of Interests) Bill.

Mr. Speaker presented a Bill to Land confirm a Provisional Order under the Drainage Land Drainage Act, 1861, in the matter of a Proposed drainage district in the Parish of Order Bill. Wistow, Cavendish, and Selby, in the West Riding of the County of York : And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Companies Companys (Foreign Interests) Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings on Ways and Business of Means [10th May] Report be not interrupted House (Ways and Means Report.) although opposed. — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And notice being taken that strangers were present, Mr. Speaker put forthwith the Question, That strangers be ordered to withdraw. — And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the remainder of this day's Secret Session. Sitting be a secret Session.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1917-18.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £500,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1918 for general Navy and Army Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of assurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ways and Means, 10th May.

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 10th day of this instant May a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, the sum of £500,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly do prepare and bring in a Bill.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen: And the same, after having been read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Supply, 1st May.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant May; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Supply, 20th April.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of April last; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 21st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Munitions into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Venereal Disease Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Corn Production Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 21st day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the adjournment. Order of the House of the 15th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 14th May 1917.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the South Eastern and Dover Railways Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The West Kent Electric Power Bill [Lords], was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bristol Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Haslencres and District Gas Bill [Lords]
was read a second time, and committed.

The Hennel Hampsted Gas Bill [Lords]
was read a second time, and committed.

The Lancashire Power Construction Company
Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and com- mitted.

The Lea Bridge District Gas Bill [Lords]
was read a second time, and committed.

The Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways
Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and com- mitted.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to
take into consideration the Perth School Board
Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
next-morrow.

Mr. Hughes Fisher presented a Bill to confirm
several Provisional Orders of the Local Govern- ment Board relating to Bognor, Carlisle, Lytham,
Swansea, Watford, the Ormside Joint Hospital
District, and the District of Aspatria, Silloth,
and District Joint Water Board: And the same
was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be
printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and
read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His
Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Annual Report
of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Work- shops for the year 1916.

Secretary Sir George Cave also presented,
pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parlia- ment,—Copy of Correspondence relative to the
refusal of the Secretary of State’s Certificate
under Section 17 (2) of the Police Act, 1890,
to the Tyneside Police Force, for the year
ended 29th September 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions
of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute IX
of University College, Cork, under the Irish
Universities Act, 1908.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His
Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Twenty-
seventh Annual Report of the Astronomer
Royal for Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Captain Bethart presented, by His Majesty’s
Command,—Copy of the Malta, Barley, and
Oats Restriction Order, 1917, and the Burmah
Beans and Peas Requisition Order, 1917, made
Vet. 172.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty’s British Trade
Command,—Copy of Petition of Promoters, Corporation.
Deed of Settlement, and Royal Charter of
Incorporation of the British Trade Corporation.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty’s Board of
Command,—Copies of Regulations for Secondary
Schools in Wales.

Mr. Herbert Fisher also presented, pursuant board of
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Board of Education under
the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889, Education
for the year 1915.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table; and that the Paper relative to the Board of
Education (Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889) be printed.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill was, Consolidated
according to Order, read a second time, and
committed to a Committee of the whole House
for to-morrow.

Lord Edward Talbot reported from the Com- mittee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant
May several Resolutions; which were read, and
follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments
Estimates, 1917–18.

Class II.

1. That a sum not exceeding £91,150 be Works and
granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum Public
necessary to defray the charge which will come office of
in course of payment during the year ending
on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries
and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners
of His Majesty’s Works and Public Buildings.

Class I.

2. That a sum not exceeding £9,400 be Osborne,
granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum
necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for
Expenditure in respect of Osborne.

3. That a sum not exceeding £53,700 be Royal Parks
granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum
necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for
Expenditure in respect of the Royal Parks and
Pleasure Gardens.

4. That a sum not exceeding £39,600 be Houses of
granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum
necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for
Expenditure in respect of Houses of Parliament
Buildings.

5. That a sum not exceeding £25,400 be Miscellaneous
granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum
necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for
Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal
Buildings.
The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Cora Production [Expenses].
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply. Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant Adjournment, to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 15th May 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions (Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

London County Council (Money) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Kenilworth Gas Bill [Lords].
Beds and Maches Urban District Council Bill [Lords].
North Cheshire Water Bill [Lords].
Caerphilly Urban District Council Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The Perth School Board Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ministry of Food.

Captain Rathurst presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, authorising Local Authorities in England and Wales to prosecute offences before Courts of Summary Jurisdiction.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Bill. [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Chepstow Water Bill.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Chepstow Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company (Railways) Bill.

Mr. Mooney reported from the Committee on the Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company (Railways) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Aluminium Corporation Bill [Lords].

Mr. Mooney reported the Aluminium Corporation Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill.

Bill 48.

Sir Albert Stanley, supported by Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. George Roberts, presented a Bill to provide for the disclosure of certain particulars respecting the Directors of Companies; and it was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Representation of the People.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to parliamentary and local government franchises and the registration of parliamentary and local government electors, and the conduct of elections, and to provide for the redistribution of seats at parliamentary elections, and for other purposes connected therewith.—(Mr. Secretary Lang); Vol. 172.

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief Mr. Speaker made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11.

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Secretary Sir George Cave, Mr. Secretary Long, Mr. Mewes, Mr. Duke, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Bruce do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Secretary Long accordingly presented a Representation Bill to amend the Law with respect to parliamentary and local government franchises and the registration of parliamentary and local government electors, and the conduct of elections, and to provide for the redistribution of seats at parliamentary elections, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Consolidated into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to General take into consideration the Venereal Disease Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Consent of Attorney General).—(Mr. Rawlinson.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time.—It passed in the Negative

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Obligation to consult a doctor).—(Mr. Rawlinson.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time.—It passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 14, by leaving out from the word "or" to the end of Clause 2, and inserting the words "any bona fide medical and pharmaceutical publication or pharmaceutical trade list"—(Mr. Rawlinson)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lords.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Union (Amalgamation) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Amalgamation of unions).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, after the word "question," to insert the words "provided that not less than fifty per cent. of the members of such trade union take part in the vote."—(Mr. Rawlinson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "unions," the words "in any industry."—(Mr. Peto.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

Prayers.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Local Government Orders Bill was, according to Order, read for the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. George Roberts presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill, 1882 to 1909, relating to Epsom Rural District (Extension); Featherstone, Garforth, Horbury, Osley, Penistone, and Rawdon: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public Petitions, No. 20, to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixteenth Annual General Report of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, for the year for Ireland, 1915-16.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Public Trustee, Majesty's Command,—Copy of Ninth General Annual Report of the Public Trustee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Representation Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Appointment of the People of Commissioners for the Representation of the People Bill, Redistribution of Seats, Boundary Commission (England and Wales), Copy of Letter from the Prime Minister Ireland, regarding Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Debate on the Amendment to the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant May, That the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill be now read a second time, be resumed to-morrow.

Sir William Middlebrook reported from the Local Legislation Committee; That in the case Legislation Committee, Ebbow Vale Urban District Council Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Dr. Macnamara, supported by Sir Edward Royal Naval Carson and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Volunteer Bill to extend during the present war the terms of service of members of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
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The Order of the day being read, for the
Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House welcomes the declaration of the new democratic Government of Russia, respecting all proposals for imperialistic conquest and aggression, and calls on His Majesty’s Government to issue a similar declaration on behalf of the British democracy, and to join with the Allies in restating the Allied terms in conformity with the Russian declaration” (Mr. Snowden), instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—And a Debate arising thereupon; Lord Robert Cecil rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Lord Edward Talbot, 238. Yeas, (Captain Guest:]
Tellers for the [Mr. Lees Smith, 32. Noes, (Mr. Joscott:]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Levinstein (Railways) Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Mansfield Railway Bill [Lords] was Mansfield read the third time and passed, with Amendment.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendment.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Yorkshire Registrars (North Riding) Bill Yorkshire [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendment.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barrow-in-Furness Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Blackpool Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir Richard Winfrey presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Land Drainage Act, 1914, relating to the Swaffham and Boston Drainage District, in the County of Cambridge: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Sir Richard Winfrey presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Land Drainage Act, 1861, in the matter of a proposed drainage district in the Parish of Ewerby, in the County of Lincoln (Kesteven Division): And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Report of the Departmental Committee on Juvenile Education in relation to Employment after the War. Volume II. Summaries of Evidence and Appendices.

Mr. Herbert Fisher also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 10th May 1917, made under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lang presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Extracts from Minutes of Proceedings and Papers laid before the Imperial War Conference, 1917. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Anderson, Member for the Attercliffe Division of Sheffield, rose in his place and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the failure of the Ministry of Munitions to negotiate in the present dispute in the engineering trades, and the consequence of such failure on the prolongation of the strike; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, till a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock this evening.

New Members sworn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Church Lands, in the Parish of Saint Thomas, in the City of Bristol: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Essex and Herts Clergy Charity, in the Counties of Essex and Hertford: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity called or known as the Birmingham Churches Fund, in the City of Birmingham: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of certain Charities: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity consisting of the Presbyterian Church, in Victoria Street, in the ancient Township of Crook, in the ancient Parish of Brancaster, in the County of Durham: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of certain Charities: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Mr. Speaker in the Chair.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917-18. Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £283,923 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and subordinate Departments:—

Whereupon, the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod having come with a Message for the House to attend the Lords Commissioners, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas Royal Assent, Dacres Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Essex and Herts Clergy Charity, in the Counties of Essex and Hertford: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.
Monday, 21 May 1917.

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The Aluminium Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company (Railways) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Chepstow Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield United Gaslight Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Bodmin and Mawgan Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Caerphilly Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Kenilworth Gas Bill [Lords] was read a Kenilworth Gas Bill [Lords].
The London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The North Cheshire Water Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Duke presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Urban District of Lisburn : And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Addison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Munitions (Tribunals) (Scotland) Amendment Rules, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendment of Rule 2 (1) of Regulations for Examinations for the Civil Service of India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Munitions (Tribunals) (Scotland) Amendment Rules, 1917.

Copy of the Munitions (Tribunals) (Ireland) Amendment Rules, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Bathurst presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the use of Police Dogs in Prisoners' Camps in Germany.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "persons," to insert the words "if enclosed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendment of Rule 2 (1) of Regulations for Examinations for the Civil Service of India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Third Annual Report of the General Board of Control for Scotland under the Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1915.

Copy of the Appointment of Commissioners for the Representation of the People Bills, Redistribution of Seats, Boundary Commission (Scotland), and Instructions to the Commissioners.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixty-first Report of His Majesty's Civil Service Commissioners. Estimate of the amount required in the year ending 31st March 1918 for the Salary of the Vice-Chairman of the Statutory Committee of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed.

Mr. Illingworth, pursuant to the Post Office directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post Amendment (No. 81) Warrant, 1917, dated 24th February 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Addison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendment of Rule 2 (1) of Regulations for Examinations for the Civil Service of India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(The Prime Minister)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Lord Edward Talbot rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question put anon be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House do now adjourn:—It passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Companies (Foreign Interests) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself sitting into a Committee on the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Prohibition of use in shops, &c. of machines or mechanical contrivances for the purpose of games, &c. played for prize or stake).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "rooms," to insert the words "trancas."—(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That the word "trancas" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "persons," to insert the words "if enclosed.

—(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "persons," to insert the words "under fifteen years of age."—(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "kind," to insert the words "of more than twenty times the value of the money staked."—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Representation of the People Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill, Second Reading of the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Munitions of War Bill, War Bill as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

Another Amendment made.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out the word "twenty-five," in order to insert the word "five."—(Mr. Watt.)

Question proposed, That the word "twenty-five" stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill—(Dr. Meredith.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Clause No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Corn Production [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Definient of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Corn Production Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Tuesday, 22nd May 1917.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That is the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable therein have been complied with, viz.:—

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That is the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

Land Drainage (Wistow) Provisional Order Bill. Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill. Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The Barrow-in-Furness Corporation Water Bill was read the third time and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Blackpool Improvement Bill was read the third time and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Elbow Vale Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented a Bill to confirm certain Provincial Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Lowestoft and the Bridport Joint Hospital District: And the same was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. George Roberts presented a Bill to confirm certain Provincial Orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1891, relating to Brownies Taing and Kirkcibben: And the same was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Church Lands (Bristol, Saint Thomas) Charity Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Essex and Herts Clergy Charity Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Birmingham Churches Fund Charity Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Congregational Chapels Charity Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Presbyterian Church (Crook) Charity Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
THE House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for the Provisional Orders for the Construction of the Gas and Water System in the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill [Lords] ; and agreed to the said Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Haslemere and District Gas Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Hemel Hempsted Gas Bill [Lords], from the Committee on the Hemel Hempsted Gas Bill with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Lancashire Power Construction Company Bill [Lords], with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Lea Bridge District Gas Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The proceedings on consideration of the Lords' Amendments to the Bill for the Provisional Orders for the Construction of the Civilian Drainage System in the Land Drainage (Winton) Provisional Order Bill were, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Representation of the People Bill be now read a second time;
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Chepstow Water Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Sheffield United Gaslight Company Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Public Petition was presented, and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the undermentioned Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

City of Chester.

Borough of Huntingdon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 26 (Glasgow, No. 17) (Foundation of Marshall Chair of Modern Languages), of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by Captain Thomas Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Venereal Disease Act, 1916 [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to several Acts thereto annexed; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:


2. Companies (Foreign Interests) Act, 1917.


5. Provisional Order (Marriages) Confirmation Act, 1917.


10. Aluminium Corporation (Conversion of Shares) Act, 1917.

The Question was again proposed, That the Finance Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday the 4th day of June next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Representation of the People Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Law Amendment Bill; 
Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for considering the Corn Production Bill, as amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill be now read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for considering the Corn Production Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of expenses payable under any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to Parliamentary and Local Government Franchises, and the Regulation of Parliamentary and Local Government Elections, and the conduct of Elections — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer); 
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the substance of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House. 
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the adjournment ordered of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 25th May 1917.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of Speaker's absence from this day's Sitting:—Whereupon Mr. Whitley, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Ebbw Vale Urban District Council Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public Petition.

Ordered, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1909, Special Report by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1909, stating the grounds on which they have dispensed with the consent of the Urban District Council of the Maidens and Coombe to the breaking up of certain roads in the urban district for the purposes of the Epsom Rural District Electric Lighting (Extension) Provisional Order, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Bathurst presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command, — Copies of Beans, Peas, and Pulse Food (Requisition) Order, 1917, and Sugar (Restriction) Order (No. 9), 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldara presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report Harbours of the Ashford Harbour Commissioners and Abstract of Accounts for 1918.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Board of Education for the year 1915-16.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mepham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Interim and Final Reports of the Army Council (Halakite Shoyu).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn till the 3th day of June next.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer) — And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; (S.O. Closure of Debate.)

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the,[ 1. Mr. Guest: Mr. Anderson, 2. Mr. Pringle: Mr. Edmund Talbot; ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the,[ 1. Captain Guest: Mr. Anderson, 2. Mr. Pringle: Mr. Edmund Talbot; ]

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the,[ 1. Mr. Guest: Mr. Edmund Talbot, 2. Mr. Pringle: Mr. Anderson; ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

Tuesday, 5th June 1917.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The following Paper, presented by His Parliamentary Majesty's Command during the Whitsuntide recess, was delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Recess, pursuant to Standing Order No. 85:

Copy of the Public Meals Order, 1917, as amended by the Public Meals Order, No. 2, 1917, the Oats and Maize Products (Retail Prices) Order, No. 2, 1917, the Sugar (Restriction) Order, 1917, as amended by the Sugar (Restriction) Orders, Nos. 2 and 3, 1917, and General Licence, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, determining the maximum number of Superintendents of Examinations to be appointed in 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Pemberton Billing, Member for East Adjournment Hertfordshire, rose in his place and asked leave of the House, to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the recent enemy aerial plane raids and the lack of an adequate offensive traffic to prevent the same; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and less than Forty Members having accordingly risen, the House proceeded to the Orders of the day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply (18th allotted [by])

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917-18.

Revenue Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £13,480,310 be granted to His Majesty to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £13,480,310 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Watson Rutherford):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Representation of the People.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Finance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Representation of the People Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Representation of the People Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Military Service Bill (Conventions with Allied States) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Companies (Preliminary) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Corporation Production [Expenses] Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Corn Production [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Corporation Production Bill [Lords]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Corn Production Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Munitions of War Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation Committee on the Representation of the People [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Adjournment, the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 6th June 1917.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Colonial Bank Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Captain Bathurst presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command, — Copies of Cheese (Regulations) Order, 1917, and Meat (Sales) Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the representation Committee on the Representation of the People Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill that they have power to divide the Bill into two Bills, one dealing with the redistribution of seats at parliamentary elections and the other dealing with the amendment of the Law with respect to the parliamentary and local government electors, the conduct of elections, and other purposes connected therewith; and that they have power to report the first Bill to the House before the other is proceeded with—

(Sir Frederick Banbury);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the (Sir Frederick Banbury), Yes; (Sir Francis Lowe), 65.

Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot), No; (Captain Grant), 217.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Parliamentary franchises (men)).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "man," to insert the words "who has attained the age of twenty years."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "has," to insert the words "is of full age and not subject to any legal incapacity and."—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment, put, and agreed to.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, to leave out the beginning of l. 10 to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "is entitled to be registered as a local government elector in respect of a lands and premises in that constituency."—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

Question, That the words "has the requisite" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, after the word "requisite," to insert the words "occupation or."—(Colonel Sandars.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out the word "premises."—(Major Newman.)

Question, That the word "premises" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words "or (c) in the owner of any land or premises of the annual value of five pounds or upwards."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Yeas, | Mr. Ronald McNeill 35-
               | Noes, | Captain Guest 226.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the words "or business."—(Mr. Marten.)

Question proposed, That the words "or business" stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Ronald McNeill.)

Question, That the word "must" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, after the word "must," to insert the words "except for good and sufficient reason."—(Major Newman.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to leave out the words "on the last day of the qualifying period be," in order to insert the words "for the last thirty days of the qualifying period have been."—(Mr. Ronald McNeill.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Military the Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Military Service (Scotland) Bill (Conventions with Allied States) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Second Reading of the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Gaming into consideration the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 4th day of this instant June;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn Production Committee on Corn Production [Expense];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation Committee on Representation of the People [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Ordered the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Thursday, 7th June 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Mauze presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Lanarkshire County Council (Water, &c.): And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Supplementary List of persons, firms, and companies as to whom Orders have been made under Section 1 (1) of the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty’s Command, — Copy of Thirteenth Report of the Inspector’s (Water, &c.) Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, to leave out the words “in premises.”—(Major Nevanus.)

Ordered, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Consolidated Rules made by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland and County Court Judges under the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1896.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Twentieth Annual Report of the Public Works Loan Board, for 1916-17, with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means informed the House that the Local Legislation Committee not being appointed to meet till Tuesday next, one of the parties opposing the Sheffield Corporation Bill, which is set down for consideration on Tuesday next by the Local Legislation Committee, had appeared before him and proved that the evidence of Hector Maclean Wilson, Chief Inspector of the West Riding of Yorkshire Rivers Board, Wakefield, was essential to their case, and that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House.

Ordered, That the said Hector Maclean Wilson do attend the Local Legislation Committee on Tuesday next, at half an hour after Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Representation of the People Bill and the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Parliamentary franchises (men)).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to leave out the words “on the last day of the qualifying period.” —(Major Nevanus.)

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Question put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out the words “in premises.” —(Major Nevanus.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, after the words last inserted, to insert the words “For the purpose of this section a limited liability company shall be deemed to be the occupier of premises, and the board of directors of any such company may select not more than two representatives to be registered for such premises, provided the yearly value of the premise, if divided between the selected persons, shall be not less than ten pounds each.” —(Mr. George Trevelth.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, after the words last inserted, to insert the words “For the purpose of this section a limited liability company shall be deemed to be the occupier of premises, and the board of directors of any such company may select not more than two representatives to be registered for such premises, provided the yearly value of the premise, if divided between the selected persons, shall be not less than ten pounds each.” —(Mr. George Trevelth.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, after the word “expression,” to insert the words “in premises.”—(Colonel Sanders.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “provision,” in l. 4, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, to leave out from the beginning of the end of l. 8.—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “provision,” in l. 4, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, to leave out from the word “of” to the end of l. 16, in order to insert the words “two or more persons, one such person shall be entitled to be registered in respect of such premises for each clear ten pounds rateable value thereof.” —(Major Nevanus.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Major Nevanus, Noes, Mr. Peto):

Yeas, Mr. Beck : 177.

Nees, Mr. Peto : 30.
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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words "Provided always that not more than five persons shall be entitled to be registered in respect of the joint occupation of the same premises."—(Mr. Muldoon.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out ls. 17 to 21. —(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "is," in p. 2, l. 17, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Beek, Yea, Lord Edward Talbot ; ] 152.

Tellers for the [Sir Frederick Banbury, Nogs, Major Hunt ; ] 20.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, to leave out the words "in a parliamentary county."—(Mr. Dunstan White.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, at the end, to add the words "No person shall be registered as a parliamentary elector in respect of more than one qualification in the same constituency."—(Mr. Dickinson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Beek, Yea, Mr. James Hope; ] 184.

Tellers for the [Major Hunt, Nogs, Sir Frederick Banbury ; ] 14.

Class No. 2 (University franchise (men)).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 24, after the second word "degree," to insert the words "or holds for the time being the office of principal or professor."—(Sir Christopher Johnson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 25, at the end, to add the words "Provided that no man shall be entitled under this section to be registered in respect of more than one university."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn Committee on Corn Production (Expenses);

Production Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation Committee on Representation of the People (Expenses);

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the adjournment.

Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 8th June 1917.

Prayers.

M. Beetham presented, by His Majesty's Milk
M. Command.—Copy of Interim Report of
the Departmental Committee appointed by the
President of the Board of Agriculture and
Fisheries on the Production and Distribution
of Milk.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions
appointed of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Rate under Section
Minutes of Examination, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming military
the Debate on the Amendment proposed to be
made to the Question proposed upon the 15th
day of May last, That the Military Service (Ireland) Bill be now
read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months;

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House resumed the Debate.

Secretary Sir George Cave rose in his place
claimed to move, That the Question be now
put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot, Yeas, Captain Guest : 151,
 Tellers for the Mr. Whitehouse, Noses, Mr. Lascelles Smith : 16.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot, Yeas, Captain Guest : 150,
 Tellers for the Mr. Whitehouse, Noses, Mr. Lascelles Smith : 19.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Wednesday next.—(Mr. Macpherson.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Henson Humped Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire Power Construction Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lea Bridge District Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Colonial Bank Bill [Lords] was read a Colonial Bank second time, and committed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st June 1917; as to the application of the Contribution in the Local War Loans of Fiji, Mauritius, and Straits Settlements by His Majesty's Government.
Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of provisional regulations, dated 8th June 1917, made by the National Health Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Amendment Regulations, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Reports for Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Motor Car Act, 1903, dated 5th June 1917, inter alia, partially rescinding the Motor Cars (Prohibition on certain highways) (County of Cornwall) Order, 1917.

Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Shops Act, 1912, of the undermentioned Board of Education.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order by the Secretary for Scotland under the Shops Act, 1915, dated 6th June 1917, inter alia, partially rescinding the Motor Car Act (Prohibition on certain highways) (County of Ayr) (District of Ayrshire) Order, 1917.

Granting of passports to the honourable Member for Leicester and the honourable Member for West Bradford to visit Russia; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen, the Motion stood over, wider Standing Order No. 10, till a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock this evening.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves of the instructions appended to the warrants appointing Commissioners to determine, for the purposes of the Representation of the People Bill, the number of Members to be assigned to the several counties and boroughs and divisions thereof:—(Mr. Herbert Jessel.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That those words be there added;—It was resolved in the Affective. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, after the words last added, the words "Provided also that it be an instruction to the Boundary Commissioners shall act on the assumption that proportional representation is not adopted."—(Mr. Salter.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;—It was resolved in the Affective.

And a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, and leave having been given to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That that House do now adjourn:—(Mr. George Terrell).—Is passed in the Negative.

And the Motion carried.

The postponed proceeding on the Amendment to the Question, That this House approves of the instructions appended to the warrants appointing Commissioners to determine, for the purposes of the Representation of the People Bill, the number of Members to be assigned to the several counties and boroughs in England and Wales and in Scotland, respectively, and the boundaries of such counties and boroughs and divisions thereof:—Provided that the Commissioners may depart from the strict application of these instructions in any case where it would result in the formation of constituencies inconvenient in size or character, or where the narrowness of margin between the figure representing the estimated population of any area and the figure required for any of the purposes of these instructions seem to them to justify such a departure:—Provided also that it be an instruction to the Boundary Commissioners to have regard to electorate rather than population where it appears that the proportion of electorate to population is abnormal.—(Mr. James Maction.)

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "except in boroughs entitled on a basis of population to return three or more Members."—(Major Newman.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the said proposed Amendment—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Representation of the People Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Representation of the People [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of money to be provided by Parliament, of the expenses of returning officers, and of part of the expenses connected with registration, under any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to parliamentary and local government franchises and the registration of parliamentary and local government electors, and the conduct of elections, and of the remuneration and travelling allowances of assistant judges appointed in pursuance of such Act.—(Secretary Sir George Cates.)

Whereupon Motion read, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir Frederic Banbury), put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir George Cave.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Infant Welfare (Contributions from the Rates), which was presented upon the 26th day of April last, be printed. No. 86.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Infant Welfare (Contributions from the Rates), which was presented upon the 26th day of April last, be printed. No. 87.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's British Trade Command, —Copy of Form of Declaration in Corporation, regard to the Charter which the British Trade Corporation is prepared to give under its seal, and Copy of Extract from Minutes passed at Board of the Corporation on the 8th June 1917, in reference to Clause 135 of the Deed of Settlement.
8 Geo. V. 12th June.

Sir Albert Stanley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Board of Trade on account of Seamen’s Savings Banks under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1884, during the year ended 20th November 1915, and of the interest thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Explosives. Secretary Sir George Cane presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Forty-first Annual Report of His Majesty’s Inspectors of Explosives, for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute made under the University of London Act, 1898, by the Senate, of the University of London, No. 921 (East Africa Protectorate, Report for 1915-16).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Cave presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 921 (East Africa Protectorate, Report for 1915-16).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ginnell, Member for West Meath, rose adjournment in his place and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House to tomorrow of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the prolonged incarceration of Irish political prisoners in England under sentences of secret courts-martial in solitary confinement in unventilated cells in hot weather, the brutality of chaining them in groups on transfer from place to place, the denial of their right of communicating with their friends, and the refusal to allow independent medical inspection of their condition; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and less than Forty Members having accordingly risen, the House proceeded to the Orders of the day.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation Bill [Lords.], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Kentish Town Savings Banks. and the Kenilworth Gas Bill [Lords.], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported London County Council (Money) Bill, County Rates, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Edward Carson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statement of the sum required to be voted in Order to make good excesses of Navy Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ended 31st March 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Conservators of the River Medway for the year ending 5th March 1917.

Copy of Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of His Majesty’s Paymaster General, for business of the Supreme Court of Judicature which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Second Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of His Majesty’s Paymaster General for business of the Supreme Court of Judicature which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the net Income and Expenditure of British India, under certain specified heads, for the three years from 1913-14 to 1915-16 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 85 of Session 1915.—(Sir Herbert Roberts.)

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Land Drainage (Wistow) Provisional Order Bill. That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with certain Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation Bill [Lords.], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Money) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation Bill [Lords.], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.
And which Amendment to the proposed Amendment was, after the word "shall," to insert the words "except in boroughs existed on a basis of population to return three or more Members;"

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted in the said proposed Amendment:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That the words "Provided also that in carrying out those instructions the Commissioners shall act on the assumption that proportional representation is not adopted" be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir Thomas Whitaker) 149.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Aneurin Williams) 141.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, after the words last added, the words "Provided also that the number of Members for Scotland shall be retained as at present."—(Mr. Eugene Waus.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, after the words last added, the words "Provided also that the Commissioners shall have power when regrouping boroughs to extend such grouping to boroughs in contiguous counties."—(Sir George Younger.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The Amendment to the proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, by leaving out the word "contiguous," and inserting the word "different."—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "contiguous" stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:

The House proceeded to a Division, and Captain Guest and Mr. James Hope were named as Tellers for the Yeas; but there being no Member willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Yeas had it.

And the Main Question, so amended, being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation Committee on the Representation of the People of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Land Drainage (Wistow) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Land Drainage (Ewerby) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Land Drainage (Swaffham) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Wednesday, 13th June 1917.

P R A Y E R S.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Land Drainage (Wistow) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Land Drainage (Ewerby) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Land Drainage (Swaffham) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.
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The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Oxford (Southern or Henley Division), in the room of Major Valentine Fleming, killed in action.—(Mr. James Hope.)

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented.—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to East India (Income and Expenditure).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Rowlatt be a Member of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms).—(Mr. James Hope.)

Ordered, That Sir Robert Balfour be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis Hasham be added to the Committee.—(Captain Guest.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Corn Production [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of expenses incurred by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under any Act of the present Session for encouraging the production of Corn, and for purposes connected therewith, and by any other department or body to which any powers or duties are entrusted in pursuance of such Act.—(Mr. Prothero.)

Amendment proposed, after the word "expenses," to insert the words "not exceeding two million pounds in any one year."—(Major Godfrey Collins.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Major Godfrey Collins, 
Yea, | Mr. Tyson Wilson : 34.

Tellers for the | Captain Guest, 
Noes, | Mr. James Hope : 185.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "Provided that the total sum that may be expended by the Board of Agriculture or any other department for the taking over and cultivating any land shall not exceed half a million pounds."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Sir Frederick Banbury, 
Yea, | Mr. Molteno : 25.

Tellers for the | Captain Guest, 
Noes, | Mr. James Hope : 199.

Main Question again proposed:— Debate arising;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Captain Guest, 
Yea, | Mr. James Hope : 186.

Tellers for the | Commander Wedgwood, 
Noes, | Mr. Pringle : 26.

Question put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Captain Guest, 
Yea, | Mr. James Hope : 186.

Tellers for the | Commander Wedgwood, 
Noes, | Mr. Anderson : 21.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of expenses incurred by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under any Act of the present Session for encouraging the production of Corn, and for purposes connected therewith, and by any other department or body to which any powers or duties are entrusted in pursuance of such Act.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill; S.Q. and Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill; S.Q. and Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; S.Q. and Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wears Committee of Ways and Means; S.Q. and Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wears Committee of Ways and Means; S.Q. and Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Thursday, 14th June 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

**Land Drainage (Wistow) Provisional Order Bill.**

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Homebaked Gas Bill (Lords) was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Lancashire Power Construction Company Bill (Lords) was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Lea Bridge District Gas Bill (Lords) was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That Mr. William Nicholson be a Member of the Committee of Selection.—(Sir Daniel Goddard.)

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cole presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament to inquire into the operations in Mesopotamia.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Fugitive Offenders Acts, 1881 and 1915, dated 13th June 1917, adding the States of Sarawak and Trenggana to the Schedule of the Stratas Settlements and Protected States Fugitive Offenders Order in Council, 1915.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House being told by Mr. Speaker, and Forty Members being present, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Corn Production [Expenses]:

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 15th June 1917.

PRAYERS.

The Lancashire County Council (Water, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.
Monday, 18th June 1917.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kentworth Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee on Corn Production [Expenses] a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of expenses incurred by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under any Act of the present Session for encouraging the production of Corn, and for purposes connected therewith, and by any other department or body to which any powers or duties are entrusted in pursuance of such Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That so much of Standing Order 91 as fixes Five as the quorum of the Select Committee on Standing Orders be read and suspended.

Ordered, That for the remainder of the Session Three be the quorum of the Committee, (Mr. Vaughan-Davies.)

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee on Corn Production [Expenses] a Resolution;

That for the remainder of the Session Three be the quorum of the Committee, (Mr. Vaughan-Davies.)

Ordered, That so much of Standing Order 91 as fixes Five as the quorum of the Select Committee on Standing Orders be read and suspended.

Ordered, That the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-fourth (Scotland.) Annual Report by the Accountant for Scotland to the Scottish Education Department.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—

Copy of Rules, dated 24th May 1917, made under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, as to the investment and transfer of money paid into Court.

Copy of Rules, dated 24th May 1917, entitled Grand Jurors the Grand Jurors (Suspension) Act, 1917 (Suspension) Rules.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—

Copy of Rules, dated 24th May 1917,
Air Reprisals. viz., the desirability of the Government commencing a policy of air reprisals over enemy country without delay, and instituting a reasoned system of warning; but the pressure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and less than Forty Members but not less than Ten having accordingly risen, and a Division being claimed;

And the Question being put, That leave be given to move, that this House do now adjourn; the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; 210. The Noes to the Left; 17. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. George Terrell; Mr. Arnold Ward; 17. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hope; Mr. Bech; 25. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of this instant June, and amended upon the 11th and 12th days of this instant June, that this House approves of the representation of the People Bill, the number of Members to be assigned to the several counties and boroughs in England and Wales and in Scotland, respectively, and the boundaries of such counties and boroughs and divisions thereof: Provided that the Commissioners may depart from the strict application of these instructions in any case where it would result in the formation of constituencies inconvenient in size or character, or where the narrowness of margin between the figure representing the estimated population of any area and the figure required for any of the purposes of these instructions seem to them to justify such a departure: Provided also that it be an instruction to the Boundary Commissioners to have regard to electorate rather than population where it appears that the proportion of electorate to population is abnormal: Provided also that in carrying out these instructions the Commissioners shall set on the assumption that proportional representation is not adopted: Provided also that the Commissioners shall have power when regrouping boroughs to extend such grouping to boroughs in contiguous counties; and the Question being again proposed. — The Question put, and negatived. — The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, after the words last added, the words "Provided also that in carrying out these instructions the Commissioners shall act on the assumption that the word "borough" shall include divisions of existing boroughs."—(Mr. Gilbert.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It passed in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, after the words last added, the words "Provided also that nothing in the instructions shall prevent the Commissioners giving special consideration to small counties, and, if they cannot be conveniently grouped with similar counties, continuing their separate representation."—(Colonel Greatheed.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It passed in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House approves of the instructions appended to the warrants appointing Commissioners to determine, for the purposes of the Representation of the People Bill, the number of Members to be assigned to the several counties and boroughs in England and Wales and in Scotland, respectively, and the boundaries of such counties and boroughs and divisions thereof: Provided that the Commissioners may depart from the strict application of these instructions in any case where it would result in the formation of constituencies inconvenient in size or character, or where the narrowness of margin between the figure representing the estimated population of any area and the figure required for any of the purposes of these instructions seem to them to justify such a departure: Provided also that it be an instruction to the Boundary Commissioners to have regard to electorate rather than population where it appears that the proportion of electorate to population is abnormal: Provided also that in carrying out these instructions the Commissioners shall set on the assumption that proportional representation is not adopted: Provided also that the Commissioners shall have power when regrouping boroughs to extend such grouping to boroughs in contiguous counties.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill. 

(Class No. 2 (University franchise (men))).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 25, at the end, to add the words "Provided that no man shall be entitled under this section to be registered in respect of more than one university.

Question again proposed, That those words be there added:—The Question put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 27, after the word "area," to insert the words "in England and Wales."—(Mr. MacCallum Scott.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 30, to leave out the word "premises," in order to insert the words "of the yearly value of not less than five pounds."—(Colonel Leslie Wilson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that a man, though he may have been occupying land or premises in the area on the last day of the qualifying period, shall not be entitled to be so registered, if he commenced to occupy the said land or premises within thirty days before the end of the qualifying period, unless, on claiming to be so registered, he satisfies the registration officer that he has continued in occupation of the said land or premises for thirty days from the time he commenced such occupation."—(Mr. Ronald M'Neill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, to leave out from the second word "house" to the end of the Clause.—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question proposed, That the word "person" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 32, to leave out the word "three," in order to insert the word "four."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question proposed, That the word "three" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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(a) some person must, during the said qualifying period, have been rated to all poor rates made in respect of the qualifying property; and

(b) all sums due in respect of the qualifying property on account of any poor rate made and allowed during the twelve months immediately preceding the twenty-fourth day of June in the case of the spring register, and the twenty-fourth day of January in the case of the autumn register, must have been paid on or before the fifteenth day of January and the fifteenth day of July respectively."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

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Question proposed, That the word "person" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made. 
8 GEO. V. 18th—19th June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Revised, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Resolved, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Corn Production Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Confirmation of Executors (War Service) (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjournment.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(T. in the Committee.)

Clause No. 4 (Franchise (women)). Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 1, to leave out subsections (1) and (2).—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, in the word "she," in l. 3, stand part of the Clause:— Debate rising;

Secretary Sir George Case rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put accordingly.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Hope; Mr. MacCallum Scott.

Tellers for the Nays, Mr. Dickinson; Mr. Arnold Ward.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. MacCallum Scott; Mr. Dickinson.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to take his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation Committee on Representation of the People (Expense):

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to Naval and the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 13th June, 1891, made under the Merchant Shipping Act, Shipping and fishing Tonnage Act, 1894, relating to Seamen’s Lodging Houses in the County of London.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directo-iores of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 16th June, 1917, directing the application of moneys received by the Board of Trade, in the year ended 31st March, 1917, in respect of the rights and interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Clare (East Clare Division), in the room of Major William Hoey Kearney Redmond, deceased, for whom a Writ was issued in action.—(Mr. Patrick O’Brien.)
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Confirmation of Executors (War Service) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, till to-morrow.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, till to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means, pursuant to the Standing Orders, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Representation of the People Bill, if under discussion the House is proceeded with under the Standing Orders, ought to be dispensed with.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 4 (Franchises (women)).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 3, to leave out the words "has attained the age of thirty years, and,"—(Mr. Peto.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "thirty," stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Beok, Yea, Mr. James Hope : 291.

Tellers for the (Mr. Peto, No, Sir Joseph Larmor : 312.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 4, to leave out from the beginning to the end of l. 6, in order to insert the words "has the qualification which is required for a man under section one."—(Mr. Ruslaman.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "land," in l. 5, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, to leave out the words "land or premises," in order to insert the words "the occupation of a dwelling-house or of land or premises of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds."—(Sir George Younger.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, to leave out the words "or is the wife of a husband entitled to be so registered."—(Mr. Peto.)
8 GEO. V. 20th—21st June.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out of the word "so," to the end of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 6, to leave out the word "so,"—(Mr. Peto.)

Question, That the words "so, as" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 6, to leave out the words "in respect of the occupation of premises,"—(Mr. Maudsley.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, to leave out from the word "man" to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "or where she is the wife of a man entitled to be so registered,"—(Mr. Charles Roberts.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas",—Sir Edward Goulburn; 234.

Tellers for the "Nay",—Sir Robert Williams; 17.

Clause No. 5 (Special provisions for persons serving on war service).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 18, to leave out from the word "person" to the end of l. 21, in order to insert the words "who is of full age and not subject to any legal incapacity, and who is serving on full pay as a member of any of the naval or military forces of the Crown, shall be entitled to be registered as a parliamentary elector for any constituency for which he would have had the necessary residence qualification but for such service: Provided that—

(a) Any such person shall be entitled to be registered for any constituency in which he may for the time being be serving, or in which he may have an actual residence qualification, on making an application to the registration officer of that constituency and making a declaration in the prescribed form that he has taken reasonable steps to prevent his being registered under the foregoing provision for any other constituency; and

(b) Nothing in this provision shall prevent any such person being registered in respect of any qualification other than a residence qualification.

—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Secretary Sir George Cave), put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Representation on Representation Committee on Representation of the People [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Committee on the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) [Particulars as to Directors] Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Confirmation of Executors (War Service) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Notice of the Motion for the War Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Notice of the Motion for the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee on Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Adjournment, ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Representation on Representation Committee on Representation of the People [Expenses];

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsships.

The London County Council (Money) Bill London County Council;

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Prayers.

The Kenilworth Gas Bill [Lords] was read Kenilworth the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsships.

The London County Council (Money) Bill London County Council was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Essex (Western or Epging Division), in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Honourable Amelius Richard Mark Lockwood, c.v.o., who, since his Election for the said county, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Lord Edward Talbot.)

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 18th June 1917, made by the Irish Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Amendment Regulations (Ireland), 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Liquor Traffic.—Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum submitted to the Government in December 1916 by the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor of the number of Visits made, the number of Patients seen, and the number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunacy, between the 1st October 1916 and the 31st March 1917.

Representations, for the People of London.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Clauses of the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee. —(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Secretary Sir George Cave accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Taxes (England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, for each year since 1910-11, the Taxes in force in England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, separately, in cases where the Taxes were not common to all three countries, or where the same duties were in force in all three countries but the rate of tax was different, specifying the principal rates and showing, where available, the amounts raised thereunder in each country (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 109 of Session 1912). —(Mr. Ginnell.)

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Land Drainage (Essex) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Lancashire Power Construction Company Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hensall Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Lea Bridge District Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow. (Mr. Speaker.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1917-18.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the War Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Pringle):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Representation Committee on Representation of the People (Expenses);—Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Adjournment. Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 22nd June 1917.

PRAYERS.

The Land Drainage (Swaffham) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Land Drainage (Ewerby) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dube presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules and Schedule containing the Programme of Examinations relative to Intermediate Education (Ireland) for 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report on Joint Standing Industrial Councils by the Sub-Committee on Relations between Employers and Employed of the Reconstruction Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Confirmation of Executors (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Navy (Excess), 1915-16.

£10 Excess. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the WAYS and MEANS;—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Committee.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation Committee on Representation of the People of the People (Expenses);—Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the Adjournment. House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then five minutes after One of the clock, till Monday next.
Monday, 25th June 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Roger Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Fifty-third Annual Report on Alkali, &c. Works, by the Chief Inspector under the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act, 1906, of proceedings during the year 1916, presented to the Local Government Board and to the Secretary for Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Statement of the sum required to be voted in order to make good an excess on the Grant for Ministry of Munitions (Ordnance Factories) for the year ended 31st March 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Representation of the People [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of money to be provided by Parliament, of the expenses connected with registration, under any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to Parliamentary and Local Government Franchises, and the Registration of Parliamentary and Local Government Electors and the conduct of Elections; and of the remuneration and travelling allowances of assistant judges appointed in pursuance of such Act.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 5 (Special provisions for persons serving on war service).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 18, in lieu of words left out, to insert the words "who is of full age and not subject to any legal incapacity, and who is serving on full pay as a member of any of the naval or military forces of the Crown, shall be entitled to be registered as a parliamentary elector for any constituency for which he would have had the necessary residence qualification but for such service: Provided that—

(a) Any such person shall be entitled to be registered for any constituency in which he may for the time being be serving, or in which he may have an actual residence qualification, on making an application to the registration officer of that constituency and making a declaration in the prescribed form that he has taken reasonable steps to prevent his being registered under the foregoing provision for any other constituency; and

(b) Nothing in this provision shall prevent any such person being registered in respect of any qualification other than a residence qualification.”—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out the words “is of full age and,” in order to insert the words “has attained the age of nineteen years and is.”—(Colonel Leslie Wilson.)

Question proposed, That the words “is of full age” stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, after the word “age,” to insert the words “or, having served on active service in any war in which His Majesty is engaged, has attained the age of nineteen years.”—(Captain O'Neill.)

Question, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 2, to leave out the words “who is serving on full pay,” in order to insert the words “whose name is shown on a pay roll.”—(Major Neuman.)

Question proposed, That the words “who is serving on full pay” stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 3, to leave out the words “any,” in order to insert the words “entitled to be.”—(Major Neuman.)

Question proposed, That the words “any” stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 4, after the word “registered,” to insert the words “and to be placed on the absent voters' list.”—(Mr. Peth.)

Question, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 3, to leave out the word “any,” in order to insert the word “the.”—(Mr. Cautley.)

Question, That the word “the” stand part of the proposed Amendment, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made to the proposed Amendment.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 8, to leave out the words “may for the time being be serving,” in order to insert the words “shall have been serving for the period of three months.”—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made to the proposed Amendment.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 11, after the word “form,” to insert the words “set out in the Schedule to this Act.”—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)
Question, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 11, after the word "form," to insert the words "that so far as he is aware he has not been, and."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 12, to leave out the words "under the foregoing provision," in order to insert the words "as a parliamentary election."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment—Amendment to proposed Amendment—by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words, as amended, there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 22, after the word "claiming," to insert the words "or of any person on behalf of such person claiming."—(Colonel Gretton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 24, to leave out the word "necessary," in order to insert the word "require."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That the word "necessary" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 27, to leave out the words "is abroad and."—(Mr. Gilbert.)

Question proposed, That the words "is abroad" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 27, after the word "abroad," to insert the words "and, if a woman, is over thirty years of age."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 30, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "for," in l. 30, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 35, at the end, to add the words—

"(4) Any person entitled to be registered as a parliamentary elector under this section shall be entitled also to be registered as a local government elector for the same qualification."—(Major Hunt.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Qualifying period).

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—put, and agreed to.
Tuesday, 26th June 1917.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the applications to, and proceedings of, the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1909, during the past year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of all Deposits received and paid during the year 1916, together with a Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors in the Post Office Savings Banks on the 31st December 1916, and the nature and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to meet those Liabilities at that date.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Levinstein (Railways) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Statistical Return by the University Court of the University of Edinburgh for the year ended 30th September 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1916. Part A. General Report.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Sir Robert Terriss (Harrow-Hodge), Baronet, Member for the County of Oxford (Southern or Henley Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Belfast (South Belfast Division), in the room of James Chambers, Esquire, Esquire, K.C., deceased.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Ordered, That the Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the said Orders be confirmed.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Orders be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Orders be referred to the Committee on the Electric Lighting (Scotland) Act, 1877, by the Secretary for Scotland, as to communications between Prisoners and their friends by visits and letters.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Prisons (Scotland) be printed.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Levinstein (Railways) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill; that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Matters from the Lords

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Bill

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by this House to the Kenilworth Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Trade Union (Amalgamation) Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Business of the House (Representation of the People Bill)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the proceedings on the Representation of the People Bill, if under discussion at Eleven o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Guest, Yeas, Mr. James Hope:

Tellers for the [Lord Hugh Cecil, Noes, Sir Frederick Banbury]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.


A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—

(1) The instructions issued by the War Office with regard to the administration of the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Act, 1917; and inserting the word "Act"—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—instead thereof.

And the question was amended, in l. 5, by leaving out the words "(Review of Exceptions) Act, 1917," and inserting the word "Act"—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), instead thereof.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—

(1) The instructions issued by the War Office with regard to the administration of the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Act, 1917;

(2) The method, conduct, and general administration of medical examinations under the Military Service Acts; and to make recommendations.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of

Sir Godfrey Baring, Mr. Montague Barlow, Mr. Cockrane, Colonel Faber, Colonel Groten, Mr. Hugh Low, Mr. Nield, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Cardew Rees, Mr. Shortt, and Mr. Sutton.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Four be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Sir Edwin Correwall reported from the Committee on Representation of the People of the People Bill [Expenses] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of money to be provided by Parliament, of the expenses connected with registration, under any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to Parliamentary and Local Government Franchises, and the Registration of Parliamentary and Local Government Voters and the conduct of Elections; and of the remuneration and travelling allowances of assistant judges appointed in pursuance of such Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 6 (Qualifying period).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 36, to leave out the word "six," in order to insert the word "three."—(Mr. Timothy Denton.)

Question proposed, That the word "six" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 40, after the word "who," to insert the words "is or is not;"—(Major Hewitt.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 2, to leave out the words "one month," in order to insert the words "such service."—(Sir George Faunger.)

Question, That the words "one month" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 2, at the end, to add the words "and in the application of this section to any person compelled to leave his residence or business..."
premises on account of actual or prospective
naval or military operations, any period of time
during the qualifying period shall be substituted
for six months."—(Sir George Younger.)

Question, That those words be there added,
put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

 Clause No. 7 (Right of person registered to
vote).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 3, at the
beginning, to insert the words "notwithstanding
any provisions of the Ballot Act, 1872."—
(Colonel Gretton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 7,
to leave out from the word "constituency" to
the word "vote," in l. 11, in order to insert the
words "no person shall."—(Sir Philip Magnus.)

Question proposed, That the words "but a"
stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave,
withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 11,
after the word "kind," to insert the words "but
if he has no such other qualification he may vote
for two residence qualifications."—(Mr. Butler
Lloyd.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 11,
after the word "kind," to insert the words "nor
in more than one division of a parliamentary
borough divided into separate constituencies."—
(Mr. Percy Alfred Harris.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 12,
to leave out the words "two constituencies,"
in order to insert the words "one constituency
for which she is registered by virtue of her own
or her husband's local government qualification,
or for more than one constituency for which she
is registered by virtue of any other qualification."—
(Secretary Sir George Cane.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left
out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amend­
ment, in l. 2, to leave out from the word
"of" to the end of the proposed Amendment, in
order to insert the words "a local government
qualification in respect of premises occupied by
her as a dwelling-house, or by virtue of her
husband's local government qualification in
respect of premises occupied by which they
both reside, or for more than one constituency
for which she is registered by virtue of other
qualifications of whatever kind."—(Sir George
Younger.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left
out stand part of the proposed Amendment, put,
and agreed to.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20,
at the end, to add the words "This section
shall have effect notwithstanding anything in the
Ballot Act, 1872."—(Colonel Gretton.)

Question, That those words be there added,
put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Provision as to disqualifi­
cations).
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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, after the word "subject," to insert the words "by birth, or who has ceased to be a British subject."—(Colonel Gretton.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:—

Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Spring and autumn registers).

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

And it being after halfpast Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

Wednesday, 27th June 1917.

PRAYER.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
The Titles Deprivation Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Representation of the People Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That Mr. Mooney be a Member of the Select Committee on Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Act, 1917. — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

Clause No. 9 (Spring and autumn registers). Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 25, at the end, to add the words—

"(4) This section shall not apply to university constituencies."—(Mr. Arthur Samuel.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Registration officers and areas). Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 4, after the word "may," to insert the words "in case of his absence from illness or any sufficient cause."—(Mr. Henry Percy Harris.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 5, at the end, to add the words "Provided that in every municipal borough the town clerk, unless he is the registration officer, shall, if he is willing to act, and subject to his being approved as aforesaid, be the deputy registration officer in regard to the area of that borough."—(Colonel Sir Charles Stedg.)

Question, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 6, at the end, to add the words "Every registration officer shall have within each constituency or electoral division a place for transacting official business, which shall be open daily: Provided that a divided borough for the purpose of this section shall be deemed one constituency."—(Sir Charles Hobhouse.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Registration duties). Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 7, after the word "compile," to insert the words "after revision by a revising officer."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 12, after the word "officer," to insert the words "overseer or assistant overseer."—(Mr. Turton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause No. 13 (Expenses of registration).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 36, after the word "including," to insert the words "rent of offices, establishment expenses, salaries of staff, and."—(Mr. Nield.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 47, after the word "shall," to insert the words "be submitted to and so far as approved shall."—(Colonel Sanders.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 15, to leave out from the word "council" to the word "one," in l. 16.—(Mr. Nield.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Modification of method of voting in certain constituencies).

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Secretary Sir George Gave),—Resolved, That the Committee had made Progress in the Committee of Supply; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Courts The Order of the day being read, for taking Bill.

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Adjournment. Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Finance Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking Bill.

Ways and Means

The Order of the day being read, for taking Bill; "the Lords to the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill."

Trade Union (Amalgamation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Trade Union (Amalgamation) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Representation of the People Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Finance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment. Whereupon, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.
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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Transfer of Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to stand upon the Paper.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.—(Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

The House being resumed on the Question, the Right Honourable William Haytes Fisher moved, That this House do agree to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Solicitor General reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill; That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they directed him to report to the House; and the same was read, as follows:

The Commons disagrees to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 3, l. 3, for the following Reason:—Because they think that all sums paid contrary to the intention of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (War Restrictions) Act, 1915, should be recoverable.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Fulham, in the room of the Right Honourable William Haytes Fisher, who, since his Election for the said borough, hath accepted the Office of President of the Local Government Board.—(Lord Edward Talbot.)

Monday, 2nd July 1917.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Seaham, in the room of the Right Honourable Edmund Talbot, who, since his Election for the said borough, hath accepted the Office of President of the Local Government Board.—(Lord Edward Talbot.)

A Public Petition was presented, and read a second time, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to Order, the Copy of appointment of Committees to consider the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912; by the Council of the undemocratised Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary for Scotland:—

Borough of Brechin.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to His Majesty's Secretaries of State, on the administration of the Fund up to 31st March 1917.

Copy of appointment of Committees to consider the Liquor Trade, under the financial aspects of control and purchase of the Liquor Trade by the State.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Account of the Expenditure of the House of Lords from the 1st April 1916 to the 31st March 1917.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Continuance of customs duties imposed under s 8 & s 8 (see s. 89)). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, to leave out l. 21.—(Mr. Lough.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Increase of entertainments duty). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. Hope.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Continuance of additional duties on tobacco at double rates). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 19, after the words last added, to add the words—

"Provided that no additional duties under this section shall be payable on tobacco sold by the Army Catering Committee to soldiers of His Majesty's military forces."—(Colonel Hope.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 5 and No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Reduction of licence duty in respect of the restriction on the output and delivery of intoxicating liquor). Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 6, to leave out the word "licence," to the end of the subsection, in order to insert the word "one-twenty-fourth."—(Mr. Charles Roberts.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "one-sixteenth," in l. 7, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 7, to leave out the word "one-sixteenth," in order to insert the word "one-twenty-fourth."—(Mr. Charles Roberts.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 33, at the end, to insert the words—

"...in any such case such licensee-holder or registered owner shall also be entitled to obtain repayment or remission of a similar proportion of the charge (if any) payable by him under section twenty-one of the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910..."—(Colonel Gretton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 3, after the word "suspended," to insert the words—

"...or his representatives, or a person who is the holder of the justices' licence."—(Colonel Gretton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Income tax for 1917-18). Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words—

"...but section thirty of the Finance Act, 1916, is hereby amended to provide that all statutory abatements to which any persons are entitled shall, in the case of soldiers and sailors, be made primarily from income other than pay..."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Relief from income tax in respect of adopted children). Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 28, at the end, to add the words—

"...Section sixty-eight of the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910 (which gives relief from income tax in respect of children under the age of sixteen years), as amended by section seven of the Finance Act, 1914, shall apply in the case of a child over sixteen years of age who is, owing to mental or physical infirmity, incapable of performing any work, or is attending as a full-time scholar a secondary school or university recognised as such by the Board of Education..."—(Colonel Sir Charles Seely.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Provisions as to interest free from income tax). Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 13, to leave out subsection (3)—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "rate," in p. 8, l. 18, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 7, to leave out the word "one-sixteenth," in order to insert the word "one-twenty-fourth."—(Mr. Charles Roberts.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.
The Order of the day being read, for taking
Consideration the Monitions of War Bill, and as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Title Deprivation Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker: and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, at nine minutes before Ten of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 3rd July 1917.

Prayers.

PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Instructions issued by the Army Council in connection with the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Act, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Macpherson presented, by His Majesty's Army, Command,—Copy of Instructions issued by the Army Council in connection with the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Act, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hugh Law reported from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of June last a Resolution; which was read, as follows:
Civil Services (Excess), 1915-16.
That a sum not exceeding £10 be granted to His Majesty, to make good an excess on the (Ordnance Grant for the Ministry of Munitions (Ordnance Factories.)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of June last a Resolution; which was read, as follows:
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Discipline Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Corn Production Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Question, That the words "where stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to."

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 16, to leave out from the word "shipping" to the word "such," in l. 19.—(Mr. Holt.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Relief in respect of colonial excess profits duty).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 26, after the word "possessions," to insert the words "or in allied countries."—(Mr. Dennis.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 21 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 22 (Amendment of Law as respects accounting periods ending after December 31st, 1916).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 11, to leave out the word "increased."—(Mr. Dennis.)

Question proposed, That the words "increased" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 4, to leave out from the word "substituted" to the end of l. 15, in order to insert the words "five hundred pounds."—(Sir William Pearce.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words "In the case of any new business established since the fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and twelve, and before the fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and fourteen, the standard of profits for the purpose of ascertaining the excess profits shall be taken to be the average profits of any two of the three years next ensuing after the establishment of the business to be selected by the taxpayer."—(Mr. James Maun.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, cost, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 34, to leave out the words "during the last six pre-war trade years."—(Mr. Leif Jones.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 35, to leave out the words "owing to trading leases."—(General Sir Iron Phillips.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words—"(7) Where it is represented to the Commissioners that in a business where there is no capital invested the net profit that would be left after payment of excess profits duty and income tax is insufficient to meet the increased cost of living the Commissioners may, if they think fit, take such fact into consideration when calculating the amount of any excess profits duty payable."—(Major Newman.)
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 11, at the end, to add the words—“(8) Sub-clause (4) of Part II. of the Fourth Schedule to the principal Act shall have effect as if the words ‘either of those two years’ be substituted for the words ‘last of those two years.’”—(Mr. John Hender son.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 23 agreed to.

Clause No. 24 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Remission of death duties in cases of members of the crews of vessels killed in war).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 36, to leave out the word “war” to the word “a,” in l. 37.—(Mr. Peter.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 26 and No. 27 agreed to.

Clause No. 28 (Depreciation fund). Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(General Paget).—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 29 and No. 30 agreed to.

Clause No. 31 (Power of trustees, &c. to borrow and invest in war securities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 38, to leave out from the word “war” to the word “a,” in l. 39.-(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 32 and No. 33 agreed to.

A Clause (Application of s. 22 of the Finance Act, 1915, to interest on advances made to members of stock exchanges and discount houses)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Provisions facilitating dealings with Government stock)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Relief from income tax in respect of income accumulated under trusts)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Continuance of certain relief from income tax)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).—put, and agreed to.

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so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendment necessary; and the Committee had amended the Title of the Bill, as follows:—A Bill to authorise the Corporation of the City of Sheffield to construct a generating station and other works in connection with their electricity undertaking, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Middleton reported from the Local Legislation Committee; That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they directed him to make to the House.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1917, (1) the amount contributed by England, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively, to the Revenue collected by the imperial officers; (2) the Expenditure on English, Scottish, and Irish Services met out of such Revenue; and (3) the balances of Revenue contributed by England, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively, which are available for imperial Expenditure (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 119 of Session 1916).—(Mr. Lang.)

New Members sworn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Right Honourable William Hughes Fisher, Member for the Borough of Fulham, was sworn.

William Arthur Lindsay, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Belfast (South Belfast Division), was sworn.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Legislation Committee (Water, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lords' Divorce Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Lords' Divorce Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to dissolve the Marriage of William Robert Boaz with Florence Elizabeth Boaz, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Beard Divorce Bill (Lords.)

Beard' Divorce Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Representation of the People Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the People Bill).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 40, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. Montague Barlow.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “returning,” in l. 40, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Leslie Scott,

Yea, 185.  [Mr. Waren:]

No. (Sir Thomas Whittaker.)  201.

Remaining words of subsection (1) left out.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Pringle),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval and Military Committee on the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Transfer of Powers) Bill; 

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Transfer of Powers) Bill; 

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Bill be now taken into consideration. 

-(Mr. Macpherson.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 5th July 1917.

PRAYERS.

Weights and Measures.

SIR Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, No. 9670, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 28th June 1917, postponing the operation of the Two Orders described in the Schedule thereto until the 1st October 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Consciences Objectors (Suits.)

Mr. Prothero presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Committee on Employment of Conscientious Objectors.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Shops Act, 1912.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Rules made by the Committee on Employment of Conscientious Objectors.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Shops Act, 1912. 

City of Liverpool.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Borough of Preston.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Town of Luton.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Received, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before the House a Return showing the number of Experiments on Living Animals during the year 1916, under licences granted under the Act 39 & 40 Vict. c. 77, distinguishing the nature of the Experiments (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 116 of Session 1916).—(Mr. Bruce.)

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Finance Business of Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply. 

-(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow, pursuant of (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Continuance of certain relief from income tax) further considered.

Amendment made to the proposed Clause.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Clause, in l. 20, at the end, to add the words—

"(c) The said section thirty, as so amended, shall apply to any person in receipt of a pension granted in respect of death, wounds, or disablement resulting from the present war."

-(Mr. Peto.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Clause, in l. 20, at the end, to add the words—

"(c) Section forty-three of the Finance Act, 1916, shall have effect as if the words ‘three shillings and six pence’ were omitted, and the words ‘one shilling and six pence’ were substituted therefor." —(Mr. Asquith Bryce.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Asquith Bryce, Yeas, 86.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Butcher:]

Mr. James Hope:

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Provision for ascertaining the profits of company whose business is carried on by a new company)—(Mr. Peto)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Extension of relief of farm buildings, &c. from income tax under Schedule A)
Standing Adjournment of Output).)

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act (No. 2) of 1915, Fourth Schedule, Part III.)—(General Sir Ivor Philips)—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act (No. 3) of 1915, Fourth Schedule, Part III.)—(General Sir Ivor Philips)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Standing Order No. 10, further proceeding was brought up, and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Dundas White)—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Increase of percentage standard in case of the rubber trade)—(Mr. Arland Alice)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act (No. 1) of 1915, Fourth Schedule, Part III.)—(Sir Frederick Banbury)—brought up, and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act (No. 1) of 1915, Fourth Schedule, Part III.)—(Mr. Peto)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeses, Mr. Goldstone: 47.
Tellers for the Noes, Captain Guest: 92.

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, and leave having been given to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Leif Jones);

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeses, Mr. Leif Jones: 44.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Richardson: 130.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed proceeding resumed;

Another Clause (Reduction of excess profits duty)—(Mr. William Thorne)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Friday, 6th July 1917:

Another Clause (Amendment to s. 45 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915)—(General Sir Ivor Philips)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.
Friday, 6th July 1917.

PRAYERS.

The Lord Advocate, Sir Henry Craik, Mr. Henry Percy Harris, Mr. King, Mr. Neville, Sir Robert Pearse, Mr. Perkins, Sir Robert Price, and Mr. John Wood were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Divorce Bills. (Lord Evesham, Talbot.)

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 1917, made by the General Managers of the following Direct Control Districts to the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) (Ministry of Munitions):—

Grenada without the Township.

Invergordon and Cromarty.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

National Expenditure

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is of opinion, in view of the continued growth of expenditure, taxation, and debt, that a Committee be appointed, consisting of Members of this House, with power to review all national expenditure, examine Ministers and officials, and report to the House,—(Major Geoffrey Colles);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1, 1, by leaving out the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "as a first step towards the better control of the public expenditure, it is expedient to appoint a Departmental Committee to consider and report what changes are necessary in the forms in which Estimates and Accounts are laid before this House to make them more effective for that purpose; and further, that it is expedient to appoint a Select Committee on Parliamentary Procedure "—(Mr. Montague)"—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. M'Laren) —it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Supply

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;—

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Hope) —it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 9th July 1917.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bristol Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum No. 18 (Health of Munition Workers),—Copy of Report of the Advisory Committee for Aeronautics for the year 1916-17.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Advisory Committee for Aeronautics for the year 1916-17.

Mr. Baldwin also presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 5th January 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Draft of a Royal Warrant Pensions for the Retired Pay of Officers disabled, and for the Pensions of Families and Relatives of Officers deceased, and for the Pensions of Nurses disabled in consequence of the present war.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented,—Return Experiments to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 5th on Living Animals.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. Duke, supported by Sir Thomas Russell, presented a Bill to enable Local Authorities in Ireland to provide allotments and otherwise promote the cultivation of land, and for other purposes incidental thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Duke, supported by Sir Thomas Russell, presented a Bill to amend section one hundred and forty-eight of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, as respects the prevention and treatment of Disease in Ireland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(in the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917-18.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £143,784 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Home Department and subordiate Offices:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £142,784 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. James Hope),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And notice being taken that strangers were present, Mr. Speaker put forthwith the Question, That strangers be ordered to withdraw:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Secret Session. Ordered, That the remainder of this day’s Sitting be a secret Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(The Prime Minister.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House was put, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn Production Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation Committee on the Representations of the People Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Discipline Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as War Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Titles, Second Reading of the Titles Deprivation Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, ordered the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at five minutes after Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.
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**Tuesday, 10th July 1917.**

**Prayers.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Caerphilly Urban District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 292 and 293 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

**Boaz' Divorce Bill [Lords].**

A Public Petition was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Profumo presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Progress of the Ordnance Survey to the 31st March 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Report by the Scottish Land Court, for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Progress of the Contributions towards the cost of the War made by the Treasury, 1915.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Profumo presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Evidence and proceedings, together with documents deposited, in the case of Boaz' Divorce Bill [Lords]: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(The Lord Advocate.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Corn Production Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No 1 (Payments to growers when average price of wheat or oats is less than the minimum).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "average price for the," in order to insert the words "price received by any producer for his."—(Mr. Lough.)

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Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the words "on which wheat or oats have been produced in that year."—(Mr. Shaw.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "wheat," in l. 11, stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon, the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod having come with a Message for the House to attend the Lords Commissioners, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas, Royal Assent, Dacres Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

On the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Lords, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

2. Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act, 1917.
5. Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Act, 1917.
7. Lancastershire County Council (Water, &c.) Order Confirmation Act, 1917.

The House again resolved itself into the Corn Production Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "wheat," in l. 11, stand part of the Clause:

Question put.
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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Captain Guest, 184.
Yea, | Mr. James Hope:
Noo, | Mr. Shaw: 100.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Allotments and Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, receive itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Military War Committee on the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Transfer of Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Discipline Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Titles Deprivation Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjunction.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 11th July 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Four Orders in Council, dated 28th June 1917, made under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1885.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 28th June 1917, made under the Greenwich Hospital Acts, 1865 and 1872, granting a gratuity to Honorary Lieutenant Joseph Reid, R.N., late Chief Officer of the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Consul-General at Manchester,—Copies of Oats (Export from Ireland) Order, 1917; and Public Meals Order (No. 3), 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the year 1915. Part I. Criminal Statistics; and Part II. Civil Statistics.

Mr. Duke also presented, pursuant to the Shops Act, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Closing Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the following Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:

County Boroughs of Cork and Limerick.

Urban Districts of Drogheda and Newtow-

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Clause 1 of the Corn Production Bill, as amended in Committee.—(Mr. Prothero.)

Mr. Prothero accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Vaughan-Dawe reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders a Resolution; Orders which was read, as followeth:

That the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Baldwin presented a Bill to grant money for the purpose of certain local loans out of the Loans Bill. Local Loans Fund, and for other purposes, Bill 70, relating to local loans: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
Ordered, That the proceedings on the Corn Production Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Corn Production Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Payments to growers where average price of wheat or oats is less than minimum).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out from the first word “of” to the first word “the,” in l. 15, in order to insert the words “every acre cultivated by him and producing a crop of wheat or oats in that year a sum equal to three times.”—(Sir Courtenay Warner.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out be struck out, and the word “and,” in l. 14, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the words last added, to add the words “Provided that the sum so payable shall in no case exceed twenty shillings per acre of wheat or fifteen shillings per acre of oats.”—(Mr. Dundas White.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the words last added, to add the words “Provided that nothing in this section shall be interpreted as depriving the Ministry of Food of the power to requisition at the minimum prices as fixed by this Act all home-grown supplies of wheat and oats.”—(Commander Laurence Hardy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 2, after the word “at,” to insert the words “prices not less than.”—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, after the word “price,” to insert the words obtained by the producer.”—(Mr. Peto.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Claims for payment).

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Prentice),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval and Military Pensions, &c. (Transfer of Powers) Bill; (Transfer of Powers) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Allotments and Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply; (Supply Committee of Supply).

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Discipline Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Titles Deprivation Bill [Lords]; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Adjournment. And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

Thursday, 12th July 1917.

Prayers.

Her Majesty's Ministers.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Bedwas and Machen Urban District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ministry of Food.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Beans, Peas, and Pulse (Retail Prices) Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Agriculture (Scotland).

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Report of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Education (Scotland).

Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 11th July 1917, providing for Grants in Aid of the Salaries of Teachers, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Aliens (Naturalisation.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing the names and other particulars of all Aliens to whom certificates of Naturalisation have been issued, and whose oaths of allegiance have, during the year ending the 31st day of December 1916, been registered at the Home Office, and including information as to any Aliens who have, during the same period, obtained Acts of Naturalisation from the Legislature (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 88 of Session 1916).—(Mr. Bruce.)

Message from the Lords.

Confirmation of Executors (War Service) (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That a Message be returned to the Lords, that this House has agreed to the Confirmation of Executors (War Service) (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Lords have agreed to the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 13th July 1917.

PRAYERS.

Fishery Board (Scotland.)

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the year 1916.

Education (Scotland.)

Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 12th July 1917, providing for a further Grant in Aid of Educational Expenditure approved by the Department.

Shops Act, 1912.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary for Scotland—

Burgh of Greenock.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

National Portrait Gallery.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixthth Annual Report of the Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery, 1916-17.

Sugar Purchases.

Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated 10th May and 7th June 1917, as to the financing of Sugar Purchases abroad on behalf of His Majesty's Government.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Army.

Mr. Macpherson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Instructions issued by the Army Council, and of a Press Notice issued by the Ministry of Munitions, with reference to the restrictions upon the sale of Shot-gun Ammunition.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

West Indian Methodists (Appointments during the War.)

Mr. Solicitor General presented a Bill to modify, during the continuance of the present war and for a certain period thereafter, certain provisions contained in a Deed of Declaration or Deed Poll of the Reverend John Wesley, dated the twenty-eighth day of February, seventeen hundred and eighty-four: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question was Adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Allotments and Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Transfer of Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loan Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Monday, 16th July 1917.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ashon-under-Lyne Corporation Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Rebate in respect of sums payable under s. 4d.),—(Mr. Wilson-Fox.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Repeal of duties on table water),—(Mr. Glynn-Jones.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption from excess profits duty).—(Mr. Wordsworth.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Reduction of duty on sugar).—(Mr. Leigh.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill (in p. 3, l. 5, by leaving out Clause 8).—(Mr. Hemmerde.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to "4d.," in t. 15, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 14, by inserting instead thereof, "4 d.)"—(Mr. Tyson Wilson.)

And the Question being put, That "4 d.)" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 12, by leaving out subsection (3) of Clause 4:—(Mr. Boland.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 7, by inserting at the end thereof the words "And in any such case such licence-holder or registered owner shall also be entitled to obtain repayment or remission of a similar proportion of the charge (if any) payable by him under section twenty-one of the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910."—(Colonel Greville.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 4, by inserting at the end thereof the words "Provided also that before any such licence shall be suspended under the provisions of this section notice shall be given both to the licence-holder and to the registered
Resolved, during the War) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 6, l. 30, by leaving out the word "sixteen," and inserting the word "eighteen."—(Mr. Dillon),—instead thereof.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee; That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation of the People Bill: Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn Production Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Loans Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Transfer of Powers) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Alienations and Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Discipline Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Titles Deprivation Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Question being put—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 17th July 1917.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865,

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of First Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of the Local Government Board which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of Documents existing or accruing in the County Courts which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor of the number of Visits made and the number of Patients seen by the several Commissioners in Lunacy during the six months ending on 30th June 1917.

Sir Abraham Garrod Thomas, M.D., Member for the County of Monmouth (Southern Division), was sworn.

The Lord Advocate reported from the Select Committee on Divorce Bills; That they had examined the allegations of Bona Fide Divorce Bills; Divorce [Lords] as to the marriage of the parties, the Bill [Lords] adultery charged as the ground for dissolving the marriage, the verdict at law, and the sentence of divorce, a menda et iudicium, in the Probate and Matrimonial Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, and, upon evidence satisfactory to the Committee, found the same and the other allegations to be true, and they saw no reason to suspect collusion between the parties; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence and proceedings in the House of Lords on the Bill [Lords] Second Reading of Bona Fide Divorce Bills [Lords], together with the documents deposited in the case, be returned to the House of Lords.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords, from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Essex and Herts Clergy Charity Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Birmingham Churches Fund Charity Bill, with any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Church Lands (Bristol, Saint Thomas) Charity Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Presbyterian Church (Crook) Charity Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Baptist Churches Bill, with any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Congregational Churches Bill, with any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Sesham Harbour Dock Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ebbw Vale Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm an agreement relating to the supply of electricity in the Borough of Richmond; Survey; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Richmond (Survey) Electricity Supply Bill [Lords] was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Companies Lords to the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill; Third Reading of the Finance Bill;

A verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.
And the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Transfer of Powers) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Dissolution of Statutory Committee).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out from the word "Committee" to the word "or," in l. 12. —(Mr. Hoage.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "Royal," in p. 1, l. 12, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 and No. 3 disagreed to.

Clause No. 4 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 5 disagreed to.

Clause No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Constitution and powers of Special Grants Committee) — (Mr. Barnes) — brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Expenses and accounts of Special Grants Committee) — (Mr. Barnes) — brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Title amended.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and amended the Title, as followeth:—A Bill to provide for the dissolution of the Statutory Committee established under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. Act, 1915, and for the transfer of their powers, duties, and functions to the Minister of Pensions, and for purposes connected therewith.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government (Allotments and Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the dissolution of the Statutory Committee established under the Local Government (Allotments and Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Bill, 1901, and for the transfer of the powers, duties, and functions connected therewith.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, Vol. 172.
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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Public Works Loans Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Mochan presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report of the Committee on Promotion of Officers in the Special Reserve, New Armies, and Territorial Force; together with a Note by the Army Council.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Public Meals Order, 1917, as amended by the Public Meals Orders (Nos. 2 and 3), 1917, the Stone Fruit (Jam Manufacturers' Prices) Order, 1917, the Interlocking Liqueur (Output and Delivery) Order (No. 2), 1917, and the Raspberries (Scotland) Delivery Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by His Majesty's Command, by His Majesty's Command, by His Majesty's Command, by His Majesty's Command, and by His Majesty's Command, made by this House to the Bedwas and Machen Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Dillon, Member for East Mayo, rose in his place and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the refusal of the Government to accept the resignation of Lord Hardinge; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, till a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock this evening.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that, on making a claim for payment under this Part of this Act, the claimant shall, if called upon by the Board, furnish to the Board of Agriculture a list, with principal occupations and ages, of all those employed during the year in which the corn was grown in respect of which the claim is made, together with the wages and yearly earnings of each employee, and if, in the opinion of the Board, those wages and earnings were in all the circumstances inadequate, such claims may be disallowed."—(Mr. Ernest Gardner.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 32, after the word "person," to insert the word "knowingly."—(Sir Francis Blake.)

Question, That the word "knowingly" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, after the word "term," to insert the words "not less than one month and."—(Mr. Martin.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 35, at the end, to add the words "and shall forfeit to His Majesty's Treasury a sum equal to twice the payment that he would have received if the statements and representations had been true, and if such payment has been made, shall also return the amount thereof."—(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, to leave out the words "a rate not less than."—(Mr. Peels.)

Question, That the word "a" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, to leave out the words "a rate not less than,"—(Mr. Peels.)

Question, That the word "a" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Guest, Yeas, (Mr. James Hope: } 221.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pringle, Noes, (Mr. Anderson: ] 42.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Corn Production Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 3 (Claims for payment).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, to leave out the word "September," in order to insert the word "May."—(Mr. Martin.)

Question, That the word "September" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that, on making a claim for payment under this Part of this Act, the claimant shall, if called upon by the Board, furnish to the Board of Agriculture a list, with principal occupations and ages, of all those employed during the year in which the corn was grown in respect of which the claim is made, together with the wages and yearly earnings of each employee, and if, in the opinion of the Board, those wages and earnings were in all the circumstances inadequate, such claims may be disallowed."—(Mr. Ernest Gardner.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 32, after the word "person," to insert the word "knowingly."—(Sir Francis Blake.)

Question, That the word "knowingly" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, after the word "term," to insert the words "not less than one month and."—(Mr. Martin.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 35, at the end, to add the words "and shall forfeit to His Majesty's Treasury a sum equal to twice the payment that he would have received if the statements and representations had been true, and if such payment has been made, shall also return the amount thereof."—(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Minimum rate for agricultural wages).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out the word "a," in order to insert the words "an able-bodied."—(Captain Sir Bentile Steeier.)

Question, That the word "a" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, to leave out the words "a rate not less than,"—(Mr. Peels.)

Question, That the word "a" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 40, to leave out from the word "a" to the end of the subsection, in order to insert the words "any failure to do so shall render the employer liable
to summary conviction for an offence under this Act."—(Sir William Beale.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 4, at the end, to insert the words "and to the forfeiting of any benefit that may have accrued to him under Part I. of this Act."—(Mr. Anderson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 4, stand part of the Clause ;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 17, to leave out subsection (6).—(Captain Sir Beville Stanier.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 18, stand part of the Clause ;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 17, to leave out the words "as respects able-bodied men."—(Mr. Anderson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, and the Words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation Bill (Lords.) was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

North Cheshire Water Bill (Lords.) was read the third time and passed, with Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Colonial Bank Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

No. 11, 1917.) relative to the reciprocal liability to Military Service Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement concluded between His Majesty's Government and the Provisional Government of Russia relative to the reciprocal liability to Military Service of British subjects resident in Russia and Russian subjects resident in Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Parts III., and IV. of the Corn Production Bill, showing the effect of the Amendments proposed to be moved in Committee on behalf of the Government. — (Mr. Prothero.)

Mr. Prothero accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Corn Production Bill, No. 112.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, after the word "least," to insert the words "thirty shillings a week for the years nineteen hundred and fourteen and nineteen hundred and fifteen; and thereafter."—(Mr. Rowlands.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.--Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 19, after the word "opinion," to insert the words "shall be at least sufficient to enable a man to provide for himself and his family sufficient food, clothing, and housing accommodation to maintain physical efficiency, and in any case."—(Mr. Morgan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, after the word "wages," to insert the words "and such other conditions of employment as affect wages, such as regularity and continuance of employment, the hours of work, rates of pay for overtime."—(Mr. Ramsey MacDonald.)

Question proposed, That the words "wages" be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 32, after the word "if," in l. 9, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words "and in fixing such minimum rates shall secure that the rates fixed for workmen casually employed shall be proportionately higher than the corresponding rates fixed for other workmen."—(Sir John Simon.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr. Pitt.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "if," in l. 9, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, after the word "may," to insert the words "on the application of any two members of the Board."—(Mr. Ramsey MacDonald.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 19, to leave out the words "an ordinary day's work, in order to insert the words "a week's work of forty-eight hours."—(Mr. Pitt.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, after the word "least," to insert the words "thirty shillings a week for the years nineteen hundred and fourteen and nineteen hundred and fifteen; and thereafter."—(Mr. Amery.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Corn Production Bill.

(Corn Production Bill.)

Clause No. 5 (Establishment of Wages Board).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 31, to leave out subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5).—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "wages," in l. 32, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 32, after the word "if," to insert the word "cash."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question proposed, That the word "cash" be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words "and in fixing such minimum rates shall secure that the rates fixed for workmen casually employed shall be proportionately higher than the corresponding rates fixed for other workmen."—(Sir John Simon.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr. Pitt.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "if," in l. 9, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, after the word "least," to insert the words "thirty shillings a week for the years nineteen hundred and fourteen and nineteen hundred and fifteen; and thereafter."—(Mr. Amery.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, to leave out the word “twenty-five,” in order to insert the word “thirty.”—(Mr. WorRiLe.)

Question proposed, That the word “twenty-five” stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Prothero).—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disapproves of that portion of the Rules of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland which imposes the system of written examinations in experimental science by the inclusion of the words “obtain not less than 30 per cent. on the pass papers, or 55 per cent. on the honours paper, in the course or courses in which he presents himself, and must,” in Rule 10 (b) —(Mr. Roland)

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

**Friday, 20th July 1917:**

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Roland, Yeas, Mr. Coote:]
Tellers for the [Captain Guest, Noses, Mr. James Hope:]

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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**Friday, 20th July 1917.**

**Prayers.**

**Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Cambridge Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Cambridge (Western or Chester-ton Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Edmund Samuel Montagu, who, since his Election for the said county, hath accepted the Office of one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.—(Captain Guest.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Dundee Burgh Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Dundee, in the room of the Right Honourable Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, who, since his Election for the said burgh, hath accepted the Office of Minister of Munitions.—(Captain Guest.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Cambridge Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Cambridge, in the room of Almeric Hugh Paget, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York. — (Mr. James Hope.)

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Navy and Command, — Supplementary Estimate of the Navy Service, the sum required to be voted during the year ending 31st March 1918 for general Navy and said other Expenditure, being laid out
Army Services, Warlike Operations, and other Expenditure arising out of the War.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty’s Command, — Copy of the Raspberries (Jam Manufacturers’ Prices) Order, 1917, and the 1917 Crop (Restriction) Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract of Accounts of the University of Aberdeen for the year ending 30th September 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Clauses 3 and 4 of the Corn Production Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Mr. Prothero accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917–18.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,342,018 (including a Supplementary sum of £348,000) be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Expenses of the Teachers’ Pension Fund, Ireland:

And it being Five of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to which they were referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committees of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Committee on the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Title Committee on the Titles Depreciation Bill (Ireland);

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Committee on the Naval Discipline Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Works Loans Bill; [Remission of Debt].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the remission of arrears of principal and interest due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of Eyemouth Harbour, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Local Loans.—(Mr. James Hope.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then three minutes after Five of the clock, till Monday next.

Monday, 23rd July 1917.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ebbw Vale Urban District Council Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Colonial Bank Bill [Lords] be read the third time to-morrow.
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The House, according to Order, resolved itself once into a Committee on the Corn Production Bill.

Clause No. 5 (Establishment of Wages.

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, to leave out the word "twenty-five," in order to insert the word "thirty."

Question again proposed, That the word "twenty-five" stand part of the Clause:— Debate arising:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put, Question put and agreed to. Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, to add the words "for men over nineteen years and under sixty-five years of age, and for boys, the following rates:— Under fifteen years of age nine shillings, over fifteen and under sixteen years of age eleven shillings, over seventeen years of age twelve shillings, over eighteen years of age thirteen shillings, over nineteen years of age twenty-three shillings.

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 21, at the end, to add the words "but under no circumstances shall an allowance of beer be regarded as part payment of wages in lieu of a payment in cash."—(Sir Arthur Black.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Clause as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 postponed.

Clause No. 7 (Power to enforce proper cultivation.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 27, after the words last inserted, to insert the words—"(3) The occupier, if he is dissatisfied with the notice so served, may appeal to the Agricultural Rents Board, and after hearing the parties the Agricultural Rents Board may rescind, alter, or vary the notice."—(Mr. Mellanby.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 30, after the word "they," to insert the words "shall, one month at least before withdrawing, give notice in writing of their intention to the person then entitled to resume occupation of the land; and

(b) they."  
—(Mr. Prothero.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out the words "one month," in order to insert the words "six months."  
—(Mr. Leslie Scott.)

Question proposed, That the words "one month" stand part of the proposed Amendment.—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 34, to leave out paragraph (b), in order to insert the words—

"(5) Any person who is interested in any land in respect of which any notice is served or order made under this section, or of which possession is taken under this section, and who suffers any direct and substantial loss by reason of the exercise by the Board of the powers conferred by this section, shall, if he makes a claim for the purpose within such time, not being less than one year, after the exercise of the powers as may be prescribed by the Board, be entitled to be paid by the Board such amounts as represent the loss."—(Mr. Prothero.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendments, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Prothero),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Companies take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.  

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;  

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;  

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Committee on the Public Health (Prevention of Pestilence and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Bill;  

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Title Committee on the Titles Deprivation Bill (Lords);  

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval Discipline Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee on Public Works Loans (Remission of Debt); Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Representation of the People Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

And it being after half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute before Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

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Tuesday, 24th July 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—Richmond (Surrey) Electricity Supply Bill [Lords]. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Colonial Bank Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

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Mr. Mauro presented a Bill to confirm a Glasgow Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Glasgow Boundaries: And the same was ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Hayter Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Departmental Committee on the Blind, with Appendices and Index. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the Colonial directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 17th July 1917, applying the Colonial Probates Act to Saint Lucia.

Copy of Orders in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 17th July 1917, approving Memorials of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty granting sanction to the establishment (1) of the Rating of Chief Sailmaker; (2) of Petty Officer (Special Service) and Stoker Petty Officer (Special Service). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to University directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 50 (Glasgow, No. 18) (Foundation of the Chair of William Jacks Modern Languages), under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the Assurance directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Company Statements deposited with the Board of Trade under Section 7 (1) of the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, during the year 1916. First, Second, and Third Schedules. Copy of Statements deposited with the Board of Trade under Section 7 (1) of the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, during the year 1916. Fourth and Fifth Schedules. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the first Paper relative to Assurance Companies be printed.

Mr. Barnes presented, by His Majesty's Industrial Command,—Copy of Reports of the Commission into Inquiry into Industrial Unrest for (1) the North-Eastern area, (2) the North-Western area, including a Supplemental Report on the Barrow-in-Furness district, (3) the Yorkshire and East Midlands area, (4) the West Midlands area, (5) the London and South-Eastern area, (6) the South-Western area, (7) Wales, including Monmouthshire, (8) Scotland. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Bull reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 29th and 30th days of March last, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th days of April last, the 2nd, 4th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th days of May last, the 11th, 14th, 19th, 22nd, 26th, 27th, and 28th days of June last, and the 2nd, 3rd,
The Lords have agreed to the Wesleyan Methodists (Appointments during the War) Bill, without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords give leave to the Right Honourable the Ear! of Derby, K.G., to attend in order to be examined before the Select Committee appointed by this House on the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Act, 1917, his Lordship (in his place) consenting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £649,999,900 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1918 for general Navy and Army Services, to so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.

Wheronupon Motion made, and Question, That a sum not exceeding £649,999,900 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. David Mason)—put, (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval Discipline Bill.

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Pratt reported from the Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission of Debt] a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the remission of arrears of principal and interest due to the Public Works Loans Commissioners in respect of Eyemouth Harbour, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Local Loans.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill. 

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Adjourned.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 25th July 1917.

PRAYERS.


The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Public Works Loans Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Barrow-in-Furness Corporation Water Bill.

Barrow-in-Furness Corporation Water Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Colonial Bank Bill [Lords].

Colonial Bank Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Colonial Bank Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Glasgow Boundaries Act (1912) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland and County Court Judges, dated 15th May 1917, fixing the Fees to be taken in respect of proceedings under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the National War Museum, including a Grant in Aid of Purchases.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th day of this instant July a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, the sum of £664,263,560 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Baldwin do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Public Works Loans Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Titres Deposition Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the current Expenditure defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament and to report what, if any, economies consistent with the execution of the policy decided by the Government may be effected therein; to make recommendations in regard to the form of Public Accounts, the system of control within the Departments and by the Treasury, and the procedure of this House in relation to Supply and Appropriation, so as to secure more effective control by Parliament over Public Expenditure; and to have power to appoint from outside its own body such additional persons as it may think fit to serve on any Sub-Committee which it may appoint with the view to the preparation of such recommendations:

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Twenty-six Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Addison, Mr. Arnold, Sir Frederick Halber, Mr. Blair, Mr. Boland, Major Godfrey Collins, Mr. George Faber, Mr. Percy Alfred Harris, Mr. John Henderson, Sir Charles Henry, Mr. Holt, Mr. Horne, Mr. Hughes Jones, Mr. Lefj Jones, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. McCormick, Mr. James Mann, Mr. Moneypenny, Sir Samuel Roberts, Mr. Herbert Samuel, Mr. Scudamore, Colonel Weigall, Colonel Sir Robert Williams, Mr. John William Wilson, Mr. Tyrrell Wilson, and Mr. Wilson-Fox.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, ordered the House of the Lords 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
26th July.

Order No. 20, relating to Disorderly Conduct, ordered him to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's Sitting; but Mr. Ginnell, having refused to obey Mr. Speaker's Order, Mr. Speaker named Mr. Ginnell for disregarding the authority of the Chair. A Motion was made, and the Question being Member put, That Mr. Ginnell be suspended from the service of the House—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. Ginnell to Member withdraw, but he refused to obey Mr. Speaker's order.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker directed the Serjeant-at-Arms to cause the honourable Member to be removed from the House. And the Serjeant-at-Arms having reported that Mr. Ginnell was not complying with Mr. Speaker's Orders, Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting of the House under Standing Order No. 21 until the honourable Member should have been removed.

The honourable Member was removed according.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow. Business of the House (Friday Sitting).

The Order of the day being read, for the Consol- Second Reading of the Consolidated solidated Fund (No. 4) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “in view of the Resolution passed by the representatives of the German people assembled in the Reichstag to the effect that, putting aside the thought of acquisition of territory by force, the Reichstag is striving for a peace of understanding and lasting reconciliation of nations, that with such a peace political, economic, and financial usurpation are incompatible, and that the Reichstag repudiates all places which aim at the economic isolation and tying down of nations after the war, this House declares that this statement expresses the principles for which this country has stood throughout, and calls upon the Government, in conjunction with the Allies, to restate their peace terms accordingly; and further, it declares that the Allies should accept the Russian proposal that the forthcoming Allied Conference on war aims shall comprise representatives of the peace and not solely spokesmen of the Governments”—(Mr. Ramsey MacDonald),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—And a Debate arising thereon:

Lord Robert Cecil rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; — The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas (Lord Edmund Talbot, Captain Guest): 148.
Tellers for the Noes (Mr. Less Smith, Mr. Jowett): 19.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put; —

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Constables (Naval and Military Service) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Ministries Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Ministries Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an annual salary not exceeding two thousand pounds for the establishment of a Ministry of Reconstruction, which may become payable under such Act—

(Lord Edmund Talbot);

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put,—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 27th July 1917.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Land Drainage (Wistow) Provisional Order Bill; and the same Order Bill were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Light Command,—Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners under the Light Railways Acts, 1896 and 1912, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, entitled the Derwent Valley Light Railway (Additional Capital) Order, 1915.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners under the Light Railways Acts, 1896 and 1912, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, entitled the Dearness District Light Railways Order, 1915.

Sir Albert Stanley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the proceedings of the Board of Trade under the Light Railways Acts, 1896 and 1912, up to the 31st December 1916, and of the proceedings of the Light Railway Commissioners up to the same date.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the last Paper relative to Light Railways Acts, 1896 and 1912, be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Civil Service Command,—Estimate of further sum required to be voted for the Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Macpherson presented, pursuant to the Army directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments made to the Rules of Procedure, 1907.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented a Bill to amend the Isle of Man Law with respect to Customs in the Isle of Man: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself constituted into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

And the Question being accordingly put, that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; — The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas (Lord Edmund Talbot, Captain Guest): 148.
Tellers for the Noes (Mr. Less Smith, Mr. Jowett): 19.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners under the Light Railways Acts, 1896 and 1912, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, entitled the Dearness District Light Railways Order, 1915.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Ministries Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Lough.)
And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.
Tellers for the (Lord Edward Talbot.)
Yea, (Captain Guest:)
Nee, (Mr. Lough.)
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.
—(Secretary Sir George Cocks.)

New Ministries Bill.

Expiring Laws Supply.

Naval and Military Constables Bill.

Munitions of War Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Minutes of War Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Titles Deprivation Bill [Lords];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Monday, 30th July 1917.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port of London Authority (Various Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And that it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 8, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

The Colonial Bank Bill [ Lords ] was read the Colonial Bank third time and passed, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being put, That the Bill be now read the third time—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's Table; and that the Paper relative to Company (Winding-up) be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tithe Depredation Bill [Lords];
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament, to the City of Kilkenny, in the room of Patrick O'Brien, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Boland.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 31st July 1917.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Glasgow Boundaries (1912) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Prayers.

The Right Honourable Sir Eric Campbell, New Member for the Borough of Cambridge, was sworn.

The Right Honourable Edwin Samuel Munro, Member for the County of Cambridges (Western or Chesterton Division), was sworn.

Sir Robert Williams reported from the Committee of Public Accounts; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Agreement (No. 9, 1917) between the United Kingdom and Liberia respecting the Boundary between Sierra Leone and Liberia, from the River Makom to Moa, in the north, to the River Magwai, in the south (with Map). London, 10/26 June 1917.
Copy of a Agreement between the British Postmaster-General and the German Governments concerning Commissions of War.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Prothero presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, for the City of Kilkenny, in the room of Patrick O'Brien, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Boland.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to those Acts, the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — 1912.
Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed, with amendment, by the Secretary for Scotland — Burgh of Wishaw.
Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 60 Universities (Edinburgh, No. 22) (Institution of a Degree in Commerce and relative Regulations) Act, 1899, Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, No. 124, 1899.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance), be printed.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Ordinance of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Macpherson presented, pursuant to the four directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of (Segmental Royal Warrant. Regulations under the Regimen­ tal Debits Act, 1893.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:— Copy of Order, 1917, of the County Court (Billeting of Civilians) Rules, 1917, dated 31st July, 1917, made by the Lord Chancellor under the Billeting of Civilians Act, 1917.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Right Honourable Sir Eric Campbell, New Member for the Borough of Cambridge, was sworn.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North Cheshire Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Caerphilly Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Colonial Bank Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to convey to trustees for the Royal Victoria Infirmary at Newcastle-upon-Tyne for the said and large poor of the said city and county, and of the Counties of Northumberland and Durham, a portion of the Castle Leazes for an extension of the said infirmary, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Corn Production Bill, if under discussion at Eleven (Corn) without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Corn Production Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 8 (Regulations). An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 29, after the word "reckoned," to insert the words "and for limiting or prohibiting the reckoning of benefits or advances as payment of wages in lieu of cash."—(Mr. Prothero.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 23, after the word "reckoned," to insert the words "and for enabling the Agricultural Wages Board to limit or prohibit the reckoning of benefits or advances as payment of wages in lieu of cash."—(Mr. Prothero.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, to leave out the words "or prohibit."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question proposed, That the words "or prohibit" stand part of the proposed Amendment—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words there inserted. Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 29, after the words last inserted, to insert the words—

"(d) for enabling a district wages committee to delegate any of their powers to a sub-committee; and:"

—(Mr. Prothero.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 29, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "and for enabling any applicant to be represented in any proceedings before such Board or any district wages committee by any officer of the National Agricultural Labourers and Rural Workers' Union, or of any other trade union."—(Mr. Noel Buxton.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 38, to leave out the words "His Majesty in Council may annul the regulation and."—(Captain Sir Beville Stanier.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left stand part of the Clauses, put, and agreed to. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Powers of entry and inspection). Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words "and shall have power to require any person whom he finds on any land or whom he has reasonable cause to believe to be an employer or workman in agriculture, to give any information which it is in his power to give with respect to matters under this Act."—(Mr. Charles Dunstan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Definitions). Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 24, after the word "as," to insert the word "arable."—(Captain Sir Beville Stanier.)

Question proposed, That the word "arable" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 25, to leave out the words "or other land or woodland."—(Captain Sir Beville Stanier.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left stand part of the Clauses, put, and agreed to. Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 36, at the end, to add the words—

"(e) The expression 'able-bodied workmen' shall only apply to workmen between the ages of twenty-one and sixty."—(Captain Sir Beville Stanier.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Application to Scotland and Ireland). Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be postponed—(Mr. Watson):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 1, to leave out paragraph (b), in order to insert the words—

"There shall be formed in each county and district of a county, or combination of counties or districts, as the Board of Agriculture may decide, a joint committee composed of equal numbers of representatives
of farmers and farm servants, elected as may be provided by the regulations of the Board of Agriculture, with a chairman who may be appointed by the elected members of the joint committee, but failing agreement by the Board of Agriculture;

Those committee shall appoint from their number representatives to form a central committee for Scotland, the number of representatives to be fixed by the regulations of the Board of Agriculture;

The local joint committee shall meet to discuss the adjustment of wages and conditions of service in the area, and, if no agreement can be arrived at on any claim, the committee may agree to refer the matter in question to the central committee for Scotland. Any findings of the local committees, whether arrived at by agreement or by arbitration, may, if the committee so decide, be reported to the central committee, and if adopted by the central committee and reported to the Board of Agriculture, such findings shall become obligatory in the area.

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 28, to leave out from the beginning to the end of the paragraph.—(Mr. O'Shea.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "and," in l. 30, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 33, to leave out the word "not."—(Mr. O'Shea.)

Question, That the word "not" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 34, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "in the application of section one of this Act to Ireland, the average price shall be taken to be the price ascertained by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland on the basis of the actual price paid for wheat and oats in the different counties of Ireland during the months of September, October, November, and December in each year."—(Mr. Kilbride.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 13, after the words last inserted, to insert the words—

"(b) In the application of section one of this Act to Ireland, the amount to be paid to the occupier as therein provided shall be, in the case of wheat and oats, in the case of oats six and one-quarter times, and in the case of oats six and one-quarter times, the difference between the average price and the minimum price per quarter."

—(Mr. Kilbride.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 32, after the words last inserted, to insert the words—

"In any case where a rent has not been fixed under the Land Law (Ireland) Acts, or any of them, by agreement or otherwise, section six of this Act shall apply, with the addition that the withdrawal of any abatement heretofore usually given in respect of the rent payable by the tenant shall be deemed to be an increase of rent within the meaning of the said section."—(Mr. Clay.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 38, after the words last inserted, to insert the words—

"In any case where a rent has not been fixed under the Land Law (Ireland) Acts, or any of them, by agreement or otherwise, section six of this Act shall apply, with the addition that the withdrawal of any abatement heretofore usually given in respect of the rent payable by the tenant shall be deemed to be an increase of rent within the meaning of the said section."—(Mr. Clay.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 13 amended, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question, That postponed Clause No. 8 be further postponed until after the consideration of the new Clauses to be proposed by the Government.—(Mr. Prothero)—put, and agreed to.

A Clause (Appointment of officers) brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Complaints as to the inadequate payment for piece-work where no minimum piece rate has been fixed)—(Mr. A. A. A.)
The Order of the day being read, for the New Ministries Committee on the New Ministries Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Committee on the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the Adjournment clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eight minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

Wednesday, 1st August 1917.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Glasgow Boundaries Act (1912) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill into consideration the Glasgow Boundaries Act (1912) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Colonial Secretary's Command—Copy of Colonial Reports, Report No. 923 (Hong Kong, Report for 1916).

Mr. Secretary Long also presented, pursuant to a direction of an Act of Parliament,–Copy of Paper, dated 8th June 1917, made by the Governor in Executive Council relative to the Prison Dietary Scales in Trinidad.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Morpheson presented, by His Majesty's Army (Pay, and Allowances) Command—Copy of List of Exceptions to the Non-effective Pay and Allowances sanctioned during the year 1916-17.
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Mr. Meggison also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Samuel reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure: That they had again the Special Report, which they directed him to make to the House.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Viscount Duncannon, Member for Dover, rose in his place and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the conduct of the War Cabinets in allowing, at this critical period of the war, one of its Members to proceed abroad accompanied by a pacific Member of this House on business connected with the Minister's duties as a Member of the War Cabinet, and upon a mission which has not received its consideration or sanction; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, till a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock this evening.

The Right Honourable Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, Member for the Borough of Dundee, was sworn.

Resolutions of the House (Corn Production Bill and New Ministries [Salaries and Remuneration] Committee.)

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Corn Production Bill and on New Ministries [Salaries and Remuneration] Committee be not interrupted, and that the Committee be not interrupted on the first and second time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Corn Production Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in l. 48, at the end, to add the words "to advantage, having regard to the qualities of the soil."—(Mr. Kilbride.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Proposed Schedule, as amended, added to the Bill.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on New Ministries [Salaries and Remuneration].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an annual salary not exceeding two thousand pounds to the Minister of Reconstruction, appointed under any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of a Ministry of Reconstruction, and of other salaries and remuneration which may become payable under such Act.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 2, to leave out the words "two," in order to insert the word "one.

(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question put, That the word "two" stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the [ Colonel Craig, ]
 Yeas, [ Mr. James Parker : ] 152.
 Tellers for the [ Mr. Pringle, ]
 Nays, [ Mr. King ] 32.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 5, after the word "remuneration," to insert the words "not exceeding in the aggregate twenty thousand pounds."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, and leave having been given to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question was adjourned.—under Standing Order No. 10, on motion of Viscount Duncannon.

Motion for Adjournment of the House laid without Question put.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee on New Ministries [Salaries and Remuneration].

(In the Committee.)

Postponed proceeding on Amendment to Question, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an annual salary not exceeding two thousand pounds to the Minister of Reconstruction, appointed under any Act of

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the present Session to provide for the establishment of a Ministry of Reconstruction, and of other salaries and remuneration which may become payable in pursuance of such Act, resumed.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted — Debate arising: Mr. Sheriff rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question — Debate resumed.

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the: [Mr. King]: Yes, [Mr. Pringle: ] 25.
Tellers for the: [Captain Guest: ] Yes, [Mr. James Hope: ] 77.
Main Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Fishery Harbours and Continuance of Powers Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fishery Harbours (Continuance of Powers) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

New Ministries Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the New Ministries Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ive of Man (Customs) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Tellers for the Titles Deprivation Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Titles Deprivation Bill [Lords]; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, being then twenty minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purpose of concluding the Business of Supply for the present Session, stated under and at the time of the day of August, shall be allotted under Standing Order No. 15 for the consideration of the annual Estimates for the Army, Navy, and Civil Services, including Votes on Account; and, as respects the present Session, that Standing Order shall have effect as if in paragraph 7 of that Standing Order the fifteenth day were substituted for the last day but one of the days allotted, and as if in paragraph 8 of that Standing Order the sixteenth day were substituted for the last day but one of the days allotted—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer): The House divided. The Yeas and the Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, Mr. Pringle]: 160. Tellers for the [Mr. Hope, Mr. Hogge]: 78. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That, until the adjournment of the House for the Autumn Recess, Government Business shall not be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order regulating the Sittings of the House, and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the proceedings on the New Ministries (Government Reorganisation) Bill and the New Ministries Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Lord Edmund Talbot reported from the Committee on New Ministries [Salaries and Remuneration] a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an annual salary not exceeding two thousand pounds, to the Minister of Reconstruction, appointed under any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of a Ministry of Reconstruction, and of other salaries and remuneration which may become payable under such Act.

The said Resolution being read a second time; VOL. 172.
A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas Darewe Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring his Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers: — And having risen had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Finance Act, 1917.
2. Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Act, 1917.
3. Confirmation of Executors (War Service) (Scotland) Act, 1917.
5. Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Act, 1917.
10. Essex and Herts Clergy Charity Scheme Confirmation Act, 1917.
12. Church Lands (Bristol, Saint Thomas) Charity Scheme Confirmation Act, 1917.
13. Presbyterian Church (Crook) Charity Scheme Confirmation Act, 1917.
15. Congregational Chapel Scheme Confirmation Act, 1917.
16. Land Drainage (Ewerby) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1917.
17. Land Drainage (Swaflffam) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1917.
18. Land Drainage (Wistow) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1917.
22. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1917.
23. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1917.
24. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1917.
27. London County Council (Money) Act, 1917.
34. Sheffield Gas Act, 1917.
35. Sheffield Corporation Act, 1917.

The House again resolved itself into the New Ministries Committee on the New Ministries Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Fishery Harbours (Continuance of Powers) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Committee on the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Titles Committee on the Deprivation Bill (Lords); 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Munitions of War Bill, as War Bill, amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Corn into consideration the Corn Production Bill, as amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means (Lords); 
Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do sit this day,—Banimon of the House (Friday Sitting.)

And it being after half-past Eleven of the Adjournment, clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes before Three of the clock on Friday morning, till this day, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 3rd August 1917.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That in the case of Parker's Parker's Divorce Bill [Lords] Standing Order 204 be suspended, and the time for the Second Reading of the Bill be extended to Monday next.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Glasgow Boundaries Act (1912) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, the Ministry of War Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, War Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the ways and means of the House without question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then six minutes before One of the clock, till Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the Adjournment. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Glasgow Boundaries Act (1912) Amendment Bill; the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. James Hope.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Expiring Laws Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time :—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the New Ministries Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee appointed to consider the measures under Section I (i) of the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1916.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Expiring Laws Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. James Hope.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee appointed to consider the measures under Section I (i) of the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Lord Edward Talbot.)

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Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Lord Edward Talbot.)

The Fishery Harbours (Continuance of Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Lord Edward Talbot.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. James Hope.)

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Solicitors (Examination) Bill [Lords] Bill [Lords] Bill 56.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Transfer of Powers) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Two Orders respectively made upon the 25th day of June last and the 27th day of July last, That the Civil Services (Supplementary) Estimates, 1917-18, which were presented upon those days, be referred to the Committee of Supply, were severally read and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Estimates do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Corn Production Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Protection of crops, &c. from damage by rabbits and vermin).—(Mr. Prothero)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in 1. 6, by leaving out the words “and take.”—(Sir John Spear)

And the Question being proposed, That the words “and take” stand part of the proposed Clause:—The Amendment to the proposed Amendment was amended, by inserting, after the second word “to,” the words “after not less than twelve months’ notice given under Part I of this Act failed to maintain such an.”— inserted thereof; and by adding at the end thereof the words “as may, in the opinion of the Board, be reasonable in relation to the national interests.”—(Mr. Leslie Scott)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Leif Jones;] Yeas, [Mr. Aneurin Williams;] Yes, 37. Tellers for the [Captain Guest,;] Noes, [Lord Edmund Talbot;] 21.7. So it passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 31, by leaving out the words “and could not with reasonable diligence have ascertained.”—(Mr. Lawrence Hardy)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 24, by inserting at the end thereof the words—“(6) In fixing minimum rates under this section the Agricultural Wages Board shall, so far as practicable, secure for able-bodied men, wages which, in the opinion of the Board, are adequate to promote efficiency, and to enable a man in an ordinary case to maintain himself and his family in accordance with such standard of comfort as may be reasonable in relation to the nature of his occupation.”—(Mr. Prothero)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The Amendment to the proposed Amendment to the Bill was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 36, by inserting, after the word “offence,” the words “unless he has reasonable grounds for believing that the workman is not able-bodied.”—(Sir Frederick Banbury)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 24, by inserting at the end thereof the words—“(6) In fixing minimum rates under this section the Agricultural Wages Board shall, so far as practicable, secure for able-bodied men wages which, in the opinion of the Board, are adequate to promote efficiency, and to enable a man in an ordinary case to maintain himself and his family in accordance with such standard of comfort as may be reasonable in relation to the nature of his occupation.”—(Mr. Prothero)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The Amendment to the proposed Amendment to the Bill was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 36, by inserting, after the word “offence,” the words “unless he has reasonable grounds for believing that the workman is not able-bodied.”—(Sir Frederick Banbury)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
adequate to promote efficiency, and to enable a man in an ordinary case to maintain himself and his family in accordance with such standard of comfort as may be reasonable in relation to the nature of his occupation" be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 36, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words—

“(7) Nothing in this Act shall prejudice the operation of any agreement entered into or custom existing before the passing of this Act for the payment of wages at a rate higher than the minimum rate settled under this Act, and in settling any minimum rate of wages the Agricultural Wages Board shall have regard to the average weekly rate of wages paid to the workmen in the district for which the minimum rate is to be settled.”—(Mr. Adnams.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment to the Bill, by leaving out from the third word “Act” to the end thereof.—(Mr. Prothero.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment to the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words

“(7) Nothing in this Act shall prejudice the operation of any agreement entered into or custom existing before the passing of this Act for the payment of wages at a rate higher than the minimum rate settled under this Act" be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 34, by leaving out from the word “exceed” to the end of subsection (2), and inserting the words “the rent payable in respect thereof as at the twenty-third day of February, nineteen hundred and seventeen, except with the consent of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.”—(Mr. Molewa), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 40, by inserting at the end thereof the words “Provided that this section shall not come into operation until the minimum prices named in Part I. of this Act become payable.”—(Mr. Laurence Hardy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 21, by leaving out Clause 9.

—(Mr. Laurence Hardy.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “if,” in l. 23, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 23, by inserting, after the word “Fisheries,” the word “may.”—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

And the Question being put, That the word “may" be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Frederick Banbury, Yea; (Mr. Spoor, Opposite; ] 5.
Tellers for the [Captain Guest, Yea; (Mr. James Hope; ] 88.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 23, by inserting, after the word “if,” the words “representations are made to them by the council of any county, borough, or parish that certain land is not being cultivated in the best interests of the country, shall forthwith cause due and proper inquiry to be made into the case, and if”—(Sir Walter Buxton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 1, by leaving out subsection (2) of Clause 9, and inserting the words—

“(2) Where any notice is served on a tenant a copy of the notice shall at the same time be served on the landlord”—(Colonel Weggall), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 41, by inserting at the end thereof the words “Provided always that any person upon whom any notice, direction, or order is served under this section, whether by the provisions of such notice, direction, or order, objecting to the substance thereof and asking to be heard before the said arbitrator appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule of the Agricultural Holdings Act of 1908.”—(Colonel Weggall.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 6, by inserting, after the word “land,” the words “and such notice shall be given six months previous to the determination
of the occupation by the Board, and shall expire on one of the half-yearly days customary in the district where the land is situate."—(Colonel Wrangell.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill ;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

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And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 24, by inserting at the end thereof the words "Provided that such loss, if occasioned by any person other than the Board, would have constituted a cause of action for damages or an injunction."—(Mr. Acland.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 24, by inserting at the end thereof the words "A mortgagee shall be deemed to be a person interested for the purposes of this subsection."—(Sir Francis Blake.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 31, by inserting at the end thereof the words " or by the President of the Auctioneers and Estate Agents' Institute, at the option of the person entitled to compensation. In default of agreement the person entitled to compensation shall within seven days give notice to the Board electing whether the arbitrator shall be nominated by the President of the Surveyors' Institution or by the President of the Auctioneers and Estate Agents' Institution, and in default of such notice the Board shall select the institution or institute the president of which shall nominate the arbitrator."—(Sir John Spoon.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 32, by leaving out subsection (9) of Clause 9.—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word "any," in l. 33, stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Prothero.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Expanding Laws Continuance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Continuance of Acts in Schedule).

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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Representation of the People Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Representation of the People Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Munitions of War Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Munitions of War Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Monday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then five minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Tuesday, 7th August 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:-

Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Jamaica War Contribution.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 2nd August 1917, as to the application of the Jamaica War Contribution.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Infant Welfare (Grants from the Local Government Board) Bill [Lords].

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of March last, for a Return relative to Infant Welfare (Grants from the Local Government Board).

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of March last, for a Return relative to Infant Welfare (Expenditure from Rates).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Flane, Act (Ireland). Bill [Lords].

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract of Account of Flane assessed for by the Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks in Ireland for the year 1915.

Copy of Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure under the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1892, for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Parker's Divorce Bill [Lords].

Message to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased so to communicate to this House Copies of the Minutes of Evidence and proceedings, together with documents deposited, in the case of Parker's Divorce Bill [Lords].—(The Lord Advocate.)

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Richmond the Richmond (Surrey) Electricity Supply Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Mr. George Fisher be discharged National from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, and that Mr. MacCaw be added to the Committee.—(Lord Edward Talbot.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded on to take into further consideration the Corn Production Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Constitution of agricultural wages committees in Scotland)—(Mr. Munro)—was brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Schedule 1, p. 15, l. 6, by leaving out from the word “and” to the end of line, and inserting the words “elected by and on behalf of the employers and workmen, respectively”—(Mr. Adamson).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Schedule 1, p. 7, l. 21, by inserting, after the word “fails,” the words “without reasonable cause.”—(Mr. Arthur Samuel.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Schedule 1, p. 17, l. 28, by leaving out from the word “thereof” to the word “and,” in l. 35.—(Mr. Arthur Samuel.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Schedule 1, p. 18, l. 21, by adding at the end thereof the words—

“§. This Schedule shall not apply to any holding not exceeding ten acres in extent.”—(Mr. John O'Connor.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Edwin Cornwell: 108.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Anderson: 14.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Treasury may borrow in such manner as they think fit, on the security of the Consolidated Fund, any sums required for raising the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and in addition a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty million pounds, and that there shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund—

(a) any sums which may be required to be so charged in the exercise, in connection with any money to be so borrowed, of any powers which are given by the War Loan Acts, 1914 to 1916, or any other enactment, in connection with money borrowed under the War Loan Acts, 1914 to 1916, or any other enactment; and

(b) any sums which may be required for the expenses of the redemption of any securities issued for the purpose of money to be so borrowed; and

(c) any sums which may be required for the remuneration of the Banks of England and Ireland in connection with the management of any securities issued for the purpose of money to be so borrowed.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means. 7th August.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Transfer of Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Enforcement of epidemic disease regulations by county councils).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "cholera," to insert the word "small-pox."

—(Sir Thomas Egan.)

Question, That the word "small-pox" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Speaker, and for Science and Art in Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

In the Committee,

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as follows:

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House Copies of the Minutes of Evidence and proceedings, together with documents deposited, in the case of Martin's Divorce Bill [Lords.] — (The Lord Advocate.)

Sir Albert Stanley, presented, by His Majesty's Railway Command,—Copy of Report to the Board of Accidents.

Trade upon the Accidents that have occurred on the Railways of the United Kingdom during the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Levinstein (Railways) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company (Railways) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Cheshire Lines Committee Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Supply into the Committee of Supply.

1. £2,045,621 (including a Supplementary sum of £529,636) for Public Education in Scotland, and for Science and Art in Scotland.

Class III.

2. £2,186 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Scottish Land Court.

Class IV.

3. £20,058 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board for Scotland, and also Expenses in respect of Advances under the Housing Act, 1914.

4. £45,906 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, including certain Grants in Aid.

And it being Ten of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes of the Civil Services Estimates, and of the other outstanding Votes, including Supple-
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Military Estimates, and the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Navy and the Army, and the Revenue Departments, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates.

Civil Services Estimates, 1917-18.

Class I.
5. That a sum not exceeding £222,464 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Classes I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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£535,464

Class II.
6. That a sum not exceeding £2,497,230 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for expenditure in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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£2,497,230

Class III.
7. That a sum not exceeding £8,617,019 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for expenditure in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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£8,617,019

Class IV.
8. That a sum not exceeding £16,396,210 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for expenditure in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<td>Endowed Schools Commissioners</td>
<td>£1,250</td>
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<td>National Gallery</td>
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<td>Science and Art</td>
<td>£134,218</td>
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<td>Universities and Colleges</td>
<td>£7,500</td>
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£16,396,210
Class V.
9. That a sum not exceeding £847,605 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<tr>
<td>1. Diplomatic and Consular Services</td>
<td>250,959</td>
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<td>2. Colonial Services</td>
<td>483,361</td>
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<td>3. Telegraph Subsidies</td>
<td>11,575</td>
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<td>4. Cyprus (Grant in Aid)</td>
<td>1,503</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Class VI.
10. That a sum not exceeding £483,000 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>441,576</td>
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<td>2. Miscellaneous Expenses</td>
<td>12,328</td>
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<td>3. Hospitals and Charities, Ireland</td>
<td>748</td>
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<td>4. Temporary Commissions</td>
<td>4,000</td>
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<td>5. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund</td>
<td>3,941</td>
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<td>6. Ireland Development Grant</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Statutory Committee of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation</td>
<td>1,150</td>
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<td>8. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£483,596</strong></td>
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Class VII.
11. That a sum not exceeding £12,756,330 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<tr>
<td>1. Old Age Pensions</td>
<td>7,200,000</td>
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<td>2. National Health Insurance Joint Commission</td>
<td>194,746</td>
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<td>3. National Health Insurance Commission (Hong Kong)</td>
<td>2,534,063</td>
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<td>4. National Health Insurance Commission (Wales)</td>
<td>2,908,029</td>
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<td>5. National Health Insurance Commission (Scotland)</td>
<td>415,888</td>
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<td>6. National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland)</td>
<td>213,575</td>
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<td>7. Ministry of Labour</td>
<td>832,426</td>
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<td>8. National Insurance Audit Department</td>
<td>53,700</td>
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<td>9. Treatment of Tuberculosis (Special Grants)</td>
<td>298,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Highlands and Islands (Medical Services) Board</td>
<td>41,998</td>
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<td>11. Friendly Societies' Deficiency</td>
<td>14,322</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£12,756,330</strong></td>
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Ministry of Municions (Ordnance Factories).
12. That a sum not exceeding £200 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for the Ministry of Munitions.
8 GEORGE V. 8th August. 1918.

13. Half Pay, Retired Pay, and other Non-effective Charges for Officers—£1,000
14. Pensions and other Non-effective Charges for Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Men, and others—£1,000
15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation, and Gratuities—£1,000
16. War Loan—£2,138,748

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917-18.

18. That a sum not exceeding £3,048,743 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:—

1. Customs and Excise £1,422,693
2. Inland Revenue £1,000,000
3. Income Tax £1,000,000
4. Land Revenue £1,000,000

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the War Loan said Resolution; and that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chairman of Ways and Means, and Mr. Radford do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly War Loan presented a Bill to make further provision for raising Money for the present war, and for purposes incidental thereto; and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Second Reading of the Solicitors (Examination) Bill [Lords].

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now" and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Heald.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Bendahm)—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

—(Mr. James Hope.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Title Committee on the Title Deprivation Bill (Deprivation Bill [Lords].

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply, and the Bill, Report, and the 7th day of this instant August;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means and the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn;

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Thursday, 9th August 1917.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Blackpool Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Glasgow Boundaries Act (1912) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

Mr. Osser presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copies of Papers relating to Local Food Control Committees and a Sugar Distribution Scheme.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 61 (Saint Andrews, No. 4), of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


Copy of Rule prescribing alternative works in the Junior and Middle Grades on the Programme for English for 1918, made under the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Acts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Laugh, Member for Inverness, West, rose in his place and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the proposal of the Government to empower Local Authorities to undertake large duties in connection with the distribution of commodities and the fixing of prices, without giving this House any opportunity of considering the proposals; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and less than Forty but more than Ten Members having accordingly risen, and a Division being claimed;

And the Question being put, That leave be given to move, That this House do now adjourn:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Business of the House (Supply).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
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9th—10th August.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:

Friday, 10th August 1917:

Question put, and agreed to.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Secretary Sir George Cave), put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Loan Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Solicitors (Examination) Bill [Lords]:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Titles Deprivation Bill [Lords]:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 9th day of this instant August.

Friday, 10th August 1917.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Inspector under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1906, for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Churchill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Billeting of Civilians (Appeal) Rules, 1917, dated 15th August 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

VoL 172.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Adjourned.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then twenty-five minutes before Six of the clock, till Monday next.

Monday, 13th August 1917.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company (Railways) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cheshire Lines Committee Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Levittstein (Railways) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Richmond (Surrey) Electricity Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the Committee on the Bill have leave to sit and proceed to-morrow.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of February last, for a Return relative to Deaths from Starvation or accelerated by Privation (England and Wales). No. 182.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented—Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of June last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue (Collection and Expenditure) (Great Britain and Ireland). No. 133.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of July last, for Returns relative to Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland). No. 134.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

 ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant August;

 Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant August;

 Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee; 

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question was adjourned.

Ordered, That the House will, to-morrow, resume the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Lord Edmond Talbot)—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Loan Bill.

(The Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Issue of new war loan).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, after the word "it," to insert the words "but not by any issue of premium or lottery bonds or stock."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Committee on the Solicitors (Examination) Bill (Examination) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Criminal Law the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Amendment another 30th day, of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Debarment of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation Committee on the Representation of the People Bill;
Tuesday, 14th August 1917.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command—Copy of Paper relating to the cost of the Sugar Distribution Scheme.

Ministry of Food.

Copies of the Winter Beans Order, 1917, the Flour Mills Order (No. 2), 1917, the Pickled Herring (Returns) Order, 1917, and the Milk (Returns) Order, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1885.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duley presented, pursuant to the directions above Act, of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Closing 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported royal the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Bill (Lords), without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Civil Services (Supplementary Estimates), 1917–18, which were presented upon the 28th day of June last and to the 27th day of July last, respectively, be 1917–18, referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man Island (Customs) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Fishery Harbours (Consequential Powers) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Diseases) (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee Supply of the 4th day of this instant (26th August) the following:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917–18.

Class II.

1. That a sum not exceeding £35,750 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum Office, necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies, including a Grant in Aid of certain Expenses connected with Emigration.

2. That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Pay, &c. of the Medical Establishment, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918.

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Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917-18.

Class V.

3. That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of National Service.

The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Second Resolution being read a second time;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, and there being Private Business sat down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 8, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Glasgow Boundaries Act (1913) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The postponed proceeding on the Question, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Resolution, That a sum not exceeding £3,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Pay, &c. of the Medical Establishment, and of Medicines, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, was resumed.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, proceeded to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Classes I. to VII. of the Civil Services Estimates, and of the Navy Estimates, and of the Army Estimates, the Revenue Departments Estimates, and other outstanding Resolutions, severally.

Civil Services Estimates, 1917-18.

Class I.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class I. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class II.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class II. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class III. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IV.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class IV. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class V.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class V. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VI.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class VI. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VII.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class VII. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.


And the Question being put, That this House Navy doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Navy Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Army Estimates, 1917-18.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Army Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1917-18.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Revenue Departments Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Civil Services Estimates, 1917-18.

Ministry of Munitions (Ordnance Factories).

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Ministry of Munitions (Ordnance Factories):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ministry of Pensions.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Ministry of Pensions:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ministry of Food.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Ministry of Food:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ministry of Shipping.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Ministry of Shipping:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ministry of National Service.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Ministry of National Service:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Resolved, That the Bill was, as amended, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Mr. Churchill.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment. Order of the House of the 12th day of February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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Court of Justice in Ireland; and, upon evidence satisfactory to the Committee, found the same and other allegations to be true, and they saw no reason to suspect collusion between the parties; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence and proceedings in the House of Lords on the Second Reading of Martin's Divorce Bill [Lords], together with the documents deposited in the case, be returned to the House of Lords.

(Lord Advocate.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the New Ministries Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the New Ministries Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Petroleum (Production.) Bill 91.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the searching and boring for and the getting of Petroleum in the United Kingdom, and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Secretary Long, Sir Albert Stanley, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Pethyman do prepare and bring in.

Mr. Secretary Long accordingly presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the searching and boring for and the getting of Petroleum in the United Kingdom, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1917-18.

Class I.

Motion made, and Question put, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £5 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for Expenditure in respect of Houses of Parliament Buildings.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Dickinson.]

Yea, Mr. Charles Roberts : 164.

Nay, Mr. Pett: 18.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Received, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 18 (Voting by absent voters).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 3, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(1) Every registration officer, on the completion of the register, shall send to each person registered by him under the provisions of section five of this Act and who is serving abroad, and to every other person registered by him who shall make application in the prescribed form on the ground that his or her profession or employment is likely to cause him or her to be absent abroad at the time of an election, a form of proxy. Such form shall entitle each such person to appoint a person to vote on his or her behalf at an election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the constituency for which such absent person is registered.

(2)—(Colonel Sanders.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be postponed—(Secretary Sir George Care) —put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Deposit by candidates at parliamentary elections).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 28, after the word "election", to insert the words "or some person on his behalf."—(Colonel Sanders.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 29, to leave out the word "one," in order to insert the word "two."—(Sir Frederick Barden.)

Question proposed, That the word "one" stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 38, to leave out the words "to the candidate," in order to insert the words "to the person or persons by whom the deposit was made."—(Colonel Sanders.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Forfeiture of deposit in certain cases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 6, to leave out the word "one-eighth," in order to insert the word "one-sixth."—(Sir George Fougser.)

Question proposed, That the word "one-eighth" stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Returning officers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 22, to leave out the word "sheriff," in order to insert the words "chairman of the county council."—(Mr. Rosewall.)

...
Question proposed, That the words "sheriff" stand part of the Clause.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Glasgow Boundaries Act (1912) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Orders, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee on the Representation of the People Bill;

(In the Committee.)

Postponed proceeding on Amendment proposed on consideration of Clause No. 21 resumed.

Question again proposed, That the word "short" stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words—

"(a) In the case of an old parliamentary borough giving its name to a new constituency, the mayor of each borough."—(Mr. Pollok.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 35, at the end, to add the words "Provided that in the case of the borough of Southwark the high bailiff of Southwark shall continue to be the returning officer."—(Mr. Pollok.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 22 (Payment of returning officers' expenses by Treasury).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 21, to leave out the word " The " to the word "also," in l. 23, in order to insert the words "scale of maximum charges for the purposes of this section shall be as set out and defined in the First Schedule to the Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) Act, 1875, but the Treasury shall be at liberty to make its own scale of maximum charges by order."—(Mr. Fisher.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Discharge of returning officers' duties by an acting returning officer).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 34, after the word "than," to insert the words "as a parliamentary, county, or."—(Mr. Cantley.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Scale of election expenses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 12, to leave out the words "duly nominated."—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 12, after the word "parliamentary," to insert the words "and local government."—(Mr. Maitland.)

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 14, after the word "four ounces."—(Mr. Gilbert.)

Question put, That the words "one ounce" stand part of the Clause.

Question again proposed, That the words "four ounces" be there inserted:

Proposed Amendment amended, by leaving out the word "four," and inserting the word "two."—(Mr. Heyse Fisher.)

Proposed words, as amended, there inserted.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Munitions of War Bill (recommitted) Bill.

Clause No. 1 and No. 2 disagreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Power to make certain awards as to wages binding on trades).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, at the end, to add the words "Provided that nothing in any such order or award shall operate to make it unlawful for any employer to pay to any person a higher rate of wages than is expressed in such award."—(Mr. Anderson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 disagreed to.

Clause No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 7 and No. 8 disagreed to.

Clause No. 9 amended.

Another Amendment made.

Clause No. 9 disagreed to.

Another Amendment made.

A Clause (Restriction of alteration of piece prices, &c. in controlled establishments)—(Mr. Kellaway)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Restriction on employment of workmen who have been engaged on certain munition work)—(Mr. Kellaway)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Penalty on dismissal of workman on ground of membership of trade union)—(Mr. Kellaway)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Power to give directions as to remuneration of certain classes of work)—(Mr. Kelway)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Termination of contracts)—(Mr. Kelway)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of First Schedule of principal Act)—(Mr. Anderson)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 6 of the Act of 1916)—(Mr. Kelway)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Proceedings under s. 4 (5) of principal Act)—(Mr. Holker)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Munitions of War Act, 1915, amendment of s. 4, ss. (3))—(Mr. Anderson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, that the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Question withdrawn.

Another Clause (Extension of Munitions of War Acts, 1915 to 1917, to Royal Dockyards)—(Mr. Anderson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, that the Clause be read a second time:

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair:

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Representative of the People Bill.

Clause No. 24 (Scale of election expenses).

An Amendment proposed in p. 14, l. 16, at end, to insert the words "Every candidate or some person on his behalf shall deposit, at the same time as he or some person on his behalf deposits the sum mentioned in section nineteen of this Act, a sum equivalent to the postage to each registered elector in the constituency, and in the case of any candidate not receiving the proportion of votes mentioned in section twenty of this Act the amount so deposited shall be forfeited to His Majesty, but in any other case shall be returned to the person or persons by whom the deposit was made,"—(Colored Poles.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Expenses incurred by unauthorised persons).

Amendment proposed in p. 14, l. 21, to leave out the words "A person shall not," in order to insert the words "No person, including the proprietor or proprietors of any newspaper or periodical, or advertising agency, shall,"—(Sir George Younger.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 26 agreed to.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

New Ministries Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the New Ministries Bill.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 1, l. 10, leave out "(after the termination of the present war "); and insert "(out of the present war and may have to be dealt with upon its termination "), the first Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 1, l. 28, at end, insert—

"(4) An Order in Council under this Act shall be laid before each House of Parliament forth­

with, and if an Address is presented by either House within the next subsequent forty days on which that House shall have sat, praying His Majesty that the Order may be annulled, His Majesty in Council may annul the Order, and it shall thenceforth be void, but without prejudice to the validity of anything already done thereunder ",—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, on the day on which the Corn Production Bill receives the Royal Assent, Mr. Speaker, as soon as he has reported the Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, shall adjourn the House without Question put, till Tuesday the 16th day of October.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House will, to-morrow, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroluem (Production) Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to­morrow.

Reduced, That this House do sit to­morrow, Business of the Day.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Yea, Captain Guest 74.

Tellers for the  Mr. Joest, 

Noes, Mr. King: 18.

So it was resolved in the A affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

Ordered, That a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to­morrow.

Reduced, That this House do sit to­morrow, Business of the Day.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum (Production) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to­morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Titles Deprivation Bill.

Ordered, That this House will, to­morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Adjournment. Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Seven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 17th August 1917.

PRAYERS.

Billeting of Civilians (Autumn.) Scotland Act, 1917.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions for 1916, compared with the four preceding years. Volume II.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Tenth Report of the Trustees for the National Galleries of Scotland, for the year ending 31st March 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

National Galleries of Scotland Act, 1906.

University of Glasgow.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract of Accounts of the University of Glasgow for the year ended 30th September 1916.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Hereditary Honours.

Adjournment of the House (Annual.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant August, That, on the day on which the Corn Production Bill receives the Royal Assent, Mr. Speaker, as soon as he has reported the Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, shall adjourn the House without Question put, till Tuesday the 18th day of October;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That, on the day on which the Corn Production Bill receives the Royal Assent, Mr. Speaker, as soon as he has reported the Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, shall adjourn the House without Question put, till Tuesday the 16th day of October.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum (Production) (Production) (Production) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Title Committee on the Titles Deprivation Bill Deprivation Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the Adjournment. House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then four minutes before Six of the clock, till Monday next.

Monday, 20th August 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Scottish Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, Orders and the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—South Staffordshire Mowd Gas (Power and Heating) (No. 2) [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Martin's Divorce Bill [Lords] was read the Martin's third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Sir Eric Geddes presented, pursuant to the Naval Prize directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Money, Account showing the Receipt and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other Moneys between 1st April 1916 and 31st March 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Organisation Command,—Copy of Memorandum by the Board of Commercial Trade and Foreign Office with respect to future Organisation of Commercial Intelligence.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Pre-Health Insurance (Regulations, dated 17th August 1917, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Insurance (Regulations,) Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Benefits of Disabled Seamen and Soldiers) Regulations, 1917.
Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 17th August 1917, made by the Insurance Commissioners of the National Health Insurance (Discharged Seamen and Soldiers) Regulations, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Macpherson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments made to the Army Rules of Procedure, 1907.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the War Loan Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Workmen’s Compensation (War Addition) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Munitions of War Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow Boundaries Act (1915) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Corn Production Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Munitions of War Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Lords’ Amendments to the Corn Production Bill be printed.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow at Twelve of the clock.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Corn Production Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Prothero.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration.

The Lords’ Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 4, l. 35, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords’ Amendment in p. 4, l. 42, after (“area”), insert (“or to any special class in a special area”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords’ Amendment in p. 6, l. 1, leave out subsection (7), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords’ Amendment in p. 6, l. 6, leave out (“Agricultural Wages Board”), and insert (“district wages committee”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords’ Amendment in p. 6, l. 9, at end, insert—

(“(a) If a district wages committee fail, within a period prescribed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, to fix minimum rates of wages for piece-work within their district, the Board shall refer the question of fixing such rates to the Agricultural Wages Board, and thereupon the powers and duties of the district wages committee shall be transferred to the Agricultural Wages Board; and any rate fixed under such a reference by the Agricultural Wages Board, shall be deemed to be the minimum rate fixed under this Act.

(b) Nothing in this Part of this Act shall prejudice the operation of any agreement entered into or custom existing before the passing of this Act for the payment of wages at a rate higher than the minimum rate fixed under this Part of this Act.”)

The Amendment was divided.

The said Lords’ Amendment, to the end of l. 10, was disagreed to.

And the remaining part of the said Lords’ Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords’ Amendment in p. 6, l. 11, leave out (“man”), and insert (“a man”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords’ Amendment in p. 6, after Clause 5, insert Clause A (Special provisions as to able-bodied workmen)—

(“A.—(1) Where a person employs a workman, not being an able-bodied workman, in agriculture on time-work at a rate less than that which would have been payable had he been an able-bodied workman, that person shall, within fourteen days of the date hereinafter mentioned, send to the district wages committee a statement in the prescribed form signed by or on behalf of himself and the workman containing particulars as to the wages agreed to be paid, and the circumstances which render the workman not an able-bodied workman, and such other particulars as may be prescribed; and that committee may, if they think fit, increase the rate of wages payable under the contract, and thereupon the contract shall have effect as from the date hereinafter mentioned as so varied: Provided that this provision shall not apply in any case where the wages paid are in accordance with a
certificate granted by a district wages committee under this section.

If the employer fails to send such a notice as aforesaid, or to pay wages at the rate fixed by the committee, he shall be liable to the like penalties as if the workman had been an able-bodied workman.

The date hereinbefore referred to is the date of the commencement of the contract, or of the fixing of the minimum time-rate for able-bodied workmen in the district, whichever is the later.

(2) If a district wages committee are satisfied that any workman employed or desiring to be employed on time-work is not an able-bodied workman, the committee may grant to the workman, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be prescribed by the committee a certificate to that effect, and applying to the workman the minimum rate of wages fixed under this Act for able-bodied workmen, subject to such reduction as may be specified in the certificate; and whilst such a certificate is in force this Act shall apply as if the minimum rate, subject to such reduction as aforesaid, were applicable to him), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Prothero);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Yeaes, 12 Mr. Prothero, 113. Captain Guest.

Noes, 1 Mr. Peto. 10.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 7, l. 15, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 7, l. 15, after ("notice"); insert ("in writing"); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 7, l. 55, leave out (from the beginning to ("and"); in p. 8, l. 3, at end and insert ("the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, if in any case they are of opinion—

(a) that any land is not being cultivated according to the rules of good husbandry; or

(b) that for the purpose of increasing in the national interest the ("food"), of food the mode of cultivating any land, or the use to which any land is being put, should be charged; or

may serve notice on the occupier of the land requiring him to cultivate the land in accordance with such directions as the Board may give for securing that the cultivation shall be according to the rules of good husbandry, or for securing the necessary change in the mode of cultivating, or in the use of the land, as the case may be"); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 8, l. 14, at end insert—

("Provided that if any person on whom any notice is served under this section is aggrieved by the decision he may within the prescribed time require the question whether the land has been cultivated according to the rules of good husbandry, or whether it is undesirable in the interest of food production that the change should apply to any portion of the land included in the notice, to be referred to arbitration in accordance with this Part of this Act, and where any question is so referred to arbitration no action shall be taken for enforcing the directions given by the Board until the determination of the reference, or except in accordance with the terms of the award; and where the person on whom any notice is served is a tenant the landlord shall have the same right as the amount of requiring any question to be referred to arbitration"); the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lords' Amendment, by leaving out Is. 8 and 6 thereof, and inserting the words "without questioning the policy laid down by or on behalf of the Board of Agriculture before the arbitrator, it is desirable that any portion of the land referred to in the notice should be excluded therefrom"—(Mr. Charles Roberts),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said Lords' Amendment—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Lords' Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 8, l. 35, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 8, l. 35, at end, insert—("if within three months after the Board have entered on any land the person who was in occupation of the land at the time of the entry so requires, a record of the condition of the walls, fences, gates, roads, drains, ditches, and cultivation of the land shall be made within three months after the date of the requisition by a person to be appointed, in default of agreement, by the President of the Surveyors' Institution; and, in default of agreement, the costs of making such record shall be borne by the Board and the person so previously in occupation in equal portions.

Where the Board have entered on any land under this provision they shall pay to the outgoing tenant such amount as would have been due or payable by way of compensation on account of crops, tillages, or other matters by the incoming tenant, and the amount so payable shall, in default of agreement, be determined by arbitration under this Part of this Act"); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

And it appearing that the Commons were (special willingness to waive their privileges in respect of entry) the first subsection, the Amendment was amended, by leaving out Is. 11 to 16.—(Mr. Prothero)—and, as amended, agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 9, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 9, l. 21, after ("land"); insert ("and such notice shall be given not less than six months previous to the determination of the occupation by the Board, and shall expire on one of the half-yearly customs in the district where the land is situated"); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, in l. 2, by leaving out the word "six," and inserting the word "three," instead thereof, and by leaving out the words "determination of the occupation," and inserting the word "withdrawal," instead.

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section (3) of section twelve shall not apply; and

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section twelve was amended, by leaving out the word "twelve," and inserting the word "eleven"

(Mr. Dukes)—instead thereof, and, as amended, agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 18, l. 31, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 18, l. 31, leave out from the beginning of line to ("subject"), in l. 33, and insert ("district wages committees shall consist"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 19, l. 27, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 19, l. 27, after ("committees"), insert ("provided that the number of persons so appointed shall not exceed one-quarter of the total number of members of the Agricultural Wages Board, or of any district wages committee"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 21, l. 37, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 21, l. 37, after ("business"), insert ("including provision as to sub-committees"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords' Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a clause to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill.

And a Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Acland, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. John O'Connor, Mr. Prothero, and Captain Sir Beville Sterndale.

Ordered, That Two be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Prothero.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Munsions Lords to the Munitions of War Bill be now of War Bill, taken into consideration.—(Mr. Kellaway.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordsships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committeee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for renewing Criminal Law upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defence of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Representation of the People Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum (Production) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Titles Deprivation Bill (Lord's);
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 16th day of October next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Prothero reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Corn Production Bill; That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 4, l. 6, to the Amendment in p. 5, l. 2, 7, 21 and 22, 24, 29, 31 and 35, 37, and 38 and 39; p. 6, l. 6, to the Amendment in p. 6, l. 9, to insert subsection (a), and to the Amendments in p. 6, l. 11, 16 and 17, 21, 25, 27, 35, 35; p. 11, l. 19 and 25; p. 12, l. 17; p. 14, l. 9 and 13; p. 15, l. 12; p. 18, l. 31, 34 and 36; p. 19, l. 10, 13, 14 to 23, 33, 36, 41 and 42; p. 21, l. 5, 16, 23 and 26, for the following Reason;—Because subsection (1) is unnecessary, if minimum time rates are fixed for non-able-bodied men, and subsection (2) is unnecessary if the proviso to Clause 5 (3) of the Bill is retained.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 5, l. 6, p. 12, l. 1; p. 14, l. 9 and 13; p. 15, l. 12; p. 18, l. 31, 34 and 36; p. 19, l. 10, 12, 13, 14 to 23, 33, 36, 41 and 42; p. 21, l. 5, 16, 23 and 26, for the following Reason;—Because these Amendments are consequential on the Amendment made by the Lords in Clause 5, p. 4, l. 35, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to new Clause A for the following Reason;—Because subsection (1) is unnecessary if minimum time rates are fixed for non-able-bodied men, and subsection (2) is unnecessary if the proviso to Clause 5 (3) of the Bill is retained.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 9, at the end of l. 38, for the following Reason;—Because it is unnecessary, having regard to the powers of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries to prescribe times within which claims are to be made, varying according to the nature of the case.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships; hath disagreed to certain other Amendments, for which they assign Reasons; hath amended certain other Amendments, and hath made a consequential Amendment to the Bill; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment.
Order of the House of the 16th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And according the House, having continued to sit till Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 21st August 1917.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the mastership directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Shipping Provisional Order in Council, dated the 18th day of August 1917, providing for the Registration as British Ships of Vessels vested in the Shipping Controller.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, purusant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1912,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—Borough of Chatham.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Deputy Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Corn Production Bill to which this House is agreed, and agree to the Amendments made by this House to and in lieu of the Amendments made by their Lordships, without any Amendment.

A Message was delivered by Admiral Sir Henry Frederick Stephenson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Deputy Speaker,
The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.
Accordingly Mr. Deputy Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Deputy Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therewith mentioned; and that the Lords thereby
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authorised to have declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. War Loan Act, 1917.
4. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1917.
13. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1917.
15. Blackburn Improvement Act, 1917.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before Three of the clock, till Tuesday the 16th day of October next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 17th day of this instant August.

Tuesday, 16th October 1917.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Islington (East Division), in the room of Sir George Heynes Radford, Knight, deceased. —(Mr. Quilter.)

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Autumn Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95 —

Copy of Returns of the treatment by the Germans of British Prisoners and Natives in German East Africa.

Copy of Returns of Shipping and Tonnage, 1914, 1915, and 1916.

Copies of Colonial Reports, Nos. 922 (Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Report for 1915-16), 924 (Weibelwai, Report for 1916), 925 (Zanzibar, Report for 1916), 926 (Fiji, Report for 1916), and 927 (Turks and Caicos Islands, Report for 1916), Vol. 175.

928 (Cayman Islands (Jamaica), Report for 1915-16), 929 (St. Vincent's, Report for 1916), 930 (Trinidad and Tobago, Report for 1916), 931 (Gibraltar, Report for 1916), 932 (Bahamas, Report for 1916-17), and 933 (Saint Helena, Report for 1916).

Copy of Extracts from Discussions at the Imperial War Conference on the admission of United States, Canadian Cattle into the United Kingdom.

Copy of Fifty-ninth Report of the Board of Health, Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals, for the year 1916-17.

Copy of Report of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland of all his proceedings under the Ireland Development Grant Act, 1913, for the financial year ended 31st March 1917.

Copy of Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Ireland, for the year ended 31st March 1917.

Copy of Report of the Estates Commissioners under the Irish Land Acts for the year from Acts 1903-4, from 1st April 1916 to 31st March 1917, and for the period from 1st November 1903 to 31st March 1917, with Appendix.


Copy of Report of the Irish Land Commissioners from 1st April 1916 to 31st March 1917.

Copy of Report of proceedings for the year 1916 by the Department of Agriculture and Animals Acts.

Technical Instruction for Ireland under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Copy of Supplement to the Forty-ninth Local Annual Report of the Local Government Board for 1916-17 (Medical Officer's Report).


Copy of Regulations, dated 17th September 1917, made by the Scottish Education Depart. (Scotland.)

Copy of Regulations, dated 17th September 1917, made by the Scotch Education Depart. (Scotland.)

Copy of Return of the Imperial War Conference, on the admission of United States, Canadian Cattle into the United Kingdom.

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Copy of Regulations, dated 17th September 1917, made by the Scotch Education Depart. (Scotland.)

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Copy of List of certain Commissions and Committees set up to deal with Public Questions arising out of the War.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 28th August 1917, as to the disposal of the Trinidad and Tobago War CEF of December 1916.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 29th August 1917, as to the disposal of the War Contribution of the British Community of Kelantan.

Copy of the Muniions (Tribunals) (Scotland) Amendment, No. 3, Rules, 1917.

Copy of the Munitions (Tribunals) Amendment, No. 2, Rules, 1917.

Copy of Second Report of the Royal Commission appointed to consider and report what compensation should be paid in respect of Losses incurred through the exercise by the Crown of its rights and duties in the Defence of the Realm.

Copy of Report of the Commissioners with Statement showing the operations of the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply from the date of appointment to the year ended 31st March 1917.

Copy of First (Interim) Report of the Commissioners, with Appendices, for the year ended 31st March 1917.

Copy of Report for the year 1916 of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, appointed under the Naval and Military War Pensions, 6th Act, 1915.


Copy of Report of the Boundary Commission appointed under the Shops Act, 1912, for the purposes of the Representation of the People Bill, 1917.

Copy of Report of the Boundary Commission (Scotland) for the purposes of the Representation of the People Bill, 1917.

Copy of Draft Rules proposed in reference to the Representation of the People Bill, 1917, prescribing the method of voting and tracing voters at any Election, according to the principle of I. The Single Transferable Vote, and II. The Alternative Vote.

Copy of Regulations made by the Board of Education for renewing Play Centres in force from 1st August 1917.

Copy of the Annual Report for 1916 of the Chief Medical Officer of the Board of Education.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Copy of Regulation made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department varying the basis on which the Exchequer Contribution under the Police Act, 1899, to the Police Pension Funds is to be distributed between the several Police Forces of England and Wales for the year ending 31st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 3rd October 1917, directing that the Accounts of the Alderman Poor Law Board shall be examined and audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 4th August 1917, declaring that Charles Samuel Hill, Mote in Charge of Work in the Yermo War Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 24th August 1917, sanctioning the letting of a Quarry at (mislaid) Dalkey to Mr. Patrick Lowney by the Kingstown Harbour Commissioners.

Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, the 32nd August 1917, made by the Welsh Insurance Commissioner, entitled the National Health Insurance (Benefits of Invalided Seamen and Soldiers) Regulations (Wales), 1917.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th August 1917, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Commission of Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Benefits of Invalided Seamen and Soldiers) Regulations (Scotland), 1917.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 2nd National Act, 1917, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Commission of Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Benefits of Invalided Seamen and Soldiers) Regulations (Wales), 1917.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 24th August 1917, made by the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Discharged Seamen and Soldiers) Regulations (Wales), 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, and to the Police Act, 1901, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Montagu presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, of all Loans raised in England under the directions of any Acts of Parliament, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended on the 30th September 1917, with the rates of interest and total amount payable thereon, and the date of the termination of each Loan, the debt incurred during the half-year, the moneys raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will permit.
The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Revised Rules for the discussion of motions of Munitions Tribunals (Ireland) Amendment (No. 2) Rules, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Churchill presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Munitions Tribunals (Ireland) Amendment (No. 2) Rules, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, pursuant to directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Revised Rules for the discussion of motions of Munitions Tribunals (Ireland) Amendment (No. 2) Rules, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Papers relating to the proposed London Harbour Conservancy Board, and Order in Council, dated 26th September 1917, and an Order in Council, dated 25th April 1917, postponing the operation of the Two Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, and of Five Orders in Council, dated 29th August 1917, and of Section II. of Title XIII. of the Defence of the Realm Acts or Regulations, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Papers relating to the proposed incorporation of the Port of Yila, in the New Hebrides Islands, a Port of Registry for British Ships.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Proctor presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order of Council under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 and 1906, dated 29th September 1917, and an Order in Council, dated 23rd August 1917, revoking the Order of Council under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894, dated 22nd August 1917, respecting certificates for passenger steamers granted by the Governments of Bombay and Bengal respectively, and Order in Council, dated 24th September 1917, declaring the Port of Vila, in the New Hebrides Islands, a Port of Registry for British Ships.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles Elgee presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 and 1906, dated 29th September 1917, and an Order in Council, dated 23rd August 1917, revoking the Order of Council under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894, dated 22nd August 1917, respecting certificates for passenger steamers granted by the Governments of Bombay and Bengal respectively, and Order in Council, dated 24th September 1917, declaring the Port of Vila, in the New Hebrides Islands, a Port of Registry for British Ships.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Churchill presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Papers relating to the proposed London Harbour Conservancy Board, and Order in Council, dated 26th September 1917, and an Order in Council, dated 25th April 1917, postponing the operation of the Two Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, and of Five Orders in Council, dated 29th August 1917, and of Section II. of Title XIII. of the Defence of the Realm Acts or Regulations, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, pursuant to directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Revised Rules for the discussion of motions of Munitions Tribunals (Ireland) Amendment (No. 2) Rules, 1917.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Titles Deprivation Bill [Lords].

Clause No. 1 (Futurity of title of peer or prince held by enemy).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the words "either House of Parliament."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Orders. No. 1. The House do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed. The Order of the day being read, for the Supply, Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Deletion of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation Committee on the Representation of the People of the People Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order, put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being one hour after the conclusion of Government Business, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, it being then seven minutes before Six of the clock, till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 17th October 1917.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Paper relative to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts, 1872 (Oxford), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant October, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant October, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Lunacy, Lunacy and Mental Deficiency, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant October, be printed.

Mr. Hodge, presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copies of Orders in Council under Powers, the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1853, dated 29th September 1917, sanctioning Regulations as to Pensions to disabled Commissioned and Subordinate Officers, Commissioned Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers of the Naval, Coastguard, Marine, and Reserve Forces, and to Widows, &c. of such Officers, and to disabled Nurses.
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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Prothero presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, numbered D.I.P. 466 to 468 and 476, declaring the respective areas described in the Schedules thereto to be infected with Wart Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas) Order of 1914.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 934 (Ceylon, Report for 1916).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report—Annuity Schedules thereto to be infected with Wart Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas) Order of 1914.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Gove presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics as to the operation and administration of the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor in England and Wales for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order made upon the 17th day of August last, for a Return relative to Hereditary Honours, was read and discharged.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of all Hereditary Honours granted since the 4th day of August 1914, (a) to Members of the House of Commons; (b) to members of the Civil Service; and (c) to Officers of His Majesty's naval and military Forces who have been on active service during the war. (Captain Wight.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 27 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 28 (Definitions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words “The expression 'legal incapacity' shall include aliens, infants, felons, and persons guilty of corrupt or illegal practices.”—(Colonel Greville.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words “(1) To 'reside' means to dwell in a residence, and 'residence' means a dwelling which...

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonial Reports (Annual).

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 934 (Ceylon, Report for 1916).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ministry of Food.

Secretary Sir George Gove presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics as to the operation and administration of the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor in England and Wales for the year 1916.

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The person who dwells in it regards as his house.”—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words “(2) The expression 'contiguous' in the case of counties means counties which at some point come within ten miles of each other, and in the case of boroughs means boroughs which are either in the same county or are not separated at the nearest points by more than ten miles.”—(Mr. Pennruder.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 1, after the word "transferred," to insert words “according to the method set out in the Seventh and Eighth Schedules to this Act.”—(Major Chapple.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words “(7) For the purposes of registration a person's age is his age on the day on which the register comes into force.”—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 4, to leave out from the word "be" to the end of the subsection, in order to insert the words "the gross estimated rental."—(Sir George Younger.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 39 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 40 (Application to Scotland).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 19, at the end, to insert the words “(2) In lieu of the provisions of section three of this Act the following provisions shall apply:—

A person shall be entitled to be registered as a local government elector for a local government electoral area if he—

(a) is entitled to be registered as a parliamentary elector in that area, or

(b) is the owner of any land or premises in that area of the yearly value of not less than five pounds, provided that where the land or premises are jointly owned by two or more persons and the aggregate yearly value of the land or premises is not less than the amount produced by multiplying five pounds by the number of the joint owners, each of the joint owners shall be deemed to be the owner of land or premises of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds.”—(Mr. MacCaillan Scott.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted. Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 25, at the end, to insert the words “(3) Without prejudice to the right of a woman in Scotland to be registered as a local government elector for any local government electoral area where she would be entitled to be

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so registered if she were a man, a woman in Scotland shall only be entitled to be registered as a parliamentary elector for a constituency (other than a university constituency) on the like conditions as in England, and section three of this Act shall accordingly apply without modification so far as it concerns a basis for the parliamentary franchise as provided in subsection (1) of section four of this Act.

(c) For the purpose of the local government franchise the following provisions shall be substituted for the first proviso enacted in section three of this Act (that is to say) —

Provided that for the purposes of this section the word 'tenant' shall include—

(a) a man occupying in virtue of any office, service, or employment any dwelling-house which is not inhabited by the person under whom he serves; and

(b) a man occupying as a lodger any room, or rooms, of the yearly value (if let unfurnished) of not less than ten pounds who claims to be registered in respect of such occupation, or, where not more than two men are in the joint occupation of lodgings and the yearly value thereof (if let unfurnished) is not less than twenty pounds, each of such men who claims to be registered in respect of such occupation.

And provided further that where any land or premises are of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds it shall not be necessary, in order to entitle the owner thereof to be registered as a local government elector in respect of such land or premises, that he should at any time during the qualifying period have occupied the same.

—(Mr. Macvean.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to the proposed amendment, in l. 16, to leave out from the word "dwelling-house" to the word "and," in l. 16.—

(Mr. Duane White.)

Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed amendment: Amendment to the proposed amendment, by Irvey, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed amendment, in l. 18, to leave out from the word "pounds" to the word "or," in l. 18.—

(Mr. Duane White.)

Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed amendment:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, into the Petroleum Royalties Fund constituted under any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the searching and boring for and getting of Petroleum in the United Kingdom, of a sum equal to nine pence for every ton of petroleum gotten on behalf of His Majesty, and of any other Expenses chargeable under such Act—(Mr. James Hope);

Secretary Sir George Care, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment.

Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put: — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 18th October 1917.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Hants County Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Hants (Northern or Basingstoke Division), in the room of Arthur Clavell Salter, Esquire, K.C., who, since his Election for the said county, hath accepted the Office of one of the Justices of His Majesty's High Court of Justice.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public Petition, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Eighty-fifth Annual Report of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, 1917 (General Licence), and Dried Fruits (Restriction) Order, 1917 (General Licence), made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Beale presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eighty-fifth Annual Report of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, with Appendices, for the year ending 31st March 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Colonial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, Reports No. 925 (Malta, Report for 1916-17).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Illingworth presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post Amendment (No. 92) Warrant, 1917, dated 26th September 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—copy of the County Courts (Emergency Powers) Rules, 1917, dated 4th October 1917, made by the Lord Chancellor for County Courts under the County Courts (Emergency Powers) Acts, 1914 to 1917.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on National Expenditure have leave to report from time to time.—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

Mr. Baldwin presented a Bill to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, 1882, with respect to the time for noting Bills: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Hodge, supported by Mr. Barnes, Mr. Duke, Mr. Munro, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, presented a Bill to provide for the inclusion on Local Committees constituted under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915, of representatives of disabled men discharged from the Naval and Military Services of His Majesty: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Representative of the House (Presiding Member.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 30.

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 26, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Without prejudice to the right of a woman in Scotland to be registered as a local government elector for any local government electoral area where she would be entitled to be registered if she were a man, a woman in Scotland shall only be entitled to be registered as a parliamentary elector for a constituency (other than a university constituency) on the like conditions as in England, and section three of this Act shall accordingly apply without modification so far as it constitutes a basis for the parliamentary franchise as provided in subsection (1) of section four of this Act.

(a) For the purpose of the local government franchise the following provisions shall be substituted for the first proviso inserted in section three of this Act (that is to say):—

Provided that for the purposes of this section the word "tenant" shall include—

(a) A man occupying in virtue of any office, service, or employment any dwelling-house which is not inhabited by the person under whom he serves; and

(b) a man occupying as a lodger any room, or rooms, of the yearly value (if let unfurnished) of not less than ten pounds who claims to be registered in respect of such occupation, or, where not more than two men are in the joint occupation of lodgings and the yearly value thereof (if let unfurnished) is not less than ten pounds, each of such men who claims to be registered in respect of such occupation.

And provided further that where any land or premises are of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds it shall not be necessary, in order to enable the owner thereof to be registered as a local government elector in respect of such land or premises, that he should at any time during the qualifying period have occupied the same.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 18, to leave out from the word "pounds" to the word "or," in l. 19.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 31, to leave out the words "is appointed," in order to insert the words "was appointed prior to the passing of this Act."—(Sir John Barnum.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 12, after the word "shall," to insert the word "not."—(Sir John Lansdale.)

Question, That the word "not" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 33, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "are," in l. 46, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words "The duty of deciding upon claims and objections in connexion with the preparation of the register and of correcting electors' lists shall, instead of being discharged by the registration officer, be discharged by a barrister of not less than six years' standing, appointed by the Lord Lieutenant, who shall receive such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lord Chancellor; and the amount thereof shall, for the purposes of this Act, be treated as part of the expenses of the registration officer."—(Mr. Acheson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words "The duty of deciding upon claims and objections in connexion with the preparation of the register and of correcting electors' lists shall, instead of being discharged by the registration officer, be discharged by a barrister of not less than six years' standing, appointed by the Lord Lieutenant, who shall receive such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lord Chancellor; and the amount thereof shall, for the purposes of this Act, be treated as part of the expenses of the registration officer."—(Mr. Acheson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 81 (Application to Ireland).

Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 12, after the word "shall," to insert the word "not."—(Mr. Arrol.)

Question, That the word "not" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 33, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "are," in l. 46, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words "The duty of deciding upon claims and objections in connexion with the preparation of the register and of correcting electors' lists shall, instead of being discharged by the registration officer, be discharged by a barrister of not less than six years' standing, appointed by the Lord Lieutenant, who shall receive such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lord Chancellor; and the amount thereof shall, for the purposes of this Act, be treated as part of the expenses of the registration officer."—(Mr. Acheson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words "The duty of deciding upon claims and objections in connexion with the preparation of the register and of correcting electors' lists shall, instead of being discharged by the registration officer, be discharged by a barrister of not less than six years' standing, appointed by the Lord Lieutenant, who shall receive such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lord Chancellor; and the amount thereof shall, for the purposes of this Act, be treated as part of the expenses of the registration officer."—(Mr. Acheson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 26, to leave out the words "unless and until the Lord Lieutenant otherwise directs."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 52 (Commencement of Act and first register).

Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 6, after the word "resolved," to insert the words "or ceases to have continuity."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 12, to leave out, to the word "say," in l. 16, stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 53 agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 18.

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 5, after the word "parliamentary," to insert the words "or local government."—(Mr. Code.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be further postponed until after the consideration of the Schedules—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—put, and agreed to.

A Clause (Register for university constituencies)—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Application of Act to the Isles of Scilly)—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Regulations to be laid before Parliament)—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Voting by persons in the employment of returning officers)—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Punishment of offences committed outside the United Kingdom)—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Alteration of polling districts where necessary)—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Registration of mercantile marine and fishermen)—(Mr. Hayes Fisher)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Compensation of existing assistant overseers)—(Mr. Dickinson)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Schedule 1.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Hayes Fisher)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply. Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committees.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Petroleum (Production) [Payments and Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, into the Petroleum Royalties Fund constituted under any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the searching, boring for, and getting of Petroleum in the United Kingdom, of a sum equal to nine pence for every ton of petroleum gotten on behalf of His Majesty, and of any other Expenses chargeable under such Act.—(Mr. Hayes Fisher.)

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Hayes Fisher)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant Adjournment, to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.
SECRETARY Sir George Cave presented, by leave, the following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Account of the Irish Land Commission for the year ended 31st March 1917; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Hereditary Honours be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital (for Services other than those voted by Parliament) in the year ended 31st March 1917, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Account of the Irish Land Commission for the year ended 31st March 1917, and from 22nd August 1881 to 31st March 1917; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Accounts of the Irish Land Commission in respect of Church Temporalities in Ireland from 1st April 1896, and from 26th July 1869 (the date of the Irish Church Act), to 31st March 1917; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule 1.

Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 15, after the word "names," to insert the words "addresses, and the register number."—(Mr. Blyton.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 18, to leave out the words "show in separate divisions," in order to insert the word "distinguish."—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 39, to leave out the words " a separate list for the whole registration area," in order to insert the words "separate lists for the respective voting areas."—(Sir Owen Philipps.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words "It shall be the duty of the registration officer, on the application of any person during business hours and on payment of the prescribed fee, to furnish copies to the applicant of the lists of any part of the lists for the registration unit, including all lists mentioned in the respective rules made under this Schedule."—(Sir Owen Philipps.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 29, to leave out the words "where he does not himself perform the duties of overseer," in order to insert the words "or his deputy, as the case may be."—(Major Newman.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 30, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Bing.)

Question, That the word "may" stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 37, at the end, to insert the words "It shall be the duty of the overseer for a parish to allow any person registered as a parliamentary elector for the constituency, or a local government elector for the area in which the parish is situated, to inspect during business hours, free of charge—(a) the books containing the return rates made for the parish within the last twelve months, and to make a copy of or take an extract from such books;
(b) the returns of deaths supplied to the overseers by the registrar of births and deaths, and to make a copy of or take an extract from such returns."—(Sir Owen Philipps.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 37, at the end, to insert the words "The registration officer shall not be liable for any penalties under section eleven of this Act in cases where his inability to perform any of his duties is due to failure on the part of the overseers to prepare lists and to supply information within the time required by the registration officer."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words "I if any question arises as to whether the expenses incurred by the overseers are reasonable or not such question shall be referred to the Local Government Board, whose decision shall be final and binding upon all parties."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 6 and 7, to leave out the words "is not entered, or
is," in order to insert the words "or the particulars respecting whose qualifications are not entered, or are."—(Mr. Newman.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 10, to leave out the word "fifteenth," in order to insert the word "eighteenth."—[Mr. Gilbert.]

Question proposed, That the word "fifteenth" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 11, to leave out the word "eighteenth," in order to insert the words "or the person objected to."—(Major Boyton.)

Question, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 30, after the word "officer," to insert the words "and to the person objected to."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 37 and 38, to leave out the words "shall," as soon as practicable after receiving any notice of objection," in order to insert the words "after receiving any notice of objection to the name of any person in the list published on the first day of February or on the first day of August, shall, on or before the twenty-second day of February in the case of the spring register, and the twenty-second day of August in the case of the autumn register."—(Sir George Younger.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 39, after the word "list," to insert the words "together with particulars of his reasons for claiming."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 2, after the word "list," to insert the words "together with particulars of his reasons for claiming:"—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 4, to leave out the words "reason of the nature of his occupation, service, or employment," in order to insert the words "any reason."—(Sir George Younger.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words "and any person so registered shall continue so to be until such time as such person has ceased to be qualified to be entered in the absent voters list, or gives notice to have his name removed therefrom."—(Mr. Stewart.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 8, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "if the registration officer decides not to place the person claiming on the absent voters list he shall send notice to that effect to the person interested, and in any case he shall insert the person's name in the list in which his name would have appeared had he not claimed to be inserted in the absent voters list."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 14, to leave out the words "as soon as practicable,"—(Sir George Younger.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 16, to leave out the word "three," in order to insert the word "seven."—(Colonel Sanders.)

Question, That the word "seven" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 23, after the word "entries," to insert the words "subject to the right of any elector to choose the qualification in respect of which such elector desires to be registered to vote."—(Sir Owen Philipps.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 33, at the end, to insert the words—

(a) The registration officer shall expunge the name of every person who, whether objected to or not, is proved to the registration officer to be dead;

(b) Where an entry in any list and an entry in a return made to the overseers of death appear to relate to the same person the registration officer shall inquire whether such entries relate to the same person, and, on proof being made to him that the entries relate to the same person, shall expunge the entry in the list therefrom;

(c) The registration officer shall expunge the name of every person, whether objected to or not, where it is proved to the registration officer that such person was, on the fifteenth day of January in the case of the spring register, and the fifteenth day of July in the case of the autumn register, incapacitated from voting at an election for the parliamentary constituency, or an election for the local government area, as the case may be, to which the list relates.

—(Mr. Stewart.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 36, after the word "lists," to insert the words "which adversely affects his right to vote."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then two minutes after Five of the clock, till Monday next.

Monday, 22nd October 1917.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Geddes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of Universities and Colleges, Ireland, for the year ended 31st March 1917 ; together with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Eric Geddes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Annual Statement of the estimated Income and Expenses of the Greenwich Foundation for the year 1917-18.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Consul at Bremen,—Copy of the Fishery (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Francis Lowe, Member for Birmingham, adjourned (Edgbaston Division), rose in his place and said the House asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the air raid, recent air raid on Friday last on this country and the lack of defence against the same; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, till a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock this evening.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule 1.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 27, to leave out the word "two," in order to insert the word "seven."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question proposed, That the word "two" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

And it being Five of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) [Payments and Expenditure].

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange (Time of Noting) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills of Exchange (Time of Noting) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange (Time of Noting) Bill; and the lack of defence against the same; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, till a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock this evening.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule 1.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 27, to leave out the words "any special point which may be specified as a ground of appeal."—(Secretary Sir George Currie.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and negatived.

Proposed words amended, by leaving out the word "special."—(Mr. Hobler.)—and there inserted.

Other Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 2, to leave out the words "the chief," in order to insert the word "each."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That the words "the chief" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 3, to leave out the words "some other convenient places," in order to insert the words "such other convenient places."—(Major Newman.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 4, to leave out the words "if he thinks fit."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 8, to leave out the words "being an elector or claiming to be an elector within the registration area may appear."—(Colonel Sanders.)

Question, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 23, after the word "exists," to insert the word "existing."—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question proposed, That the word "registered" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 25, after the word "person," to insert the words "who the registration officer is satisfied is an interested person."—(Sir George Younger.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 18, to leave out the words "other than counsel."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 22, after the word "by," to insert the word "registered."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That the word " registered " be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 26, after the word "past," to insert the words "registered or otherwise."—(Mr. Borton.)

Question, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 29, after the word "officer," to insert the words "or anyone authorised by him in that behalf."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 33, after the word "information," to insert the words "within his knowledge."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 37, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "that such person has attained the required age, and is a British subject or a naturalised British subject."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 37, after the word "certificate or."—(Mr. Hugh Law.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 41, to leave out the words "appearing to the registration officer to be interested."—(Sir George Younger.)
Chairman out of order; and it appearing to the
Chairman of the House that the Amendment was inconsistent with a Clause passed by the Committee, he informed the Committee that the Question thereto could not be put.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 34, to leave out the word “a woman,” in order to insert the words “any person voting.”—(Colonel Younger.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule 2.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 34, after the word “than,” to insert the words “the fee of the election agent as hereinafter provided and.”

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 10, to leave out the words “in all cases be the ninth day.”

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 3, to leave out the words “in the case of county constituencies be the ninth day after, and in the case of county constituencies be the eleventh day.”—(Sir George Younger.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “the,” in l. 34, stand part of the Schedule; and it appearing to the Chairman of the House that the Amendment was inconsistent with a Clause passed by the Committee, he informed the Committee that the Question thereto could not be put.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 34, to leave out the word “ninth,” in order to insert the word “seventeenth.”—(Mr. Denman.)

Question proposed, That the word “ninth” stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 3, to leave out from the beginning to the end of l. 9.—(Colonel Yate.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “voting,” in l. 3, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 10, to leave out the words “a woman,” in order to insert the words “any person voting.”—(Colonel Yate.)

Question, That the words “a woman” stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule 3.

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 24, after the word “than,” to insert the words “the fee of the election agent as hereinafter provided and.”

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 3, to leave out the words “in all cases be the ninth day.”

Amendment proposed, in l. 2, to leave out the words “into the Petroleum Royalties Fund constituted, in order to insert the words “of Expenses incurred by or on behalf of His Majesty, and of any other Expenses chargeable under such Act:

Amendment proposed, in l. 2, to leave out the words “into the Petroleum Royalties Fund constituted,” in order to insert the words “of Expenses incurred by or on behalf of His Majesty,”—(Mr. Denman.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and—(Lord Denman),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and—(Mr. Denman),—put, and agreed to.

The House again resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange (Time of Noting) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Pensions, &c. (Local Committees) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Navy and Military War Pensions, &c. (Local Committees) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Amendment upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be farther adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Committee on the Petroleum (Production) Bill:

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, Vo t. 172.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to­morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to­morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment. Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to­morrow.

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Mr. Speaker resumed his seat, and, Sir Edward Cornell reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to­morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill of Second Reading of the Bill of Exchange (Time of Noting) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to­morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Local Committees) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to­morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Committee on the Petroleum (Production) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to­morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to­morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to­morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to­morrow.
Wednesday, 24th October 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimate of the sums required to be voted during the year ending 31st March 1918 for general Navy and Army Services, Warlike Operations, and other Expenditure arising out of the War.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Edward Smallwood, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Islington (East Division), was sworn.

Mr. Eugene Wason reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That in the case of the South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) (No. 2) [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Herbert Samuel reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure; that they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule 3.

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 24, after the word "than," to insert the words "the fee of the election agent as hereinafter provided and;"—(Mr. George Thorne.)

Question again proposed, that those words be there inserted.

Question put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 23, to leave out the words "seven pence," in order to insert the words "one shilling."—(Sir George Younger.)

Question proposed, That the words "seven pence" stand part of the Schedule.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 26, to leave out the words "seven pence," in order to insert the words "eight pence."—(Major Neaman.)

Question, That the words "seven pence" stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 31, at the end, to insert the words "in the case of an election for a group of boroughs in Scotland, six pence for each elector on the register."—(Sir George Younger.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to. Schedule 4 disagreed to.

Schedule 5 amended, and agreed to.

Schedule 6.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 41, l. 10, to leave out the words "sections one," in order to insert the words "section one, subsection (3) of section eight, and sections;"—(Mr. George Thorne.)

Question proposed, That the words "sections one" stand part of the Schedule.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 18.

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 6, to leave out the words "as soon as practicable," in order to insert the words "within forty-eight hours."—(Colonel Sanders)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 7, after the word "paper," to insert the words "by registered post."—(Sir George Younger.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 14, to leave out the words "close of the poll," in order to insert the words "time at which the votes are to be counted."—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) For the purpose of allowing more time for the receipt of ballot papers from persons whose names are entered on the absent voters list, His Majesty may by Order in Council direct that the counting of votes at any elections to which the Order applies shall, instead of taking place as soon as practicable after the close of the poll, take place at such time (not exceeding eight days after the close of the poll) as may be fixed by the Order, and returning officers shall comply with any such direction.

(4) During the continuance of the present war and a period of twelve months thereafter, the following special provisions shall apply for the purpose of enabling persons whose names are entered on the absent voters list to appoint voting proxies in certain cases:

(a) His Majesty may by Order in Council direct that voting by proxy by persons registered as naval or military voters shall be permitted in any area on land abroad mentioned in the Order, if it appears to Him that ballot papers sent to that area by post cannot reasonably be returned before the votes are counted, and that the case cannot be met by an Order under this section postponing the counting of votes;

(b) A person whose name is entered on the absent voters list, if he satisfies the registration officer—

(i) that he is registered as a naval or military voter and is serving, or about to serve, at sea, or in any area on land abroad in which voting by proxy is permitted in pursuance of an Order in Council made under this section; or

(ii) that he is a merchant seaman at sea, or about to go to sea;

shall be entitled, if he so desires, to appoint a proxy, and, having appointed a proxy, to
vote by proxy at a parliamentary election in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Act;

(c) No ballot paper shall be sent for the purpose of voting by post to a person who has appointed a proxy under this provision while the appointment is in force;

(d) The provisions set out in the Third Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to voting by proxy.

—(Secretary Sir George Cole.)

Question proposed, That these words be there inserted;

Proposed Amendment amended, in l. 1, at the beginning, by inserting the words "During the continuance of the present war and a period of twelve months thereafter."—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, as amended, in l. 2, to leave out the words "His Majesty may by Order in Council direct that."—(Colonel Leslie Wilson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment, as amended, put, and agreed to.

Proposed Amendment, as amended, further amended, in l. 7, at the end, by adding the words: "and in any such case any vote received by the returning officer from an absent voter before the time at which the votes are to be counted shall be reckoned in the count."—(Mr. Hayes Fisher.)

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, as amended, in l. 8, to leave out from the beginning to the first word "the," in l. 9—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment, as amended:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Bill be read a second time

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) [Payments and Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill relating to the compensation to be paid in respect of the control of Coal Mines, and other matters arising out of such control; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

Proposal Clause No. 18.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) For the purpose of allowing more time for the receipt of ballot papers from persons whose names are entered on the absent voters list, His Majesty may by Order in Council direct that the counting of votes at any elections to which the Order applies shall, instead of taking place as soon as practicable after the close of the poll made under such circumstances (not exceeding eight days after the close of the poll) as may be fixed by the Order, and returning officers shall comply with any such direction.

(4) During the continuance of the present war and a period of twelve months thereafter, the following special provisions shall apply for the purpose of enabling persons whose names are entered on the absent voters list to appoint voting proxies in certain cases—

(a) His Majesty may by Order in Council direct that voting by proxy by persons registered as naval or military voters shall be permitted in any area on land abroad mentioned in the Order, if it appears to him that poll papers sent to that area by post cannot reasonably be returned before the votes are counted, and that the case cannot be met by an Order under this section posponing the counting of votes;

(b) A person whose name is entered on the absent voters list, if he satisfies the registration officer—

(i) that he is registered as a naval or military voter and is serving, or about to serve, afloat, or in any area on land abroad in which voting by proxy is permitted, in pursuance of an Order in Council made under this section; or

(ii) that he is a merchant seaman at sea, or about to go to sea;

shall be entitled, if he so desires, to appoint a proxy, and, having appointed a proxy, to vote by proxy at a parliamentary election in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Act;

(c) No ballot paper shall be sent for the purpose of voting by post to a person who has appointed a proxy under this provision while the appointment is in force;

(d) The provisions set out in the Third Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to voting by proxy.

Which Amendment was amended, in l. 1, at the beginning, by inserting the words "During the continuance of the present war and a period of twelve months thereafter;" and in l. 7, at the end, by adding the words "and in any such case any vote received by the returning officer from an absent voter before the time at which the votes are to be counted shall be reckoned in the count.

Question proposed. That those words, as amended, be there inserted:—Amendment, as amended, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, as amended, in l. 12, to leave out the words "His Majesty may by Order in Council direct that."—(Colonel Leslie Wilson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment, as amended, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made to the proposed Amendment, as amended.

Proposed words, as amended, there inserted.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Schedule (Provisions as to voting by proxy) brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in l. 2, to leave out the words "by the registration officer of the constituency in which the elector is registered."—(Mr. Dickinson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in l. 17, at the end, to insert the words—

"4. An elector who appoints a proxy, or some person on his behalf, shall notify the registration officer in the prescribed form of the appointment of the proxy, and the appointment shall not be valid unless it has been so notified.

5. It shall be the duty of the registration officer to publish, in such form and on such dates as may be prescribed by the Local Government Board, a list of the persons appointed as proxies, and of the electors by whom they have been appointed."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in l. 43, at the end, to insert the words—

"(c) Solicits or collects proxy papers that are not filled in with the name of the proxy appointed by the elector, or fills in or offers to fill in a proxy paper on his behalf."—(Mr. Pem.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in l. 66, at the end, to add the words—

"(14) The registration officer shall keep a list of the names and addresses of the appointed proxies, and of the electors by whom they are appointed. Such list shall be available for inspection and copying."—(Colonel Gorton.)

Question proposed. That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Petroleum (Production) [Payments and Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, into the Petroleum Royalties Fund constituted under any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the searching and boring for and getting of Petroleum in the United Kingdom, of a sum equal to nine pence for every ton of Petroleum gotten on behalf of His Majesty, and of any other Expenses chargeable under such Act:

Amendment proposed, in 1, 2, to leave out the words "into the Petroleum Royalties Fund constituted," in order to insert the words "of Expenses incurred by or on behalf of His Majesty."

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot]: 35.

Tellers for the [Mr. Denman]: 44.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Froude)—put, and agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange (Time of Noting) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Local Committees) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Petroleum (Production) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last.

Monday, 29th October 1917.

PRAYER.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Colonial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 836 (Gambia, Report for 1916).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Pethick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, numbered D.I.P. 486 to 493, declaring the areas described in the Schedules thereto to be infected with War Disease, and infected areas for the purposes of the War Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas) Order of 1914.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the Naval and directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Maritime Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, as pertaining to the 26th June 1884 and the 17th October 1884, and to the 23rd October 1917—

(1) Applying the Geneva Convention Act, 1911, to certain Protectorates; and

(2) Extending Section 20 of the Finance Act, 1894, to the Uganda Protectorate.

Copies of Final Order in Council under the Merchant Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 23rd October 1917, suspending during the War the modifications contained in Orders in Council of the 26th June 1884 and the 17th October 1884, respecting Certificates for passenger steamers granted by the Governments of Bombay and Bengal, respectively.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions therein Act, of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Closing 1912.

Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the County Borough of Limerick.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clyde presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Intoxicating Liquor (Output Food and Delivery) Order (No. 5), 1917, Jam (Prices) Order, 1917 (General Licence), and Bacon, Ham, and Lard (Maximum Prices) Order, 1917 (General Licence), made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

New Members sworn.

Sir Auckland Campbell Geddes, K.C.B., Member for the County of East Hants (Northern or Basingstoke Division), was sworn.

Major the Honourable Arthur George Villiers Peel, Member for the County of Lincoln (Hol­land or Spalding Division), was sworn.

Sir William Bull reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 25th and 30th days of July last, the 8th and 16th days of August last, and the 16th, 22nd, and 25th days of this instant October, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, notwithstanding, That the thanks of this House be given to the officers, petty officers, and men of the Navy for their faithful watch upon the seas during more than three years of ceaseless danger and stress, while guarding our shores and protecting from the attacks of a barbarous foe the commerce upon which the victory of the Allied Cause depends.

That the thanks of this House be given to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the British Armies in the field, and also to the women in the medical and other services auxiliary thereto, for their unfailing courage and endurance in defending the right, amid sufferings and hardships unparalleled in the history of war, and for their loyal readiness to continue the work to which they have set their hands until liberty of the world is secure.

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the gallant troops from the Dominions Overseas, from India, and from the Crown Colonies, who have travelled many thousands of miles to share from India, and from the Crown Colonies, who have sustained.--(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do signify the said Resolution to the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, and to His Majesty's Secretaries of State for War, for the Colonies, and for India, and to the Shipping Controller, and request them to communicate the same to the officers, men, and women referred to therein.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Bills of Exchange (Time of Noting) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

The Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Local Committees) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
Tuesday, 30th October 1917.

Prayers.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the credit of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund, the interest paid and credited to depositors in pursuance of the Acts relating to Post Office Savings Banks, and the expenses incurred in the execution of those Acts;—Account, for the year ended 31st December 1916, showing the interest accrued in respect of the securities standing in the names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the credit of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund, the interest paid and credited to depositors in pursuance of the Acts relating to Post Office Savings Banks, and the expenses incurred in the execution of those Acts;—Account, for the year ended 20th November 1916, showing the interest accrued in respect of the securities standing in the names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the credit of the Fund for Friendly Societies, and the interest paid and credited to trustees of Friendly Societies.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of the Reports, Nos. 937 (British Guiana, Report for 1916) and 938 (Falkland Islands, Report for 1916).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply;

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1917–18.

Resolved, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £400,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1918 for general Navy and Army Services, in so far as special provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assuring the Food Supply; and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of Insurance or indemnity against risk; the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.
Wednesday, 31st October 1917.

Prayers.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Beer (Prices and Description) Order, 1917, and Ten (Provisional Powers Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee of Supply of the 30th day of this instant October a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1917-18.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £400,000,000 be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all purposes of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 1st November 1917.

Prayers.

Mr. Secretary Montagu presented, pursuant to East India Act the directions of an Act of Parliament, — (Loans raised on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended on the 31st March 1917, with the rates of interest and total amount payable thereon, and the date of the termination of each Loan, the debt incurred during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which moneys have been raised during the half-year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir George Cow presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of an Order proposed to be made by the Secretary of State in pursuance of the Metropolitan Police Staff (Supernumerary) Act, 1874, as amended by the Police Act, 1909, respecting the grant of gratuities and allowances to officers of the Staff of the Metropolitan Police and Police Courts who are injured in the discharge of their duty.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Sane Order, 1917, and Sugar (Sales for Ireland Returns) Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 5) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:— And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Whitehouse moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Deputy Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House, and the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:— The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Petroleum (Production) Expenses.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Correspondence with the German Government regarding the alleged misuse of British Hospital Ships.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the undermentioned Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

County Borough of Salford.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Churchill presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Memorandum No. 19, by the Health of Munition Workers Committee (second Appendix to Memorandum No. 3 (Industrial Committee), Investigation of Workers' Food and Suggestions as to Dietary).

Mr. Churchill also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Munitions Tribunals (Ireland) Rules, 1917.

Copy of Munitions Tribunals (Scotland) Rules, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Account of the Crown Agents' Office Funds for 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Minutes of the Board of Education, dated 24th October 1917, modifying Part III. of the Regulations for Technical Schools, Schools of Art, and other forms of provision of further Education in England and Wales.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of the First Annual Report of the Scottish War Savings Committee.

Copy of further Treasury Minute, dated 27th October 1917, as to the funding of Sugar Purchases abroad on behalf of His Majesty's Government.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 5) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Schedule (Redistribution of Seats)—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendments made to the proposed Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 5, l. 1, col. 3, to leave out the word “One,” in order to insert the word “Two.”—(Sir Henry Harris.)

Question put, That the word “One” stand part of the proposed Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, | Captain Guest : | 223.
| Mr. Wiles : | 70.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 5, l. 22, to leave out the word “One,” in order to insert the word “Two.”—(Mr. Chancellor.)

Question, That the word “One” stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 5, l. 46, col. 3, to leave out the word “Four.”—(Sir William Pearce.)

Question, That the word “Three” stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made to the proposed Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 7, l. 1, col. 3, to leave out the word “Three,” in order to insert the word “Two.”—(Mr. Borrett-Coutts.)

Question, That the word “Two” stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 14, l. 1, col. 5, to leave out the word “One,” in order to insert the word “Two.”—(Mr. David Mason.)

Question, That the word “One” stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 14, l. 50, at the end, to insert the words—

“Folkestone Municipal Boroughs One.  (One of Folkestone and Hythe, with Urban District of Clifton and so much of the Urban District of Sandgate as is not comprised in the Municipal Borough of Folkestone.)”

—(Mr. Ronald McNeill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made to the proposed Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 16, l. 4, col. 5, to leave out the word “Beverley,” in order to insert the word “Albert.”—(Mr. Fergus.)

Question, That the word “Beverley” stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 20, l. 14, col. 5, to leave out the words “New Cross and Saint Mary’s,” in order to insert the words “Beswick and Bradford.”—(Sir John Rendels.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 29, l. 41, col. 1, to leave out the words “The Medway Boroughs,” in order to insert the words “Chatham.”—(Mr. Hakker.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made to the proposed Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 22, l. 39, cols. 4 and 5, at the end, to insert the words—

“East—Waterhead, Saint James’, Saint Mary’s, Mumps, Coldhurst, and Cockerfield Works.

West—Westwood, Hartford, Werneth, Holinwood, Saint Peter’s, and Saint Paul’s Works.”

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made to the proposed Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 25, l. 7, col. 3, to leave out the word “Three,” in order to insert the word “Four.”—(Commander Wedgwood.)

Question, That the word “Three” stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 27, l. 1, col. 3, to leave out the word “Chatham,” in order to insert the word “Two.”—(General Hickman.)

Question put, That the word “Three” stand part of the proposed Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, | Captain Guest : | 176.
| Colonel Stannard : | 29.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Definiment of girls under seventeen) be read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Education Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Wages and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Wages and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Naval and Military War Pensions, Army, Navy, and Air Forces (Local Committees) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval and Military War Pensions, sec. (Local Committees) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Petroleum (Production) [Payments and Expenses] Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) [Payments and Expenses]:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Petroleum (Production) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Petroleum (Production) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 6th November 1917.

PRAYERS.

Money Docks and Harbour Board.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Accounts of the Money Docks and Harbour Board for the year ending 1st July 1917.

New Member sworn.

Benjamin Tillett, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Salford (North Division), was sworn.

National Health Insurance Bill.

Bill 97.

Sir Edwin Corsewell, supported by Mr. Barlow, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Pratt, presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to National Health Insurance: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Consolidated Fund (No. 9) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 9) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words: "this House is of opinion that, provided that satisfactory guarantees can be obtained with regard to the independence and restoration of Belgium and the evacuation of other occupied territory, no obstacle should be placed in the way of preliminaries towards negotiations for a peace settlement which ought to embody an equitable solution of the problems of Alsace-Lorraine, and the devising and enforcement of effective international machinery for the avoidance of future wars"—(Mr. Lewis Smith)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stood part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Captain Stanley Wilson rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declared that he declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noses to the Left:

Tellers for the (Lord Edward Talbot):—

Yes, {Sir Edwin Cornwall:} 282.

Tellers for the {Mr. Whitehouse:} No. {Mr. Trevelyan:} 31.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stood part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's Table, and desire their concurrence (the Bill Certificates having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

JAMES W. LOWTHER,

Speaker).

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval and Military War Pensions, sec. (Local Committees) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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Consolidated Fund (No. 5) Bill.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer asked leave to make an explanation on behalf of the Right Honourable Gentleman the senior Member for Dublin University and himself, that in the Division this day on the Question, That the Question be now put, on the Amendment proposed to the Third Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 6) Bill, they had voted both in the Yeas and in the No Lobby, and, having been heard in his place, stated that they intended to vote with the Yeas. Whereupon Mr. Speaker directed the Clerk to correct the list of Members voting in the No Lobby by leaving out the names of the two Right Honourable Members, and to state the number of the Noes in that Division as 31 instead of 33.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

Wednesday, 7th November 1917.

PRAYERS.

Shops Act, 1912.

SECRETARY Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the under-mentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

City of Liverpool.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Superannu- nation Act, 1887.

Mr. Boldrer presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st November 1917, granting a retired allowance under the Superannuation Act, 1887, to Mr. Frank King Hyde, Officer of Wigan 1st Station, Bolton, Customs and Excise.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Munitions (Health of Munitions Workers) Act, 1916.

Mr. Clavell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum No. 20 (Weekly Hours of Employment), by the Health of Munitions Workers Committee (Supplementary to Memorandum No. 5 (Hours of Work)).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Local Taxation (Scotland) Account.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing payments into and out of the Local Taxation (Scotland) Account for the financial year 1916–17.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

West Indies.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports on Vol. 172.

Pall Mall, in the West Indies, by Dr. Louis W. Samson, M.D.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Milk Factories (Regulation) Order, 1917, Butter (Maximum Prices) Order (No. 4), 1917, Sugar (Registration of Retailers) (Ireland) Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lord one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Bills of Exchange (Time of Noting) Bill, without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Schedule (Redistribution of Seats).

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 27, l. 18, col. 3, to leave out the word "One," in order to insert the word "Two."—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question put, That the word " One " stand part of the proposed Schedule:.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Lord Edward Talbot, Yeas, 166. Captain Guest:

Tellers for the Mr. Butcher, Noes, 72.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 26, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words:

"Denbigh and Flint Existing contributor One."

Denbigh, and Flint Boroughs of Denbigh, Holt, Ruthin, Wrex­ham, Caergwrle, Caer­ wyn, Flint, Holywell, Mold, Overton, Rhudd­ lan, and Saint Asaph.

—(Six Herbert Roberts.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Schedule:—Amend­ ment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 30, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words:

"Border Burghs of Dumfries, One."

Border, Carlisle, Annan, Burghs.

Hawick, Galashiels, and Selkirk.

—(Mr. Gulland.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Schedule: put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 53, l. 9, col. 4, to leave out the words "Central," in order to insert the words "Saint Mungo."—(Mr. Watt.)

Question proposed, That the word " Central " stand part of the proposed Schedule:—Amend­ ment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 40, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words—

"Inverness Burghs of Inverness, One.

District of Nairn, Forres, and Burghs.

Fortrose.

(Mr. Annan Bryce.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 40, l. 16, col. 1, to leave out the word "Montrose," in order to insert the word "Angus."—(Mr. Harcourt.)

Question, That the word "Montrose" stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made to the proposed Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 40, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words—

"Renfrew

Burghs of Port Glasgow, Greenock, Johnstone, Barrhead, and Renfrew, together with as much of the Burgh of Renfrew as is contained within the Parish of Govan, in the County of Lanark.

(Sir George Younger.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made to the proposed Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 45, l. 1, col. 4, to leave out the word "Bodmin," in order to insert the word "South-east."—(Sir Francis Layland-Barratt.)

Question, That the word "Bodmin" stand part of the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 45, l. 43, col. 4, before the word "Penny," to insert the word "Truro."—(Sir George Cresy.

Question proposed, That the word "Truro" be there inserted in the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made to the proposed Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 45, l. 27, col. 4, after the word "Lancashire," to insert the words "or Northem."—(Sir George Cresy.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made to the proposed Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 53, l. 43, col. 4, to leave out Is. 43 to 45.

—(Colonel Burn.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 55, l. 30, col. 1, to leave out the words "Holland with."—(Mr. Litzen.)

Question, That the words "Holland with" stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 56, l. 5, col. 5, after the word "Bridge," to insert the word "Easterly."—(Mr. Laurence Hardy.)

Question, That the word "Easterly" be there inserted in the proposed Schedule, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 27, l. 10, col. 1, to leave out the word "Rutland."—(Colonel Grieve.)

Question put, That the word "Rutland" stand part of the proposed Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. James Hope,

Yea, [Mr. Pratt:]

103.

Tellers for the Colonel Grotton,

No, [Sir Francis Edwards:]

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Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 57, l. 25 to 26, col. 4, to leave out the words "Rutland and Stamford," in order to insert the words "Stamford and Rutland."—(Sir Nervold Heine.)

Question proposed, That the words "Rutland and Stamford" stand part of the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 57, l. 47, col. 5, to leave out the word "district," in order to insert the word "districts."—(Sir John Kotherford.)

Question proposed, That the word "district" stand part of the proposed Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made to the proposed Schedule.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval and Military War 

Pensions, &c. (Local Committees) Bill;

Ordered, That this Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Committee on Petroleum (Production) [Payments and Expenses] Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Committee on the Petroleum (Production) Bill

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the National Health 

Insurance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Question being put—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 8th November, 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Transit Traffic across Holland of materials susceptible of employment as military supplies.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Estimate of further sum required to be voted for the Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1918.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Receipts and Expenditure of the Paymaster General on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature in respect of the funds of suitors of the Court in the year ended 28th February 1917, and Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and be printed ; and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed.

Air Force Act.

Major Baird presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Act to provide for the discipline and regulation of the Air Force, being the Army Act modified in accordance with the provisions of the Air Force Constitution Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute I.X. of the National University of Ireland, made under the Irish Universities Act, 1908.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Colonial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, Reports No. 339 (Sierra Leone, Report for 1916).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Places of Worship, No. 2, a Return showing what Grants have been made by the Ministry of Munitions since the 4th day of August 1914 of (a) sites of Land on which churches or other places of worship were to be erected for sailors, soldiers, and munition workers ; (b) money contributions in connection with these sites or other places of worship ; (c) sites and money contributions for schools, clubs, institutes, and recreation rooms ; (d) sites, buildings, and money for Young Men's Christian Association hats, buildings, premises, and work ; with any details in each case.—(Mr. King.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Consolidated Fund (No. 5) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Secretary Long, supported by Mr. Air Force Bill. Attorney General and Major Baird, presented a Bill to make provision for the establishment, administration, and discipline of an Air Force, the establishment of an Air Council, and for purposes connected therewith : And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Representation into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill. (In the Committee.)

Another Schedule (Redistribution of Seats).

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 64, l. 10, col. 4, to leave out the word “Banbury.”—(Colonel Staveley-Hill.)

Question proposed, That the word “Woodstock” stand part of the proposed Schedule :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 67, l. 37, col. 4, to leave out the word “Eastern,” in order to insert the words “Caterham Valley.”—(Sir Stuart Coats.)

Question, That the word “Eastern” stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 68, l. 38, col. 3, to leave out the word “Three.”—(Colonel Compton.)

Question, That the word “Two” stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made to the proposed Schedule.

Whereupon, the Yeomen Usher of the Black Rod having come with a Message for the House to attend the Lords Commissioners, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas Royal Army.

Dacres Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:
Mr. Speaker,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 73, l. 9, col. 5, after the word "Oakworth," to insert the word "and."—(Mr. Clough.)

Question proposed, That the word "and" be there inserted in the proposed Schedule;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made to the proposed Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 78, l. 5, col. 4, to leave out the word "Eastern," in order to insert the word "Peterhead."—(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That the word "Eastern" stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 78, l. 3, col. 4, to leave out the words "Bute and Northern," in order to insert the words "Northern and Bute."—(Mr. Dalrymple.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 81, l. 36, col. 4, to leave out the word "Southern," in order to insert the word "Lanark."—(Mr. Murray Macdonald.)

Question, That the word "Southern" stand part of the proposed Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 81, l. 29, col. 4, to leave out the words "Kinross and Western," in order to insert the words "West Perthshire and Kinross."—(Colonel Stirling.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Schedule—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Schedule, in p. 84, to leave out Is. 4 to 8, inclusive, in order to insert the words—

"The University of London — 1.

The University of Durham, the Victoria University of Manchester, the University of Liverpool, the University of Leeds, the University of Sheffield, the University of Birmingham, and the University of Bristol — 3.

The University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, the University of Edinburgh, the University of Dublin, the University of York, the University of Glasgow, the University of Birmingham, the University of Manchester, the University of Sheffield, the University of Leeds, the University of Liverpool, the University of Wales, the University of Cardiff, the University of Exeter, the University of Lancaster, and the University of Hull — 5.

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The University of Durham, the Victoria University of Manchester, the University of Liverpool, the University of Leeds, the University of Sheffield, the University of Birmingham, and the University of Bristol — 3.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Insurance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment.

Food. Ministry of Pests Destructive Insects and Agricultural Wages Board Trade (Commercial Intelligence with reference to their proceedings, October 1913 to October 1917, with Appendix). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Monday, 12th November 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Potatoes (Growers' Returns) Order, 1917, Potatoes Order, 1917 (General Licences), British Cheese Order, 1917, Order of the Food Controller, 1917, revoking the Winter Beans Order, 1917, and the Winter Oats and Rye (Restriction) Order, 1917, and Cattle Feeding Cake and Meal and Millers' Offals (Maximum Prices) Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Prothero presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, numbered D.I.P. 494 to 500, declaring the respective areas described in the Schedules thereto to be infected with Wart Disease, and infected areas for the purposes of the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas) Order of 1914.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales.)

Copy of Regulations under the Corn Production Act, 1917, with respect to constitution and proceedings of the Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Board of Trade by the Advisory Committee on Commercial Intelligence with reference to their proceedings, October 1913 to October 1917, with Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Clauses 5 and 18 of the Representation of the People Bill as they will read if the Government Amendments to be moved on consideration, as amended, are incorporated.—(Secretary Sir George Cane.)

Secretary Sir George Cane accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Solicitor General Midwives for Ireland, presented a Bill to secure the better training of Midwives in Ireland and to regulate their practice: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Duff, supported by Mr. Solicitor General Metal for Ireland, presented a Bill to continue with modifications, for a limited period after the termination of the present war, certain powers in relation to imports and exports: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Sir Albert Stanley, supported by Mr. Wardle, Dr. Addison, and Mr. Stanley Baldwin, presented a Bill to restrict temporarily the persons who may engage in business connected with certain non-ferrous Metals and metallic ores: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Sir Eduard Stirling, supported by Mr. Wardle, Lord Robert Cecil, and Dr. Addison, presented a Bill to restrict temporarily the persons who may engage in business connected with certain non-ferrous Metals and metallic ores: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill be now read a second time; Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day three months;" And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question — The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant November, That the bill Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—And the Main Question being put;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Sir Albert Stanley.)

The Air Force Bill was, according to Order, Air Force Bill, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Wednesday next.—(Colonel Craig.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant November, That the Bill Be now read a second time; And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question — The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant November, That the Bill Be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Sir Albert Stanley.)
The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the National Health Insurance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Penalisation of girls under seventeen) be read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Education Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Petroleum (Production) Bill; Premium Bonds.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Petroleum (Production) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Premium Bonds.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the desirability or otherwise of raising money for the purpose of the war by the issue of Premium Bonds.—(Colonel Craig)—And a Debate arising thereon; Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to continued brevity on the part of Mr. King, Member for North Somerset, and directed the honourable Member to discontinue his speech.

Adjournment.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at two minutes before Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 13th November 1917.

Prayers.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, copies of three orders in council, dated the 3rd November 1917, for holding winter assizes in Ireland.

Ordered, That the said paper do lie upon the Table.
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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. John Henderson] Yes, 22.

Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives Second Reading of the Midwives (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Imports and Second Reading of the Imports and Exports (Temporary Control) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Non-ferrous Second Reading of the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the National Second Reading of the National Health Insurance Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Statement of the estimated Greenwich income and expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Traverse Foundation for the year 1917-18 be approved.—(Dr. Marnham.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment. Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notices being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at twenty-five minutes before Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

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Wednesday, 14th November 1917.

Prayers.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Armagh (North Armagh Division), in the room of William Moore, Esquire, P.C., who, since his Election for the said county, hath accepted the Office of Judge of His Majesty's High Court of Justice in Ireland.

—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Mr. Prothero, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, No. 952, Manistions of Animals Acts, dated 6th November 1917, described as the Cardiff Irish Animals Landing Place Order of 1917.

Ordered, That the said Order do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to confer further borrowing powers upon the South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) Company, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Resolution relative to Air Force [Salaries and Remuneration] may be considered this day as soon as it is reported from the Committee, and the Report and consideration of such a Resolution, be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Air Force [Salaries and Remuneration].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of salaries and remuneration payable under any Act of the present Session to make provision for the establishment, administration, and discipline of an Air Force, the establishment of an Air Council, and for purposes connected therewith. —(Major Baird.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

The House proceeded forthwith to take into consideration the said Resolution; and the same, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Air Force Bill, (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Government discipline and pay of Air Force).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to leave out the word "discipline."—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question, That the word "discipline" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out the words "including any matter."—(Colonel Gretton.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, after the word "Parliament," to insert the words "for confirmation."—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Transfer and attaching to Air Force of members of Naval and Military Forces).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, to leave out from the word "way" to the second word "be."—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "and," in l. 11, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, to leave out from the word "consent" to the second word "be."—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question, That the words "not exceeding" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, to leave out from the beginning to the end of l. 19. —(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Application of Military Service Acts, &c.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 3, to leave out the words "liable to," in order to insert the words "subject to his consent."—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question, That the words "liable to" stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Air Force Reserve and Auxiliary Forces).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 14, after the second word "of," to insert the words "Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, of or."—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Establishment of Air Council).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 39, after the word "members," to insert the words "who shall include Director of Operations, Director of Air Defence, Director of Construction, Director of Personnel, Director of Equipment, all of whom shall be appointed by Her Majesty under the Great Seal."—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that the number of members so to be appointed shall not exceed nine."—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hogge: 8.

Tellers for the Ayes, Lord Edward Tolboth, 117.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that no member of the Air Council shall be financially interested in any undertaking which supplies aeroplanes or aeroplane engines, or parts thereof, to the Government."—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Staff remuneration and expenses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 22, to leave out the word "Treasury," in order to insert the word "Parliament."—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question, That the word "Treasury" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 24, after the word "Parliament," to insert the words "to the President of the Air Council an annual sum of five thousand pounds. There shall also be paid."—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Provisions as to sitting in Parliament).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 18, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "also," in l. 18, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Application of Army Act to Air Force).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 34, after the word "forces," to insert the word "discipline."—(Colonel Gretna.)

Question, That the word "discipline" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 5, to leave out from the word "Act" to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "Bill," in l. 9, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Application of other Acts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 58, at the end, to add the words "for confirmation before being enforced."—(Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

A Clause (Power to alter and revoke orders)—(Major Baird)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Right to the use of elementary schools)—(Mr. Percy Alfred Harris.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second times, and amended, in lines 14, by inserting, after the word "room," the words "before the meeting," and by inserting, after the word "meeting," the words "and after the meeting for school purposes."—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in line 16, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of the proposed Clause.—(Sir George Toulmin.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, by adding at the end thereof the words "Provided that the cost of making good such damage shall not form part of the candidate's election expenses."—(Sir George Younger.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It passed in the Negative.

Then the proposed Clause, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Qualification for membership of local authority)—(Mr. Gilbert) was twice read; and made part of the Bill,

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in lines 2, 3, by inserting at the end thereof the word "within" to the end of the paragraph, and inserting the words "a constituency contiguous thereto"—(Sir George Younger.) instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in lines 9, 10, by inserting at the end thereof the words "or separated from that borough or county by water, not exceeding at the nearest point six miles in breadth."—(Mr. Goddess.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment to the Bill, by leaving out the word "six," and inserting the words "three nautical"—(Mr. Hell.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "six" stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That the words "a man representing as hereafter provided, a company, association, trade union, building society, friendly society, or any other body of persons incorporated by charter or registered under any statute, having the
requisite qualifications, shall be entitled to be registered as a parliamentary and local government elector, and references to a 'person' in this Act shall include a company or other body so registered. The board of directors, committee of management, or other the governing body of any such company or other body may nominate a person being a member of such board, committee, or other the governing body, or an officer of such company or other body, to exercise on behalf of such company or other body the franchises conferred by this section, and such person shall be registered accordingly. Provided that such company or other body shall not, later than the fifteenth day of January and the fifteenth day of July in each year, have furnished to the registration officer, in writing under the hand of the secretary or other authorized officer of such company or other body, the name of such person. — (Sir George Younger.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 21, by inserting, after the word "words," the words " owner shall not include any person who does not himself occupy the qualifying premises, and the word."—(Mr. Gilbert.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 40, by inserting, after the word "premises," the words "of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds, or of a dwelling-house."—(Sir George Younger.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Adjournment. Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at five minutes after Five of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 16th November 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Balchen presented, by His Majesty's Command, a copy of Memorandum explanatory of the provisions of the National Health Insurance Bill, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper be read upon the Table.

Agreed to, That the proceedings on the Air Force Bill not be interrupted this day at Five or half an hour after Five of the clock. (Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Air Force Bill. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Air Force Bill, so amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 8, by inserting, after the word "the," the words "Imperial." (Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

And the Question being put, That the word "Imperial" be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 8, by leaving out the word "force," and inserting the words "Service." (Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 40, by leaving out subsection (2) of Clause 3. (Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 40, by inserting, after the word "force," the words "Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, or of." (Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 14, by inserting, after the second word "of," the words "the Royal Naval Command,—Copy of Memorandum explanatory of the provisions of the National Health Insurance Bill, 1917."

Ordered, That the said Paper be read upon the Table.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Air Force Bill be not interrupted this day at Five or half an hour after Five of the clock. (Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Pemberton-Billing); 148:

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Lynch); 90.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 15, by leaving out from the word "force," to the end of Clause 3, and inserting the words:—Any officer, warrant officer, petty officer, non-commissioned officer, or man of His Majesty's naval or military forces who was not serving as a member of His Majesty's forces prior to the fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and fourteen, may be transferred or attached by the Air Minister to the Air Force for the period of the present war. Any officer, warrant officer, petty officer, non-commissioned officer, or man who was so serving His Majesty before the fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and fourteen, may be attached, but shall only be transferred to the Air Service at his own request. (Mr. Pemberton-Billing);—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "designated," in l. 23, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 22, by leaving out from the word "is" to the word "ready," in l. 23, and inserting the words:—considered by the Air Council to be necessary for the purpose of securing a unified and properly co-ordinated service in that respect. (Mr. Harcourt);—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 40, by leaving out subsection (9) of Clause 3. (Mr. Pemberton-Billing.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 14, by inserting, after the word "force," the words:—Provided that no member of the Air Council shall be financially interested in any undertaking which supplies aeroplanes, aeronautic engines, or parts thereof to the Government. (Mr. Prioleau.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Major Baird rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question now put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.
Tellers for the [Lord Edward Tolstoy, 126.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Pemberton-Billing, 126.]

Resolved, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliament and Local Elections (No. 2) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Local Committees) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, at a quarter of an hour after Five of the clock, till Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliament and Local Elections (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ministry of Food.
Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Butter (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1917, Butter (Maximum Prices) Order, 1917, Pigs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1917, and Bacon, Ham, and Lord (Maximum Prices) Order, 1917 (General Licence), made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines upon Mines and Quaries, with Statistics for the year 1916. Part II. Labour.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Ministry of Statistics for Report and Mines and Quaries (General Report and Statistics for 1916.)

SIR ALBERT STANLEY, supported by Mr. Wardle, Trade Marks Act, 1916: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

SIR ALBERT STANLEY, supported by Mr. Wardle, Patents and Designs Bill.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Parliament and Local Elections (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clause No. 1 (Further prolongation of present Parliament).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the word "six," in order to insert the word "two."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Ordered, That the word "six" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.
Clauses No. 2 and No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Local Committees) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was made to the Bill; and the Title was amended, as followeth.—A Bill to provide for the inclusion on local committees constituted under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. Act, 1915, of disabled men discharged from the Naval and Military Services (Title of His Majesty, and of women in receipt of allotted) Pensions.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time. The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Local Committees) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time. The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Imports and Exports (Temporary Control) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Adjournment. Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the day being read, for receiving the report from the Committee of Supply of the 15th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum (Production) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; That the Clause (Delinquency of girls under seventeen) be read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Education Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Insurance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 25th instant, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 25th instant, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Report of the Committee of Supply of the 15th day of this instant November; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; That the Clause (Delinquency of girls under seventeen) be read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Education Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Petroleum (Production) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) [Payments and Expenses]; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

National Health Insurance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Insurance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Representation of the People Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 12th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 15th day of this instant November; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 16, after the word "man," by inserting, in place of the words left out, the words "or where she is the wife of a man who is so entitled to be registered in respect of premises in which they both reside, and she has attained the age of thirty years."—(Mr. Crooks.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 38, by inserting, after the word "person," the words "or of his wife, parent, brother, or sister."—(Colonel Sanders.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—(Mr. Leslie Wilson.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 15, by leaving out from the word "or" ending "to the second word "the," in l. 10, stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, after the words being inserted, the words "Provided that nothing in this subsection shall remove from the registration omission of all those engaged, has attained the age of nineteen years."—(Mr. Leslie Wilson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—(Mr. Crooks.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 16, by leaving out from the word "ending" to the second word "the," in l. 16,—(Mr. Samuel Sanders.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 52, by leaving out the words "her own or her husband's local government qualification," and inserting the words—

(a) her own local government qualification occupied by her as a dwelling-house;
(b) her husband's local government qualification occupied by him as a dwelling-house;
(c) her husband's local government qualification occupied by her as a dwelling-house occupied by her as a dwelling-house;
(d) her husband's local government qualification occupied by her as a dwelling-house occupied by her as a dwelling-house occupied by her as a dwelling-house.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof the words—

(3) Unless and until provision is made, as respects parliamentary boroughs returning three or more members, that any election of the full number of members is to be according to the principle of proportional representation, a person shall not vote at a general election in more than one division of a parliamentary borough which is divided into divisions.—(Mr. George Thorne.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the (Mr. George Thorne, Yeas, Mr. Hudson, 142.)
Tellers for the (Captain Guest, Noes, Lord Edmond Talbot, 163.)
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 3, by inserting, at the
20th—21st November. 1917.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously to the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—

South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) (No. 2) Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command, a copy of the 3rd Annual Report of the Medical Research Committee, 1916–17.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, a Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of this instant November, for Return relative to the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1916–17.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 20th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Which Amendment was, in p. 6, l. 6, at the end, to insert the words:—Any person who has been exempted from military service on the ground of conscientious objection, or who, having joined the forces, has been sentenced by court-martial for refusal to obey orders, and who alleged conscientious objection to military service as a reason for such refusal, shall be disqualified from being registered or voting as a parliamentary or local government elector;

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with the consent of the House, withdrawn.

Sir George Younger rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the said proposed Amendment was, with the consent of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 34, by leaving out the words "or forming part of."—(Mr. Aneurin Williams.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 7, by inserting, at the beginning, the words—

"(1) In a constituency returning three or more members any election of the full number of members shall be according to the principle of proportional representation, each elector having one transferable vote, as defined by this Act."—(Mr. Aneurin Williams.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives Second Reading of the Midwives (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland): Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Marks Second Reading of the Trade Marks Bill; (Temporary Control) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Imports and Exports (Temporary Control) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Patent and Second Reading of the Patents and Designs (Temporary Control) Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Supply.  The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;  Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.  The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;  Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill.  The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill;  Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill;  The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill;  Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

National Health Insurance Bill.  The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Insurance Bill;  Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Supply (12th November) Report.  The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant November;  Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Adjournment.  Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 22nd November 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Prothero presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Orders under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, numbered D.I.P. 465, 475, and 506 to 508, declaring the respecting areas described in the Schedules thereto to be infected with Wart Disease, and infected areas for the purposes of the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas) Order of 1914.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Copy of Report of the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Sugar Order, 1917 (General Licence), and Seed Potatoes (1917 Crop) Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords’ one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords communicate that they have come Secret Sittings to the following Resolutions, to which they desire of the House, the concurrence of the Commons:

1. That, in order that each House of Parliament may have immediate knowledge at first hand of statements made in the other House in times of national emergency, it is desirable that the privilege of being present at Debates, by long custom accorded by each House of Parliament to the Members of the other House, should not be withdrawn on the occasion of any Secret Sitting.

2. That, when an Order is made in this House for a Secret Sitting, notice thereof shall be sent to the other House, and that any Member of the House of Commons present in this House when a Secret Sitting is about to begin, or seeking admission during the Sitting, shall, notwithstanding any Order for the withdrawal of strangers, be invited to remain so long as he shall think fit during the Sitting;

3. That a Message be sent to the House of Commons communicating the foregoing Resolutions, and recommending that, if that House shall concur in the first of the latter Resolutions, an Order of that House, in terms similar to those of the foregoing second Resolution, might be made.


The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of this instant November, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Representation of the People Bill, as amended by the Committee.

Which Amendment was, in p. 11, l. 7, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(1) In a constituency returning three or more members any election of the full number of members shall be according to the principle of proportional representation, each elector having one transferable vote, as defined by this Act;"

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Colonel Sir Herbert Jessel rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question put Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

Tellers for the | Mr. Aneurin Williams, | 126.
Noes, | Mr. Marriott: | 92.

Tellers for the | Sir Thomas Whittaker, | 126.
| Sir Francis Lowe: | 92.

So it is passed in the Negative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 7, by leaving out subsection (1) of Clause 17.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "by," in l. 9, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Ryland
Yea,—Mr. Rowson;]

Tellers for the [Sir George Younger,
Noo,—Captain Barnett;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 9, by leaving out the word "by," and inserting the words "in the Eighth and Ninth Schedules of," (Major Chapple), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "by," stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such additional sums as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Acts relating to National Health Insurance—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer); Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the Adjournment.

Friday, 23rd November 1917.

PRAYERS.

Sir Eric Geddes presented, by His Majesty's Command, Estimate of the additional numbers of Officers and Men required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending 31st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

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Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Board of
Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum
of Arrangements for the management of the
City of Leeds Training College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Colonial
Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report
No. 942 (Grenada, Report for 1916-17).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directive of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return respecting the amount of Bank of England Notes issued more than forty years, and outstanding on 31st October 1917, which have been written off.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The National Health Insurance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such additional sums as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Acts relating to National Health Insurance—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer); Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the Adjournment.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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Monday, 26th November 1917.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Commissary of Food Control Committees for Ireland (Constitution) Order, 1917, and Enforcement (England and Wales) Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Development Commissioners, being for the year 1916-17.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 21st November 1917, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committees, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefits) Regulations, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Development Commission be printed.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Seventh Report of the Development Commissioners, being for the year 1916-17.

Agricultural Wages Board (Ireland.)

Mr. James Allen, Member for the County of Armagh (North Armagh Division), was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant November, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Which Amendment was, in p. 14, l. 9, to leave out the word "by," and insert the words "in the Eighth and Ninth Schedules of," instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "by" stand part of the Bill.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther Gordon, Yeas; [Mr. Anderson: 121.]

Tellers for the [Sir George Younger, Nos. [Mr. Pennefather: 137.]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
and Registration Act, 1881, bona fide established before the issuing of the writ for an election and not established for the purposes of the election—(Mr. Percy Harris)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 23, by inserting at the end thereof the words "In all large and sparsely inhabited constituencies the returning officer shall provide such a sufficient number of polling stations as will enable the electors to record their votes without the necessity of travelling more than three miles to such polling station."—(Mr. John Henderson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 23, by inserting at the end thereof the words "The local authority for the purposes of this section shall, in the case of a parliamentary borough which is coterminous with an urban district, be the urban district council of that district."—(Mr. Nield.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, l. 39, by inserting at the end thereof the words "The expression 'naval and military' shall for the purpose of this Act include the Air Service."—(Colonel Yate.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 18, by inserting the words "Where by the operation of this Act any royal or parliamentary burgh ceases as a burgh to return a member to Parliament, nothing in this Act shall affect in any other respect the rights and privileges of such burgh as a royal or parliamentary burgh, or the rights, privileges, and functions of the magistrates, town council, and officers thereof."—(Mr. Gelland.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 23, l. 23, by leaving out subsections (3) and (4), and inserting the words—

(3) The section of this Act relating to local government franchise (men) shall not apply, and in lieu thereof—

(a) A man who is of full age and not subject to any legal incapacity shall be entitled to be registered as a local government elector for a local government electoral area if he is on the last day of the qualifying period, and has been during the whole of that period—

(i) the owner of land and heritages within the area of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds: where lands and heritages are in the joint ownership of two or more persons, and the aggregate yearly value of the lands and heritages is not less than the amount produced by multiplying ten pounds by the number of the joint owners, each of the joint owners shall be treated as owning lands and heritages of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds; or

(ii) the occupier as tenant of lands and heritages (other than a dwelling-house) within the area of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds: where such lands and heritages are in the joint occupation as tenants of two or more persons, and the aggregate yearly value of the lands and heritages is not less than the amount produced by multiplying ten pounds by the number of the joint occupiers, each of the joint occupiers shall be treated as occupying lands and heritages of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds; or

(iii) The inhabitant occupier as owner or tenant of a dwelling-house within the area of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds, each of the joint lodgers shall be treated as occupying lodgings of the yearly value of not less than twenty pounds; or

(iv) the occupier of lodgings within the area of the yearly value, if let unfurnished, of not less than ten pounds: where lodgings are in the joint occupation of not more than two persons, and the aggregate yearly value of the lands and heritages is not less than the amount produced by multiplying ten pounds by the number of the joint lodgers, each of the joint lodgers shall be treated as occupying lodgings of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds; or

(v) the inhabitant occupier in virtue of any office, service, or employment of a dwelling-house within the area which is not inhabited by any person under whom he serves in such office, service, or employment—

(b) the ownership or occupation in immediate succession of different lands and heritages, dwelling-houses, or lodgings, as the case may be, in the same parliamentary county or in the same parliamentary borough, shall have the like effect in qualifying a man to be registered as a local government elector for a
local government electoral area therein, respectively, as the continued ownership or occupation of the same lands and heritages, dwelling-houses, or lodgings within that area; and

(ii) the occupation of a dwelling-house shall not be deemed to be interrupted by reason only of permission being given, by letting or otherwise, for the occupation thereof as a furnished house by some other person for a part of the qualifying period not exceeding three months in the whole;

(o) In this section 'owner' has the same meaning as 'proprietor' in the Valuation Acts, 'lands and heritages' has the same meaning as in those Acts, and 'dwelling-house' means any house or part of a house occupied as a separate dwelling.

(4) Subsection one of the section of this Act relating to franchise (women) shall not apply, and in lieu thereof—

(a) A woman who is not subject to any legal incapacity shall be entitled to be registered as a parliamentary elector for a constituency (other than a university constituency) if she has attained the age of thirty years, and if either she or her husband is on the last day of the qualifying period so occupied any land or premises in the constituency (hereinafter in this subsection called 'the qualifying premises'), and has during the whole of the qualifying period so occupied any part of a house or part of a house occupied as a separate dwelling;

(b) A woman registered by virtue of this section shall be deemed to be registered by virtue of her own or her husband's local government qualification.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

As Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 8, by leaving out the word "ten," and inserting the word "five."—(Mr. Duldor White), instead thereof.

And the Question being put That the words "ten" stand part of the proposed Amendment:

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 15, by leaving out from the word "area" to the word "on," in l. 22.—(Mr. Adamson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 15, by leaving out from the word "area" to the word "area" or," in l. 31.—(Mr. Munro.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Munro.)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on National Health Insurance.

(Money).

(In the Committee,)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such additional sums as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Acts relating to National Health Insurance.—(Sir Henry Gladstone.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move.
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) [Payments and Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midwives (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents and Designs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imports and Exports (Temporary Control) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committees of Supply of the 13th day of this instant November;
Question proposed, That "9 G" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, to leave out the words "for the time being," in order to insert the word "now."—(Mr. Brunner.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, to leave out from the word "applied" to the end of subsection (1).—(Mr. Lough.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "or," in p. 2, l. 15, stand part of the Clause :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, after the word "cause," to insert the word "knowingly."—(Sir Joseph Walton.)

Question, That the word "knowingly" be there inserted :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, to leave out from the word "whom the agreement affects or purports to affect," in order to insert the words "by whom the parties thereto were authorised to negotiate and enter into an agreement to that effect."—(Sir William Heals.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "or," in l. 15, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, after the word "or," to insert the words "sue and."—(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That the words proposed to be inserted, to the word "continue," in l. 10, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, to leave out from the word "particular" to the end of l. 30.—(Sir Clifford Corp.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "duly," in l. 28, stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Remaining words omitted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out from the beginning to the end of l. 39.—(General Hibben.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 19, to leave out the words "Agreement (Confirmation)."—(Sir Clifford Corp.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

A Clause (Provisions as to secrecy)—(Mr. Wardle)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Duration of agreement)—(Mr. Walter Roch)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Action against Coal Controller or President of the Board of Trade)—(Mr. Walter Roch)—brought up, and read the first and second time, amended, in l. 1, by inserting, after the word "may," the words "sue on," and in l. 2, by leaving out all the words after the word "agreement."—(Mr. Walter Roch)—and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Accounts and audit)—(Mr. Walter Roch)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill ; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the National Committee on National Health Insurance (Money).—Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means; I—Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant November; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means. —Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, ordered the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 28th November 1917.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Colonial Reports, No. 943 (Jamaica, Report for 1916-17).

Ordered, That the said Paper be read on the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Colonial Report, No. 943 (Jamaica, Report for 1916-17).

Ordered, That the said Paper be read on the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented — Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of May last, for a Return relative to Education (England and Wales) ( Teachers' Salaries).

Ordered, That the said Return be read on the Table, and be printed.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Committee of Selection; — That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: — Mr. Archbold, Sir John Barran, Sir William Beale, Mr. Boylan, Mr. Burss, Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Stephen Collins, Sir William Collins, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Dillon, Sir George Greenwood, Mr. Honey, Major Hills, Mr. Hayda Jones, Mr. Hugh Lye, Mr. Godfrey Lipton-Lyons, Mr. Charles Roberts, Mr. Aneurin Williams, and Mr. Tynn Wilson; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Adams, Captain Butcher, Mr. Solicitor General Duke, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mallalieu, Mr. Nolan, Mr. George Peel, Mr. Charles Price, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yeomans.

Sir Daniel Goddard further reported from the Committee; — That they had added to Standing Committee A the following Fifteen Members (in respect of the National Health Insurance Bill): — Mr. Butcher, Sir Edwin Cornwall, Mr. Currie, Mr. Folkeson, Mr. Field, Major Goddard, Mr. Hackett, Mr. Hodge, Mr. Glyn-Jones, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Morton, Mr. Price, Mr. Pratt, Colonel Sterlings, and Mr. Thomas.

Ordered, That the Reports be read on the Table.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Sir Alfred Mond and Mr. Baldwin, presented a Bill to confirm and give effect to a deed of settlement relating to the Chequers Estate and other property, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Duke, supported by Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland, presented a Bill to amend the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts, 1914 and 1916: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 28th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made to the Amendment proposed to be made on consideration of the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Which Amendment was, in p. 23, l. 23, in lieu of words left out, to insert the words—

"(3) The section of this Act relating to local government franchise (men) shall not apply, and in lieu thereof—

(a) A man who is of full age and not subject to any legal incapacity shall be entitled to be registered as a local government elector for a local government electoral area if he is on the last day of the qualifying period, and has resided during the whole of that period—

(i) the owner of land and heritages within the area of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds; where lands and heritages are in the joint ownership of two or more persons, and the aggregate yearly value of the lands and heritages is not less than the amount produced by multiplying ten pounds by the number of the joint owners, each of the joint owners shall be treated as owning lands and heritages of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds; or

(ii) the occupier as tenant of lands and heritages (other than a dwelling-house) within the area of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds; where such lands and heritages are in the joint occupation as tenants of two or more persons, and the aggregate yearly value of the lands and heritages is not less than the amount produced by multiplying ten pounds by the number of the joint occupants, each of the joint occupants shall be treated as owning lands and heritages of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds; or

(iii) The inhabitant occupier as owner or tenant of a dwelling-house within the area; or

(iv) the occupier of lodgings within the area of the yearly value, if let unfurnished, of not less than ten pounds: where lodgings are in the joint occupation of not more than two persons, and the aggregate yearly value of the lodgings is not less than twenty pounds, each of the joint lodgers shall be treated as occupying lodgings of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds; or

(v) The inhabitant occupier in virtue of any office, service, or employment of a dwelling-house within the area which is not inhabited by any person under whom he serves in such office, service, or employment—
(b) (i) the ownership or occupation in immediate succession of different lands and heritages, dwelling-houses, or lodgings, as the case may be, in the same parliamentary county or in the same parliamentary borough, shall have the like effect in qualifying a man to be registered as a local government elector for a local government electoral area therein, respectively, as the continued ownership or occupation of the same lands and heritages, dwelling-houses, or lodgings within that area; and

(ii) the occupation of a dwelling-house shall not be deemed to be interrupted by reason only of permission being given, by letting or otherwise, for the occupation thereof as a furnished house by some other person for a part of the qualifying period not exceeding four months in the whole.

(c) In this section the word 'owner' has the same meaning as in those Acts, and the word 'dwelling-house' means any house or part of a house occupied as a separate dwelling:

(d) A woman registered by virtue of this section shall be deemed to be registered by virtue of her own or her husband's local government qualification:

And the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, in l. 25, to leave out from the word "area" to the word "or," in l. 51; and the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Adamson, Tellers for the [Mr. Dundas White;]

Noes, (Mr. Dundas White.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words, as amended, be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 31, by inserting, after the word "pounds," the words "Provided that this franchise shall not be affected by reason only of the fact that the lodgings are also occupied by a child or minor, or by more than one of these."—(Mr. Dundas White).

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the proposed Amendment was amended, in l. 47, by leaving out the word "three," and inserting the word "four"—(Mr. Dundas White),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That those words as amended, be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 25, l. 20, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"(10) Except as expressly provided in this Act—"

(a) Nothing in this Act shall take effect so as to deprive any royal or parliamentary borough losing separate representation under the Act of any right, privilege, or status, whether for purposes of local government
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 6, by inserting, after the word "burgh," the words "and a similar status shall be conferred upon all burghs included in groups of burghs constituted by this Bill:—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 26, l. 37, by leaving out the words "orders and scales of fees, costs, and charges."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 26, l. 2, by inserting at the end thereof the words "Provided that no court fee shall be charged in respect of any appeal under this Act."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 26, l. 11, by inserting, after the word "county," the words "or the town clerk of a county borough, as the case may be."—(Mr. Clancy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 26, l. 37, by inserting at the end thereof the words "Provided that the provisions of section nine in Part II. of this Act shall apply in the cities of Dublin, Belfast, Cork, and Derry:—(Sir James Dougherty.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 27, l. 32, by leaving out subsection (9), and inserting the words—

"(9) (a) The qualifying period shall be a period of six months ending on the fifteenth day of July and including that day: Provided that one month shall be substituted for six months in the application of this provision to a person who has been serving as a member of the naval or military forces of the Crown at any time during the said months; (b) One register of electors only shall be made in each year, and all provisions applicable to the autumn register shall apply as respects the yearly register (except that the yearly register shall remain in force until the fifteenth day of October in the next following year), and the provisions as to the preparation of two registers in each year and as to the spring register shall not apply.”—(Mr. Duke.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 27, l. 37, by inserting at the end thereof the words "Provided that the provisions of section nine in Part II. of this Act shall apply in the cities of Dublin, Belfast, Cork, and Derry:—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 26, l. 39, by leaving out subsection (4) of Clause 37.—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of l. 41, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 27, l. 17, by inserting at the end thereof the words "and the expression 'overseer' means a town clerk, secretary of a county council, clerk of an urban district council, an existing clerk of the union, within the meaning of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and a collector of poor rates."—(Mr. Duke.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Returning officers for Scottish constituencies situated in more than one sheriffdom)—(Mr. Monre)—was brought up, and

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 31, l. 10, by leaving out the words "or, in case such person has no settled residence, an address to which communications may be sent."—(Mr. Alden.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on National Health Insurance [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such additional sums as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Acts relating to National Health Insurance:

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lawrence Hardy reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply, Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [13th the Report from the Committee of Supply of November] the 13th day of this instant November:

Ordered, That the Report be received to morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
Thursday, 29th November 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Illingworth presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the gross amount received and expended on account of the Telegraph Service during the year ended 31st March 1917, and the balance of the expenditure over the receipts prepared in pursuance of the Telegraph (Money) Act, 1876; and a Statement additional to the above Account, and Statements of Account in respect of the Telegraph and Telephone Services for the year ended 31st March 1917, and certain other statistics, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations as follow:

Destructive Insects and Pests Acts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Prentice presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, numbered D.P. 511, declaring an area described in the Schedule thereto to be infected with Wart Disease, and an infected area for the purposes of the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas) Order of 1914.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

National Health Insurance Joint Committee, (Scotland) (Regulations).—Copy of the provision in Clause 8 of the Representation of the People Bill relating to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations (Scotland), 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Eugene Wason reported from the Chairman’s Panel; that they had appointed Sir Noel Roberts to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the National Health Insurance Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Chambers Retail Bill.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Chambers Retail Bill with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Representation of the People Bill, under discussion at eleven o’clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.

National Health Insurance (Money).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on National Health Insurance (Money).

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 31, 1, 21, by inserting, after the word “sent,” the words “It shall be an offence on the part of any claimant to give different addresses in respect of different qualifications.”—(Mr. Dickinson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

A Message was delivered by Admiral Sir John Hope of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers—and having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:


And the Question being again proposed, That Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee, be there inserted in the Bill;—it was passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 5, by inserting at the end thereof the words “The particulars to be published in the naval and military section of the register shall include the name of the soldier or sailor, his rank, number, regiment, or ship, as the case may be, and his former abode and occupation.”—(Mr. Gilbert.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was withdrawn.
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Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 31, by inserting at the end thereof the words “The record of addresses shall be published from time to time, and shall be open to inspection under the same conditions that govern the publication of the register.”

(Mr. Dickson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 34, l. 18, by leaving out from the word “court” to the end of paragraph 25.

(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 33, l. 4, by inserting at the end thereof the words “The registration officer shall hold sittings at convenient places in each constituency or local government area to deal with the claims which have not previously been allowed, the objections and the other matters necessary for the correction of the lists, and in the case of registration units situated in a parliamentary borough, and in an urban district with a population of not less than ten thousand forming part of a county constituency, shall hold at least one evening sitting, commencing not earlier than 6 p.m. or later than 7.30 p.m. Such public sittings shall be held not earlier than the tenth day of March in the case of the spring register, and the seventh day of September in the case of the autumn register. Due notice thereof shall be given not less than seven days before the holding of the first sitting.”

(Sir George Younger.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 33, l. 27, by inserting at the end thereof the words “The registration officer, when revising such lists, shall read out audibly in open court the names expunged and inserted by him therein, and all corrections and insertions made by him, and shall in open court write his initials against the names respectively expunged or inserted, and against any part of the said lists in which any mistake shall have been corrected, or any omission supplied, or any insertion made by him, and shall sign his name to every page of the several lists so settled.”

(Mr. Gilbert.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 34, l. 16, by inserting at the end thereof the words “The opposite party may notify in writing to the registration officer his desire to be heard on appeal, and thereupon shall be joined with the registration officer as respondent.”

(Sir George Younger.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 34, l. 18, by leaving out from the word “court” to the end of paragraph 25.

(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 33, l. 40, by inserting, after the word “all,” the words “claims and.”

(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 34, by inserting, after the word “all,” the words “claims and.”

(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 33, l. 22, by inserting at the end thereof the words “The registration officer, when revising such lists, shall read out audibly in open court the names expunged and inserted by him therein, and all corrections and insertions made by him, and shall in open court write his initials against the names respectively expunged or inserted, and against any part of the said lists in which any mistake shall have been corrected, or any omission supplied, or any insertion made by him, and shall sign his name to every page of the several lists so settled.”

(Mr. Gilbert.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

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(Mr. Gilbert.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 36, l. 5, by inserting at the end thereof the words “A registration officer may require any person to attend and give evidence for the purpose of proving or disproving the right of any person to be registered, or to produce documents, and any person who, after the tender to him of a reasonable amount for his expenses, fails to attend, or who fails to answer any question by the registration officer, or to produce any document required, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, which penalty shall be recoverable.”

(Sir George Younger.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 37, l. 8, by inserting at the end thereof the words “duties analogous to.”

(Mr. Boland.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 37, l. 13, by inserting at the end thereof the words “Provided always that nothing in this section shall alter or vary the right of the secretary of county councils or existing clerks of the union within the meaning of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, from requiring the collectors of poor rates to furnish to them the information thereby furnished.
to them under the enactments relative to regis-
tration in force at the commencement of this
Act, and to furnish the like information with
respect to section four of this Act."—(Mr.
Delane.)

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said
proposed Amendment was, with leave of the
House, withdrawn.
Then other Amendments were made to the
Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 37, l. 29, by inserting at the
end thereof the words—

"(b) The reference to the authority whose
officer the registration officer is, or by whom he
is appointed, shall be construed as a reference
to the county council or county council in the case
of registration units in a county borough, and as a
reference to the county council or administrative
county council if the county council consider that
such arrangement is more convenient than arrange­
ment in alphabetical order of names or in street order."—(Mr. Duke.)

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted in the Bill:
An Amendment was proposed to be made to
the said proposed Amendment, in l. 6, by leaving
out the word "if," and inserting the word "unless"
—(Mr. Maurice Healy),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word
"if" stand part of the proposed Amendment:
—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That those words
be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved
in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 37, l. 34, by leaving out the
word "eighth," and inserting the word "seventh"
—(Mr. George Thorne),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word
"eighth" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved
in the Affirmative.
Then other Amendments were made to the
Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 39, l. 3, by inserting at the
beginning thereof the words "Subject to the
provisions hereinafter appearing with regard to
proxies by naval and military voters during the
present war."—(Mr. Dickinson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said
proposed Amendment was, with leave of the
House, withdrawn.
Then other Amendments were made to the
Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 40, l. 14, by inserting at the
end thereof the words—

"(b) collects, fills in, or distributes, or
attempts to collect, fill in, or distribute, proxy
papers on which the name of the person nominated as proxy by
the absent voter has not been filled in, or on which it
has not been filled in by name in accordance with
the absent voter's written instructions."
—(Mr. Peto.)

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said
proposed Amendment was, with leave of the
House, withdrawn.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 70, l. 42, by inserting at the end thereof the words—


—(Mr. Ellis Griffith.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 74, l. 50, col. 4, by leaving out the word "Central," and inserting the words "Saint Mungo"—(Mr. Watt),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "Central" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 77, l. 1, col. 4, by leaving out the words "Penshaw and Beamish," and inserting the words "Middlesbrough"—(Mr. Brunner.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 78, l. 12, col. 4, by inserting after the word "Falmouth," the words "and Truro."—(Mr. Hay Morgan.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It failed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 81, l. 33, col. 4, by leaving out the words "Penrith and Cockermouth," and inserting the words "Cockermouth and Penrith"—(Mr. Bliss),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "Penrith and Cockermouth" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 83, l. 25, col. 1, by leaving out the words "Holland with,"—(Mr. Dicu.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 100, l. 13, col. 1, by leaving out the words "and Rutland."—(Colonel Gretton.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 100, l. 22, col. 5, by leaving out the word "district," and inserting the word "districts."—(Sir John Rutherford),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "district" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 116, l. 47, col. 6, by inserting after the word "Oakworth" the word "and."—(Mr. Clough.)

And the Question being put, That the word "and" be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 122, by leaving out Is. 50 to 57, inclusive, and inserting the words—

"Caithness - The County of Caithness, inclusive of all Burghs situated therein.

Sutherland - The County of Sutherland, inclusive of all Burghs situated therein.

—(Mr. Morton),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 125, l. 31, col. 4, by leaving out the words "Kinross and Western," and inserting the words "West Porthkerry and Kinross"—(Colonel Stirling),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "Kinross and Western" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 127, l. 43, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"2 The University of Wales - - - - - - - - - - 1.

(Major David Davies.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 127, l. 45, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"1 University of Durham, the University of Sheffield, and the University of Birmingham, and the University of Bristol, and the University of Wales - - - - - - - - - - 1.

(Mr. Brunner.),—instead thereof.
The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [13th Report of the Committee of Supply of November] Report:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-three minutes before Three of the clock on Friday morning, till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last.

Thurs. 3rd December 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Trade of Command,—Copy of Report to the Board of Trade on the position of the Import Trade of Australia in July 1917, by His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for Australia (Mr. G. T. Milne).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1912—Copy of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the undermentioned Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—County of Essex (Urban District of Cray): Borough of Gillingham.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Margarine (Maximum Prices) Order, 1917, Oats Products (Retail Prices) Order, 1917, and Butter (Distribution Order), 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return as to the administration of Sanatorium Benefit from 1st January 1914 to 31st December 1914, and from 1st January 1915 to 31st December 1916.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Health Insurance (Provisional Regulations, dated 23rd November 1917, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medico) Benefit Regulations (Wales), 1917.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on Sanitary Measures in India in 1915–16. Volume XLIX.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Committee on National Health Insurance [Money] a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of money to be provided by Parliament, of such additional sums as may be required for the purposes of any Act of Parliament, relating to National Health Insurance.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions do lie upon the Table.

Sir Edwin Cornwall reported from the Committee on National Health Insurance [Money] a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of money to be provided by Parliament, of such additional sums as may be required for the purposes of any Act of Parliament, relating to National Health Insurance. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill.

Another Clause (Protection of financial obligations by Coal Controller) (Mr. Herbert Samuel)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Definition) (Mr. Bower) —brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Definition) (Mr. Bower) —brought up, and read the first time.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Tuesday, 4th December 1917.

Meteorological Committee.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Twelfth Annual Report of the Meteorological Committee to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the year ending 31st March 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Cambridge (North or Wisbech Division).

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) (No. 2) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, after the words "and the new Clause and Schedule standing in the name of Secretary Sir George Cave, as Amendments to be moved on recommissioned"—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words "be" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause 8, and the new Clause and Schedule standing in the name of Secretary Sir George Cave, as Amendments to be moved on recommissioned"—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words "the Amendments to."—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by adding the words "the Amendments to."—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, after the words "Clause 8, the words "standing in the name of Secretary Sir George Cave, the Amendment in Clause 19 standing in the name of Mr. Herbert Samuel."—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, after the words last inserted, by leaving out the words "and the new Clause and Schedule standing in the name of Secretary Sir George Cave, as Amendments to be moved on recommissioned."—(Mr. John Redmond.)

And the Question being proposed, That the first word "and" stand part of the proposed Amendment, as amended;—And a Debate arising thereupon;—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, after the words last inserted, by leaving out the words "the Amendments to."—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words "Clause 8, the words "standing in the name of Secretary Sir George Cave, the Amendment in Clause 19 standing in the name of Mr. Herbert Samuel."—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, after the words last inserted, by leaving out the words "the Amendments to."—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, after the words last inserted, by leaving out the words "the Amendments to."—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, after the words last inserted, by leaving out the words "the Amendments to."—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, after the words last inserted, by leaving out the words "the Amendments to."—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, after the words last inserted, by leaving out the words "the Amendments to."—(Secretary Sir George Cave),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.
The Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.—(Mr. James Hope.)

Chequers Estate Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Chequers Estate Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of November last:
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ways and Means.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 5th December 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Four Orders in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 16th November 1917, approving Memorials of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Copy of Order in Council under the Copyright Act, 1911, dated 16th November 1917, applying the Order in Council of 24th June 1912 as to Copyright to the French Morocco Protectorate.

Copy of Provisional Order in Council under the Naval Prize Act, 1864, and the Prize Courts Act, 1894, dated 16th November 1917, amending Item 49 of Appendix B to the Prize Court Rules, 1914, in force under the Order in Council of the 17th September 1914 and amending Orders.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ministry of Food.
Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Potatoes Order, 1917, General Licence (two), Damaged Grain, Seed, and Pulse; Prices Order, 1917, and Dredge Corn Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of Documents, existing or accruing in the Central Office and District Registries of the Supreme Court of Judicature, or transferred to the Public Record Office, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Rule, dated 3rd December 1917, Supreme Court Funds Rules, 1915, entitled the Supreme Court Funds Rules, 1917.

A Motion being made, That this House will, Education to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, of an amount not exceeding one-half of the sums expended out of the rates by local authorities under section three of the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts, 1914 and 1916. Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.—(Lord Edward Talbot.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Representation the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, of the People Bill.

The Order was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Representation of the People Bill be now read the third time, as amended; Which Amendment was, after the word "be" (in lieu of words left out), to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause 9 standing in the name of Secretary Sir George Cave, the Amendment to Clause 18 standing in the name of Mr. Herbert Samuel, and the new Clause and Schedule standing in the name of Secretary Sir George Carew, as Amendments to be moved on recommittal."

And the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, was, after the words last inserted, to leave out the words "and" and the new Clause and Schedule standing in the name of Secretary Sir George Carew, as Amendments to be moved on recommittal."

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "and" stand part of the proposed Amendment, as amended;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Talbot.}

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Noes, {65. Mr. Clynes.}

Mr. Speaker: So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, in line 4, by inserting, after the first word "and,"

the words "the Amendment to Clause 18 standing in the name of Mr. Deakin, and—"

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;
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The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Mr. Dolvin, 
Yea, {Mr. Anderson; 
177.
Tellers for the {Captain Guest, 
Noe, {Lord Edward Talbot; 
181.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, at the Committee of Supply, had been proposed to be made to the Question, That the Bill be read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Secretary Sir George Cave rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That those words be now put:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Mr. Boland, 
Yea, {Mr. Mooney; 
85.
Tellers for the {Lord Edward Talbot, 
Noe, {Mr. Boland; 
167.
So it was resolved in theAffirmative.

And the Question being put, That those words be amended, to be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Secretary Sir George Cave rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right.
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Lord Edward Talbot, 
Yea, {Captain Guest; 
176.
Tellers for the {Mr. Mooney, 
Noe, {Mr. Boland; 
81.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, ordered the House to the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 6th December 1917.

Prayers.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Correspondence with the Netherlands Government respecting defensively armed British Merchant Vessels (Miscellaneous, 13th November.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Twenty-fifth Report of the Congested Districts Board for Ireland, for the period 1st April 1916 to the 31st March 1917.

Mr. Duke also presented, pursuant to the Pawnbrokers' directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Returns of Pawnbrokers' Returns from the City Marshal of Dublin for the years 1915 and 1916.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Standing Committee A. (Reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the National Health Insurance Bill was referred; that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.)

No. 164. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 164. Ordered, That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 112. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. George Roberts presented a Bill to amend the National Health Insurance (Unemployment) Acts, 1911 to 1916, and to amend the National Health Insurance (Unemployment) Acts, 1911 to 1916, with respect to the proportion to be borne by the amount of unemployment benefit to the number of contributions paid; and the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People (recommenced) Bill.

(Proposed words, as amended, there inserted.)

The Committee divided.

Clause No. 8 (Provision as to disqualifications.)

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 27, to leave out the words "jointed the forces, has been sentenced by court-martial for refusing to obey orders, and who alleged," in order to insert the words "been convicted by court-martial of an offence against military law, has represented that the offence was the result of."—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Question, That those words be there inserted?

Amendment proposed, to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word "Disqualified,"—(Mr. Haywood.)

Proposed words, as amended, there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 30, after the word "disqualified," to insert the words "during the continuance of the war and a period of seven years thereafter."—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted?

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "the continuance of the war and."—(Sir William Kyland Adkins.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed Amendment amended, by leaving out the word "seven," in order to insert the word "five."—(Sir William Kyland Adkins.)

Proposed words, as amended, there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that this disqualification shall not apply to any person who, within one year after the termination of the war, proves to the central tribunal, as established for the purpose of the Military Service Act, 1916, that he had during the continuance of the war taken up either—"

(1) service as a member of any of the naval or military forces of the Crown on full pay; or

(2) service in connection with the war of a naval or military character for which payment is made out of money provided by Parliament; or

(3) service afloat or abroad in connection with the war in any work of the British Red Cross Society, or the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem in England, or any other body with a similar object;

and obtains a certificate from the tribunal to that effect.

The central tribunal established under the Military Service Act, 1916, shall be continued for the purpose of this provision for a period of a year after the termination of the present war."—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted?

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, after the word "who," to insert the words "shall have been so exempted or convicted before the passing of this Act, or who."—(Major Hayward.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Major Haywood, Yeas, Mr. Dillon: 104.

Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot, Noes, Mr. Pratt: 136.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out from the word "who" to the word "during," in l. 3, in order to insert the word "has."—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)
Amendment: Amendment to the proposed Amendment, in 1.11, to leave out the words "or any other body with a similar object."—(Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke.)

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 18 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Redistribution of Seats) (Ireland)—(Secretary Sir George Currie)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Friday, 7th December 1917:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. John Redmond)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) (Money).

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an amount not exceeding one-half of the sums expended out of the rates by local authorities under section three of the Education ( Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Act, 1914, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Education ( Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts, 1914 and 1916.—(Mr. Dundas.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Imports and Exports (Temporary Control) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 3rd day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Chequers Estate Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of November last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven o'clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House upon Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then fourteen minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 8th day of this instant December.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Adjourned Committee on the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred pursuant to an Order of the House of the 29th November, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.—
Chequers Estate Bill.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders made by the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, dated 3rd December 1917, entitled the National Health Insurance Deposits (Contributors' Benefits) Order (Scotland), 1917.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People (recommitted) Bill.

A Clause (Redistribution of Seats (Ireland)).
Question again proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
Bill, as amended on recommital, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended on recommital, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Colonel Gable reported from the Committee on Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) (Money) a Resolution; which was read, as follows:
That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an amount not exceeding one-half of the sums expended out of the rates by Local Authorities under section three of the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Act, 1914, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts, 1914 and 1916.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the National Insurance (Unemployment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned Adjustment, the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4, it being then a quarter of an hour after One of the clock, till Monday next.
Monday, 10th December 1917.

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Mr. Speaker presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimates of the sums required to be voted during the year ending 31st March 1918, for general Navy and Army Services, Warlike Operations, and other Expenditure arising out of the War.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

County of Cumberland (Urban District of Egremont) (three).

Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1915, by the Councils of the undermentioned Local Authorities, and confirmed, with amendments, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

County of Essex (Parish of Tillingham), Borough of Rotherham and Barnsley.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Closing Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:

Urban District of B.evingston.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sugar (Brewers' Restriction) Order, 1917, in pursuance of the Sugar (Brewers' Restriction) Order, 1917.

Food Control Committees (Scotland) Powers Order, 1917, Potatoes Order, 1917, General Licence, and Date Products (Postponement of Date) Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ministry of Food.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Supplementary Lists of persons, firms, and companies to whom Orders have been made under Section 1 (5) of the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midwives (Ireland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents and Designs Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum (Production) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Petroleum (Production) Bill:
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 3rd day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill be now read a second time:
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of November last:
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The National Insurance (Unemployment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

(Sir George Grey.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy and Army Departments, which were presented upon the 28th day of February last and the 1st day of March last, be referred to the Committee.—(Lord Edward Talbot.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such additional sums as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the National Insurance (Unemployment) Acts, 1911 to 1916, with respect to the proportion of unemployment benefit to the number of contributions paid—

(Lord Edward Talbot.)

Mr. George Roberts, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That the House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 11th December 1917.

Prayers.

Several Public Petitions were presented, read, and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Resolution in Council, dated 27th November 1917.
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approving a Memorial of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, made under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1895.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Agreement relating to the Defence of the Realm Regulations.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 3rd day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill be now read a second time.

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now" stand part of the Question, and at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day three months".

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Sir Albert Stanley rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Captain Guest].

Yea, Lord Edmund Talbot; 167.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pringle].

Noes, Mr. Hopky; 91.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [10th the Report, from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant December;] 

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for, the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the National Committee on National Insurance (Unemployment, Unemployment) [Money];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the National Health Insurance Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imports and Exports (Temporary Control) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National Insurance (Unemployment) (Temporary Control) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 12th December 1917.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, 
and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addis was presented, by His Majesty's Command, with a Copy of the Report of the Reconstruction Committee.

Copy of the Report of the Committee appointed by the Minister of Reconstruction to advise him as to the procedure which should be adopted for dealing with the Chemical Trade.

Mr. Prothero was presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, numbered D.I.P. 510, 512, and 513, declaring the respective areas described in the Schedules thereto to be infected with Wart Disease, and infected areas for the purposes of the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas Order of 1914.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hayes Fisher was presented, by His Majesty's Command, with a Copy of the Annual Local Taxation Returns (Scotland) for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Committees) Bill be now taken into consideration; and the said Amendments be printed.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question was raised, whether the proceedings on Government Business be not interrupted this day under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chanceller of the Exchequer)—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1917-18.
Resolved, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £250,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1918 for general Navy and Army Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary (Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply (13th the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of November last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply (13th the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant December;

Ordered, That the Report be received to morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1915-16.

(In the Committee.)

1. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriations Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1916, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:

(a) That the aggregate expenditure on Navy Services exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services by a sum of £206,903,204 3s. 6d.;

(b) That the aggregate receipts in aid of Navy Services exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated in aid of those Services by a sum of £1,196,687 7s. 8d.;

(c) That the total differences between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the net expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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2. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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And whereas by a Vote of Parliament during
the present Session (House of Commons Paper,
No. 89 of 1917) a further sum of £10 has
been granted for the expenditure of the year
1915-16, and the appropriation of additional
receipts in aid of such expenditure has been
sanctioned to the amount of £1,186,607 5s. 6d.;

And whereas, as shown in the Schedule here­unto appended, the Lords Commissioners of His
Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised
the application, so far as necessary, of the
excesses of the sums realised on account of
Appropriations in Aid of other Navy Votes over
the sums which may be applied under the Appropria­
tion Acts, 1915 and 1916, as Appropriations
in Aid of those Votes, towards making good the
deficiency of £4,370,963 16s. 9d. in the sums
realised on account of Appropriations in Aid of
Vote 1:

1. Resolved, That the application of such sums
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day of March 1916, and the Statement appended
thereto, as follows, viz.:

(a) That the aggregate expenditure on Army
Services exceeded the aggregate sums
appropriated for those Services by a sum of £5,370,963 16s. 9d.;

(b) That the aggregate receipts in aid of
Army Services fell short of the aggregate
sums appropriated in aid of those Services
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Exchequer Grants for Army Services and the
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Army Votes 2 and 4 to 14 over the sums which
may be applied under the Appropriation Acts,
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Votes, amounting in all to £7,352,386 7s. 3d.,
to make good part of the deficiency of Appropria­
tions in Aid of Vote 1:

2. Resolved, That the application of such sums
be sanctioned.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

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PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Proctor presented, by His Majesty's Command, the Report of the Ministry of Food, 

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on National Expenditure, relative to the Corn Trade, issued with the printed Report, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate reported from the Select Committee on Divorce Bills, that they had examined the allegations of Parker's Divorce Bill [Lords], and had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Samuel reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, that they had made further Progress in the matters to which their Committee were appointed, and directed him to report their proceedings to the House.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin, Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee on Divorce Bills [Lords], had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the House, according to Order, went into supply Committee, and passed the House of Lords' Resolution, and adjourned until tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on National Expenditure, should be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings in the Committee on Ways and Means, on Supply [10th December] Report, be not interrupted this day under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.

Ordered, That this House do sit to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1917-18.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1917-18. £550,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1918 for general Navy and Army Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament, for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for ensuring the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs, and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a State of War.

The Resolution being read a second time:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Report be laid upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken in the House of Lords on the Second Reading of Parker's Divorce Bill [Lords], together with the documents deposited in the case, be returned to the House of Lords.

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Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1917-18.

That an additional number of Officers and Men, not exceeding 50,000, be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Lord Edmund Talbot reported from the Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1915-16, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:—

1. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1915, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:

(a) That the aggregate expenditure on Navy Services exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services by a sum of £2,986,905 3s. 5d.;
(b) That the aggregate receipts in aid of Navy Services fell short of the aggregate sums appropriated in aid of those Services by a sum of £1,186,617 5s. 2d.;
(c) That the total differences between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the net expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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And whereas, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, so far as necessary, of the excesses of the sums realised of accounts of Appropriations in Aid of Army Votes 2 and 4 to 14 over the sums which may be applied under the Appropriation Acts, 1915 and 1916, as Appropriations in Aid of those Votes, amounting in all to £7,552,388 7s. 3d., to make good part of the deficiency of Appropriations in Aid of Vote 1:

2. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Lord Edmund Talbot reported from the Committee on National Insurance (Unemployment) Insurance (Unemployment) [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such additional sums as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the National Insurance (Unemployment) Acts, 1911 to 1916, with respect to the proportion to be borne by the amount of unemployment benefit to the number of contributions paid.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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**Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjourned.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

**Friday, 14th December 1917.**

**PRAYERS.**

District Wages (Ireland.)

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Copy of Regulations with respect to the establishment of District Wages Committees in Ireland, made under the Corn Production Act, 1877, and the Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

Prisons (Ireland.)

Copy of Order in Council approving Rules made by the General Prison Board for Ireland relative to the dietary of prisoners in ordinary and convict Prisons.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Report of the Committee of Supply and of the Committee of Ways and Means be not interrupted this day at Five or half an hour after Five of the clock, and may be entered upon at any hour, although opposed.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Supply (18th November) Report.

Captain Guest reported from the Committee of Supply on the 18th day of November last a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1917—18.

That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1918, for the Exchequer, and Mr. Baldwin do prepare and bring in.

Mr. Baldwin accordingly presented a Bill to the House of Lords, to the Appropriation of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Baldwin do prepare and bring in.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Baldwin do prepare and bring in.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Baldwin do prepare and bring in.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National Insurance (Unemployment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National Insurance (Unemployment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the Adjournment.

**Monday, 17th December 1917.**

**PRAYERS.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration Parker's Divorce Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of Reference Act (Ireland), in Council, dated 10th December 1917, under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, giving effect to Rules of Court.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Mr. Secretary Muntz {presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum explanatory of East India Accounts and Estimates, 1917-18, by the Under Secretary of State for India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 14th December 1917, amending Minute of 11th July 1917, providing for Grants in Aid of the salaries of Teachers, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Oil, Oil Cakes, and Meals (Requisition) Order, 1917, Hardened Fat (Requisition) Order, 1917, Bread Order, 1917, General Licences and Ships' Stores Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 944 (Somaliland, Report for 1916-17).

Mr. Secretary Long also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Act, 1911, by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, raising the Governorship of Newfoundland to the First Class for pension purposes.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bulwer presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 19th November 1917, made by the Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Insurance (Deposit Contributions) Order, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lieutenant-Commander William Dudley Ward, r.n.a., Member for the Borough of Southampton, was sworn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to Education in Scotland, and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Munro, the Lord Advocate, and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Munro accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to Education in Scotland, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House is of opinion that, on the completion of the third year of the war, a more definite policy should be adopted by the Government for the intestine of alien enemies, and, in particular, that no man should be allowed to remain uninterred except for definitely national as opposed to personal reasons; that women and children of enemy origin should, where possible, be repatriated, unless there are exceptional reasons to the contrary; that the Government should forthwith introduce the promised Bill giving the Secretary of State for the Home Department power to deal with naturalisation certificates in the case of men who would otherwise be alien enemies; that, in any case, when a naturalised alien enemy has been convicted of offences against the Realm, power should be given to the Secretary of State for the Home Department in the said Act that such naturalisation should be reviewed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with a view to its withdrawal; and that under no circumstances should any further certificates of naturalisation be issued to alien enemies during the war"—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks), instead thereof.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum explanatory of the National Health Insurance (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the National Health Insurance Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National Insurance (Unemployment) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Amendment upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, that the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives Second Reading of the Midwives (Ireland) (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Patent Acts Second Reading of the Patents and Designs (Wages) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) (Payments and Expenses);
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Petroleum (Production) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Tuesday, 18th December, 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Peto presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, numbered D.I.P. 814, declaring an area described in the Schedules thereto to be infected with Wart Disease, and an infected area, for the purposes of the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas) Order of 1914.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imports and Exports (Temporary Control) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the National Health Insurance Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Prohibition against dealing in certain metals and ores without a licence).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "individual," to insert the words "with respect to which any of the conditions set forth in the Schedule to this Act apply."—(Mr. Peto.)
Question put, That there be inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holst
Noes, Captain Guest

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the words "passing of this Act" in order to insert the words "termination of the present war."—(Mr. Hemmerde.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Lord Edward Talbot
Noes, Captain Guest

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word "of," to insert the word "winning."—(Sir Ernest Pollock.)

Question proposed, That the word "winning" be there inserted.—Debate arising;
Mr. Higger moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, (Abuse of Rules) declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Question, That the word "winning" be there inserted, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir Albert Stanley)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to National Health Insurance to consider the National Health Insurance Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 31, by leaving out the words "the first day of January, nineteen hundred and eighteen," and inserting the words "a date not less than six months after the regulations referred to in this section have been published."—(Mr. Peto.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:
It was resolved in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the National Health Insurance Bill be resumed.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:
It was resolved in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 12, by leaving out the words "the rate of sickness being abnormal by reason of—" (Mr. Peto.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 5, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"(3) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any rule of an approved society or branch of such society, an insured woman who is pregnant shall not, on the ground that her pregnancy was due to misconduct, be deprived of any sickness or disablement benefit to which she would but for this provision have been entitled."—(Mr. Kendall.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, by leaving out l. 21.—(Mr. Peto.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 31, by leaving out the word "proportion of those."—(Mr. Peto.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Order of the day, for the Committee on the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill, in p. 20, by leaving out l. 21.—(Mr. Peto.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 23, l. 29, by leaving out the words "proportion of those."—(Mr. Peto.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time and passed.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Insurance (Unemployment) Bill.

(Clinch, Committee.)

Clause No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Hope reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Adjourned.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Education (Provision of Meals) Bill be now taken into consideration. —(Mr. Duke.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 20th December 1917.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

PARKER'S Divorce Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of General Report, with Statistics, for 1916, by the Chief Inspector of Mines. Part III. (Output).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Message to the Lords from the Lords. — The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being urged, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Monday the 14th day of January next.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas Royal Ascent, Dacres Butler, Younger Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, as the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

5. South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) Company's (No. 2) Act, 1917.

And the Question being again proposed, That Adjournment of the House this day, do adjourn till Monday the 14th day of January next;

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, That the Criminal Law Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of January next;

Ordered, That the Debate be furtheradjourned till Monday the 14th day of January next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) [(Production) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 14th day of January next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Petroleum (Production) [(Production) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 14th day of January next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Marks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of January next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of January next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of January next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 15th day of January next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order, dated 15th December 1917, made by the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Wales) (Deposit Contributors' Benefits) Order, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Three Orders in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 21st December 1917 and 2nd January 1918, approving Memorials of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Ordered, That the said Papers be laid upon the Table.


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The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Message from the Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the foundation of Bishoprics of the Church of England in the Welsh Provinces of Anglesey, Merionethshire, and Carnarvonshire, for the better administration of the affairs of the Church in those Counties, and for the purpose of enabling the Bishop of Bangor to exercise jurisdiction over the said Counties.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Hayes Fisher, supported by Mr. Mawson, Sir Auckland Geddes, and Mr. Stephen Walsh, presented a Bill to extend and amend the National Registration Act, 1915: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Military Service Act, 1916, and to provide for the cancellation of certificates of exemption from military service granted on occupational grounds: And that Sir Auckland Geddes, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hayes Fisher, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Heek do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time ;

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 15th January 1918.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Minute of the Board of Education, dated 14th January 1918, issued in accordance with Article 4 (iv) of the Regulations of 19th April 1917, under which Supplementary Grant is payable to Local Education Authorities for Elementary Education.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 28th December 1917, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance Transfer Values (Amendment) Regulations, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons (Amendments).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Macpherson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons (Amendments).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum with respect to the Reorganisation of the Board of Trade.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cane presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Vol., 172.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out the word "unless," in order to insert the word "if."—(Mr. Hemmerde.)

Question put, That the word "unless" stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided, Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot), Yeas, (Captain Guest) 142. Tellers for the Mr. Holt, Noes, (Mr. Brunner) 30.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 24, to leave out from the word "insertion" to the word "be," in l. 26.—(Mr. Leif Jones.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 24, to leave out from the word "individual," in l. 29, in order to insert the words "as to whether the company, firm, or individual is dealing by way of wholesale trade or not, or."—(Mr. Brunner.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, after the word "individual," to insert the words "as to whether the company, firm, or individual is dealing by way of wholesale trade or not, or."—(Mr. Leif Jones.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 12, after the word "individual," to insert the words "or as to the inexpediency of the grant of a licence, or as to the revocation or suspension of a licence."—(Mr. Hemmerde.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided, Tellers for the Mr. Hemmerde, Yeas, (Mr. Leif Jones) 39. Tellers for the Lord Edmund Talbot, Noes, (Captain Guest) 108.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, to leave out the word "High," in order to insert the word "Supreme."—(Mr. Hemmerde.)

Question proposed, That the word "High" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir Albert Stanley)—put, and agreed to.

Wednesday, 16th January 1918

Prayers.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Lancaster, South East Lancashire (Prestwich Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Frederick Cawley, Baronet, who, since his Election for the said county, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Norstead, in the County of York.—(CaptainGuest.)

Mr. Munro presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1889, relating to Port Glasgow Water: And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 2 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant January; and to be printed.

Mr. Bruce presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Provisionsal Order (Marriages) Act, 1905: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Saldene presented.—Return to an Order, National dated the 16th day of this instant January, for...
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ministry of Reconstruc- tion.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of a List of Commissions and Committee set up to deal with Questions which will arise at the close of the War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Netherlands Government.—Claims (Miscellaneous, No. 1, 1918.)

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Correspondence with the Netherlands Government respecting the Claims preferred against His Majesty's Government for damages sustained by the Netherlands steamships "Elve" and "Bernisse" through the action of German submarines.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Deaths from Starvation, or accelerated by Privation. No. 168.

Mr. Lawrence Hardy reported from the Select Committee on Premium Bonds, That they had considered the matter referred to them, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Premium Bonds.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill and the National Registration (Amendment) Bill be not interrupted this day under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Stephen Walsh.)

Mr. Laurence Hardy reported from the Select Committee on Premium Bonds: That they had considered the matter referred to them, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 (Power to require information and inspection of documents). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, to leave out the word "person" to the word "of," in l. 35, in order to insert the words "who, being a director, partner, manager, or officer of, or the holder of, or person interested in, shares or securities."—(Sir Albert Stanley.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived. Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to. Clause No. 3 (Offences). Amendments made.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out the words "such time as the Board may direct," in order to insert the words "one month."—(Sir Charles Hobhouse.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 3, at the end, to add the words "relating to the business of winning, extracting, smelting, refining, or dealing by way of wholesale trade in metal or metallic ore to which this Act applies."—(Sir Albert Stanley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to. Clause No. 4 (Rules). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 15, after the word "person," to insert the words "able to give information."—(Mr. Draper.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, at the end, to add the words "And such rules may provide for excluding from dealings by way of wholesale trade within the meaning of this Act dealings in quantities below such limits as may be prescribed generally, or as respects any particular metal or metallic ore."—(Sir Albert Stanley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed Amendment amended, in l. 1, by leaving out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall."—(Mr. John Henderson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 36, after the words last added, to add the words "and any regulations so made shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after they are made, and if either House within the next forty days after such regulations have been laid before that House resolve that such regulations ought to be annulled they shall be of no effect, without prejudice to the making of any new regulations."—(Mr. Hamer.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made. Clause, as amended, agreed to. Clause No. 5 (Metals or ores to which Act applies). Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 38, to leave out the word "copper."—(Mr. Holt.)

Question put, That the word "copper" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Copper":(Capt. Guest, LORD EDMUND TALBOT ; Yeas, 1 Lord Edmund Talbot : ) 160.

Tellers for the, Mr. Brunner, Noes, (Mr. Holt : ) 54. An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 38, to leave out the word "tin."—(Mr. Holt.)

Question, That the word "tin" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 38, to leave out the word "nickel."—(Mr. Prittie.)

Question, That the word "nickel" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.
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Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 6 (Short title and duration).
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 4, to leave out the words "five years," in order to insert the words "one year."—(Mr. Leif Jones).

Question put, That the words "five years" stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the | Lord Edmund Talbot | 104.
Yea, | Captain Guest: |
106.
Tellers for the | Mr. Leif Jones, |
Noes, | Mr. Aerav Williams: | 57.

Clause agreed to.
A Clause (Provision as to warrants to bearer)—(Sir Albert Stanley)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Provisions as to secrecy)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Proceedings of the Board of Trade)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Declarations)—(Mr. George Terrell) —brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Nationality of directors)—(General Croft)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Schedule.
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, after the word "any," to insert the word "principal."—(Mr. Hemmerde.)

Question, That the word "principal" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, after the word "person," to insert the words "not being a British subject."—(Mr. Holt.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the | Mr. Holt, |
Yea, | Mr. Brunner: | 36.
Tellers for the | Mr. James Hope, |
Noes, | Mr. Pratt: | 106.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 11, to leave out from the word "time" to the word "the," in l. 19, in order to insert the words "since the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight."—(Mr. Arthur Strauss.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words—
"2. That the company, firm, or individual has at any time since the twelfth day of November, nineteen hundred and twelve, sold or purchased for the use or benefit of an enemy, or is or was on or after the twelfth day of November, nineteen hundred and seventeen, under contract so to sell or purchase any unmanufactured metals or ore to which this Act applies."—(Mr. George Terrell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 14, to leave out the word "any," in order to insert the words "one-half or more of."—(Mr. Holt.)

Question proposed, That the word "any" stand part of the Schedule.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 15, to leave out the words "the twelfth day of November, nineteen hundred and seventeen," in order to insert the words "six months from the passing of this Act."—(Mr. Hemmerde.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, to leave out the word "influence," in order to insert the word "control."—(Mr. Arthur Strauss.)

Question, That the word "influence" stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 22, to leave out paragraph 4.—(Mr. Holt.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "to," in l. 24, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 24, to leave out the word "in the extent of one-fifth or more of the capital."—(Colonel Sir Frederick Holt.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 26, to leave out from the word "applies" to the end of paragraph 4, in order to insert the words "which is an enemy-controlled corporation."—(Mr. George Terrell.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 29, to leave out l. 29 and 30.—(Mr. Holt.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "to," in l. 30, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 11, to leave out the words "influence or association," in order to insert the words "control as defined by this Act."—(Mr. David Mason.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 33, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that the expression 'enemy' shall not mean a person who or a person whose son has served in the present war in the navy, army, reserve forces, or air service."—(Mr. Brunner.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
A Schedule (Form of licence)—(Mr. John Henderson) —brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Registration (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eighteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—Accounts of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1917, with Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Service Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House is of opinion that no further demands should be made upon the manpower of Great Britain without assurance from the Government of its intention to bring forward a concurrent measure for compulsory military service in Ireland"—(Mr. Archdale),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yea—Lord Edward Talbot, 
Captain Guest: 128.
Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Archdale, Mr. William Coote: 48.

So it was resolved in the Affective.

And the Main Question being again proposed;

And notice being taken that strangers were present, Mr. Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question, That strangers be ordered to withdraw.

And it was resolved in the Affective.

Ordered, That the remainder of this day's Secret Sitting be a secret session.—(The Prime Minister.)

And the Main Question being put:

Military Service Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. James Hope.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Ordered of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affective.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.
Committee (Treasury Minute.)

Education.

Board of Public Report

Armagh (South Armagh Division) West.

Establishment of Education.

Friday, 18th January 1918.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 1st day of November 1917, so much of the Report of the Committee of Public Accounts, 1917, as deals with the Civil Service and Revenue Departments, the Vote of Credit, and General Questions.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom, for each month during the year 1918.—(Sir Arthur Stanley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Registration (Amendment) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.—(Mr. James Parker.)

The Metropolitan Police Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Mr. Baldwin presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th of December, 1917, for a Return relative to the Public Accounts Committee Report (Treasury Minute). No. 171.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Adjourned.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then two minutes after Two of the clock, till Monday next.

Monday, 21st January 1918.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Armagh (South Armagh Division), in the room of Charles O'Neill, deceased.—(Mr. Boland.)

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes on the Education (No. 2) Bill, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Account of the General Lighthouse Fund, No. 172.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by the Local Government Committee on Transfer of Functions of Poor Law Authorities in England and Wales. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Representation, Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letter from the Prime Minister acquainting him of the Determinations arrived at by the Conference on the Redistribution of Seats in Ireland.

Secretary Sir George Cave also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, (Counties and Boroughs, England and Wales.)—Copy of Report of His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary on the County and Borough Police Forces for the year ending 29th September, 1917, made to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State under the provisions of the Police (Counties and Boroughs) Act, 1856.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Police (Counties and Boroughs, England and Wales) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Montagu presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of all Loans raised in India, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ending on the 30th September 1917, with the rates of interest and total amount payable thereon, and the date of the termination of each Loan, the debt incurred during the half-year, the monies raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which monies have been raised during the half-year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts showing the money issued from the Consolidated Fund under the provisions of the Public Offices; the money expended and borrowed and the Securities created under the said Act, for the period ended the 31st March 1917; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 20th December, 1917, declaring Harbin to be an unhealthy place for the purpose of the Superannuation Acts, 1859 and 1876.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Public Offices Site (Dublin) Act, 1903, be printed.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Acts Heavy Motor Car (Amendment) Order, 1917.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Message from the Lords, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Message from the Lords.

Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Military Service Bill, if under discussion at Eleven o'clock this night, be not interrupted under Standing Order No. 176. the Table by the Clerk of the House:

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table:

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Service Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Repeal of s. 3 (3) of 5 & 6 Geo. 5, c. 104).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out from the word "causes" to the word "to," in l. 10.—(Mr. King.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, at the end, to add the words "but any man whose liability to military service arises under this section shall have a right of appeal to the tribunal."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Power of Director General of National Service to withdraw exemptions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the words "Director General of National Service," in order to insert the words "Government departments."—(Colonel Ashley.)

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word "may," to insert the words in accordance with regulations previously laid before Parliament.”—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, at the end, to insert the words "A notice of any order made under this section shall be forthwith sent by the Director General to every man to whom the order applies."—(Sir Herbert Nield.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that this section shall not apply to any man who has attained the age of forty-one before the passing of this Act."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, to leave out the word "whether."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That the word "whether" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that this section shall not apply to any man who has attained the age of forty-one before the passing of this Act."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

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Question, That those words be there inserted, Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
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Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 3 agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow; and be printed.

**Criminal Law Amendment Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

**Midwives (Ireland) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midwives (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

**Patents and Designs Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents and Designs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

**Trade Marks Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

**Imports and Exports (Temporary Control) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imports and Exports (Temporary Control) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

**Education (Scotland) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

**Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

**Education (No. 2) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

**Adjournment.**

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

**Tuesday, 22nd January 1918.**

**PRAYERS.**

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 31st December 1917, directing that Contributions by certain Colonies and Protectorates towards the cost of the War should be paid into the Exchequer as Miscellaneous Revenue.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the Committee of the House of Commons, a Report from the Committee of the House of Commons, to the effect that the Bill had been referred to the Committee of the House of Commons, and the Committee had reported thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and the said Paper to be registered.

Secretary Sir George Cowe presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report from His Majesty the Prince of Wales by the Executive Committee of the National Relief Fund on the administration of the Fund up to the 30th September 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report from the Secretary of State for the Home Department, containing the Report of the Committee of the House of Commons on the National Registration (Amendment) Bill, together with the report of the Committee of the House of Commons on the National Registration (Amendment) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report from the Secretary of State for the Home Department, containing the Report of the Committee of the House of Commons on the National Registration (Amendment) Bill, together with the report of the Committee of the House of Commons on the National Registration (Amendment) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

**PUBLICATIONS.**

The Bishoprics of Bradford and Coventry Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report from the Secretary of State for the Home Department, containing the Report of the Committee of the House of Commons on the National Registration (Amendment) Bill, together with the report of the Committee of the House of Commons on the National Registration (Amendment) Bill.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the National Registration (Amendment) Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Registration (Amendment) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Extension of classes of persons to be registered).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the word "male."—(Major Newman.)

Question, That the word "male" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out the words "age of sixteen," in order to insert the words "age of sixteen years."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lord Edward Talbot, 161.
Yea, [Captain Guest: 15.
Nae, [Mr. Whitehouse: 74.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out from the word "age" to the word "or," in l. 17. —(Mr. King.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lord Edward Talbot, 164.
Yea, [Captain Guest: 57.
Nae, [Mr. Hogge: 57.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out from the word "forces" to the end of paragraph (a).—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Duty of persons to register).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out the word "male."—(Major Newman.)

Question, That the word "male" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, to leave out from the word "any," to the word "fill," in l. 6.—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, to leave out the word "fourteenth," in order to insert the word "twenty-eighth."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That the word "fourteenth" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendments proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Duty of certain persons to notify changes of occupation and loss of certificates).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 23, after the word "his," to insert the word "regular."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That the word "regular" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, at the end, to add the words—

"(5) Any male or female person employed in an agricultural work for wages shall not be deemed to be included in this section."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clause No. 4 (Amendment of s. 7 of principal Act).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 27, to leave out the word "fourteen," in order to insert the word "twenty-one."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That the word "fourteen" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Duty of employer to require production of registration certificates).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, to leave out the words "five pounds," in order to insert the words "one pound."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That the words "five pounds" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Power of constables, &c. to require production of registration certificates).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, to leave out from the word "notice" to the end of l. 24. —(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "any," in l. 20, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. James Hope, 116.
Yea, [Mr. Pratt: 12.
Nae, [Mr. King: 12.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, to leave out the words "any police constable, or."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 25, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Provisions as to females).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 7, after the word "persons," to insert the words "above the age of sixteen years."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 9, at the end, to add the words "If any such Order in Council is issued, subsection (b) of section six shall not be applicable."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Duties of local registration authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 11, after the word "for," to insert the words "giving proper notice to," and, and—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 15, at the end, to add the words "Any person or official of a local registration authority failing to take proper steps for securing due registration
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the

The Order of the day being read, for taking Military Service Bill, as amended in the Committee; ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill, as amended in the Committee; ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant Agreement, to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 22nd January 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Hong Kong Command.—Copy of Treasury Minute, War Rate, dated 9th January 1918, as to disposal of the further Contribution from the Colony of Hong Kong towards the expenditure on the War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to University of the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy Glasgow, of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Glasgow for the year 1916-17.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Direction of the late Sir John Soane, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Copy of Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on 4th January 1918.

Secretary Sir George Cave, supported by Mr. Redistribution Duke, Mr. Hayes Fisher, and Mr. Solicitor of Scotia General for Ireland, presented a Bill to provide for the Redistribution of Seats at Parliamentary Elections in Ireland, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill, if under discussion by Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of Industry Bill) the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill, as amended in the Committee.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by leaving out the words "extracting, smelting."—(Mr. Arthur Strauss.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 20, by inserting, after the word "on," the words "in respect of metal or metallic ore which is."—(Mr. Holt.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 25, by leaving out the word "unless," and inserting the word "if."—(Mr. Hemmerde.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "unless" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 30, by leaving out the word "any," and inserting the words "not being a British subject."—(Mr. Harris.)

And the Question being put, That the words "any" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 10, by leaving out the word "nickel."—(Mr. Henry Harris.)

And the Question being put, That the word "nickel" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 25, by leaving out the word "nickel."—(Mr. Hemmerde.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "nickel" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 5, by leaving out the words "any manager or."—(Mr. Hemmerde.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 15, by leaving out the words "any manager or."—(Mr. Hemmerde.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 21, by leaving out the words "whether or not."—(Mr. John Henderson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 24, by leaving out the words "whether or not."—(Mr. John Henderson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 25, by leaving out the words "whether or not."—(Mr. John Henderson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Police Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Alteration of limit on sum to be raised for police expenses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the word "twelve," in order to insert the word "eleven."—(Mr. Henry Harris.)

Question proposed, That the word "twelve" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

A Clause (Duration of Act)—(Sir Henry Harris)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "person," the words "not being a British subject."—(Mr. Holt.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 10, by leaving out the word "any."—(Mr. Holt.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "any" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 18, by inserting, after the word "agreement," the words "or contract for delivery."—(Mr. Peto.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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The Wills (Soldiers and Sailors) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Military Service Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to military take into consideration the Military Service Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "applies," the words "except a certificate granted by a tribunal." —(Mr. Percy Alfred Harris.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 26, by inserting, at the beginning, the words "Any man, whether he has or has not attested, whose certificate of exemption is withdrawn by an order under this section shall be entitled to make an application to the appropriate tribunal for exemption on any of the grounds mentioned in section two, subsection (1), of the Military Service Act, 1916, other than an occupational ground, provided that the application is lodged with the tribunal within fourteen days of the date of the notice withdrawing his certificate, or within such extended time as the tribunal may allow, and the regulations or instructions relating to procedure of tribunals in force for the time being shall, so far as circumstances permit, apply to any such application, but except as aforesaid."—(Sir Herbert Nicholls.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time:—The Bill was passed without amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Midwives (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Military Service Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time:—The Bill was passed without amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Midwives (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Military Service Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to military take into consideration the Military Service Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "applies," the words "except a certificate granted by a tribunal." —(Mr. Percy Alfred Harris.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 26, by inserting, at the beginning, the words "Any man, whether he has or has not attested, whose certificate of exemption is withdrawn by an order under this section shall be entitled to make an application to the appropriate tribunal for exemption on any of the grounds mentioned in section two, subsection (1), of the Military Service Act, 1916, other than an occupational ground, provided that the application is lodged with the tribunal within fourteen days of the date of the notice withdrawing his certificate, or within such extended time as the tribunal may allow, and the regulations or instructions relating to procedure of tribunals in force for the time being shall, so far as circumstances permit, apply to any such application, but except as aforesaid."—(Sir Herbert Nicholls.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Midwives (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Military Service Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to military take into consideration the Military Service Bill, as amended in the Committee.
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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Reports No. 950 (Bechuanaland Protectorate Report for 1916–17).

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty’s Board of Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee for inquiring into the Principles which should determine the construction of Scales of Salary for Teachers in Elementary Schools.

Mr. Prothero presented, pursuant to the Corn Production Act, 1917, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations made by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Corn Production Act, 1917.

Copy of Order under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, numbered D.I.P. 516, declaring an area described in the Schedule thereto to be infected with Wart Disease, and an infected area for the purposes of the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Infected Areas) Order of 1916.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Case presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed, with amendment, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Borough of Boston.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty’s Ministry of Command,—Copy of Mangels and Swedes Food (Prices) (Ireland) Order, 1917, Wheat (Seed) Order, 1918, Milk (Registration of Dealers) Order, 1918, Deer (Restriction of Feeding) Order, 1918, Meat (Maximum Prices) Order, 1917, Sugar (Battening) Order, 1917, Meat (Retailers’ Restriction) Order, 1918, Livestock (Restriction of Slaughter) Order, 1918, Sugar Order (Ireland), 1917, British Onions Order, 1917, Meat (Maximum Prices) Order, Personal Licences, 1917, Intoxicating Liquor (Output and Delivery) Order (No. 5), 1917, Cattle (Sales) Order, Oats Products (Retail Prices) Order, 1917, as amended by Oats Products (Postponement of Date) Order, 1917, and Oats Products (Retail Prices) Order (No. 2), 1917, Food Control Committees (Margarine Requisition) Order, 1917, Milk (Amendment) Order, Margarine (Registration of Dealers) Order, 1917, British Cheese Order, and Meat (Maximum Prices) Order (No. 3), 1917, Sheep Scales Order, 1918, Fish (Prices) Order, 1918, Dutch Cheese Prices Order (Notice), Rum and Gin (Restriction of Sales) Order, 1918, Cattle Feeding Stuffs (Restriction) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty’s National Debt Command,—Copy of Return showing the aggregate Gross Liabilities of the State as at 31st January 1918.
represented by the Nominal Funded Debt, estimated Capital Liability in respect of Terminable Annuities, Unfunded Debt, and other Liabilities in respect of Debt, the estimated Assets, and the Exchequer Balances, at the close of each financial year from 1875–76 to 1916–17, both inclusive; and (2) the Gross and Net Expenditure charged annually during that period against the Public Revenue on account of the National Debt, and other payments connected with Capital Liabilities.

Mr. Baldwin also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 34th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Supreme Court (Prize, &c. Deposit Account, 1916–17).

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Account showing the money issued out of the Consolidated Fund, the money borrowed and the Securities created in respect thereof, and the expenditure under the provisions of the Public Offices (Acquisition of Site) Act, 1895, and other Acts, to the 31st March 1917; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts showing the moneys issued out of the Consolidated Fund, the moneys borrowed and the Securities created in respect thereof, and the expenditure thereon.

Copy of Regulations, dated 25th January 1918, made by the Treasury, in conjunction with the Bank of England and the Bank of Ireland, under the Finance Act, 1917, for facilitating transactions in connection with Government Stock.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Supreme Court (Prize, &c. Deposit Account, 1916–17), Housing Act, 1914, and Public Offices Sites, and Public Buildings Expenses, 1916–17, be printed.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixty-sixth Report of the Inspectors of Lunaticks in Ireland, for the year 1916, with Appendices.

Mr. Duke also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rule amending the definition of "School" in the Rules of the Intermediate Education Board (Ireland).

Copy of Order in Council under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, dated 25th January 1916, giving effect to Rules of Court.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Motions for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 10, showing the date of such Motion, the name of the Member proposing, the definite matter of urgent public importance, and the result of any Division taken thereon during Session 1917-18 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 147 of Session 1916).

(Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Business of the House a Return showing, with reference to Session 1917–18, (1) the total number of days on which the House sat; and (2) the days on which Business of Supply was considered (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 148 of Session 1916.—(Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Business of the House a Return of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisions Orders introduced into the House of Commons and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed, in Session 1917–18, shewing according to the following Subjects:—Railways; Tramways; Tramroads; Subways; Canals and Navigations; Roads and Bridges; Water; Waterworks; Gas; Gas and Water; Lighting and Improvement; Local Legislation; Corporations; &c. (not relating to Local Legislation or to Lighting and Improvement Schemes); Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Decks; Churches, Chapels, and Burying Grounds; Markets and Fairs; Gaols and other County Buildings; Inclusion and Drainage; Estates; Patent; Divorce; and Miscellaneous:—Of all the Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in Session 1917–18, have been reported on by Committees on opposed Private Bills, or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last day of the Sitting of each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each selected Member has served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have not been proved; and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders have been referred to Committees and dropped during the Sittings of the Committee (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 6363 of Session 1916).—(Deputy Chairman.)
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which such Bills as did not receive the Royal
Assent were dropped or postponed and rejected
in either House of Parliament (in continuation
of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.3689 of Session
1916).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House
a Return of the number of Public Petitions
presented and printed in Session 1917–18, with
the number of signatures in that Session (in
continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.3687
of Session 1916).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House
a Return of the number of Select Committees
appointed in Session 1917–18 and the Court of
Referees; the Subjects of inquiry; the names of
the Members appointed to serve on each,
and of the Chairman of each; the number of
days each Committee met, and the number of
days each Member attended; the total expense
of the attendance of Witnesses at each Select
Committee, and the name of the Member who
moved for such Select Committee; also the
total number of Members who served on Select
Committees (in continuation of Parliamentary
Paper, No. 0.3579 of Session 1916).—(The
Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House
a Return of the days on which the House sat
in Session 1917–18, stating for each day the
date of the month and day of the week, the
hour of the meeting and the hour of adjourn­
ment; and the total number of hours occupied
in the Sittings of the House, and the average
time; and showing the number of hours on
which the House sat each day, and the number
of hours after Eleven p.m.; and the number of
entries in each day’s Votes and Proceedings.—
(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House
a Return of the days on which the House sat
in Session 1917–18, with the name of the
Committee by whom it was considered,
present on each of those days (in continuation
of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.3681 of Session
1916).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House
a Return of the number of Public Petitions
presented and printed in Session 1917–18, with
the number of signatures in that Session (in
continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.3687
of Session 1916).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third
time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third
time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Bill
redistribution
was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a
Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

(The Secretary Sir George C.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on the Bishoprics of Bradford
and Coventry Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule 1.

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 12, to leave
out the word “two,” in order to insert the word
“one.”—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That the word “two”
stand part of the Schedule—Amendment, by
leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

Schedule 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That
the Committee had gone through the Bill, and
directed him to report the same, without
Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Criminal Law Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Patents and Designs Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents and Designs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Trade Marks Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Imports and Exports (Temporary Control) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imports and Exports (Temporary Control) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Education (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Education (No. 2) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Wills (Soldiers and Sailors) Bill [Lords.]
The Wills (Soldiers and Sailors) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill;—(Lord Edmund Tolboye.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Rea reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Standing Order No. 90 (Withdrawal of Strangers from the House) was read, as followeth:

If at any Sitting of the House, or in Committee, any Member shall take notice that strangers are present, Mr. Speaker, or the Chairman (as the case may be), shall forthwith put the Question, That strangers be ordered to withdraw, without permitting any Debate or Amendment: Provided that the Speaker, or the Chairman, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of strangers from any part of the House; and amended, by adding at the end thereof the words "Provided that any Order made under this Standing Order shall not apply to Members of the House of Lords."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the 22nd day of November last, communicating Resolutions relative to Secret Sittings of the House, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the First Resolution.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and to inform their Lordships that this House hath made the necessary amendment to its Standing Order relative to the withdrawal of strangers from the House: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the adjournment, ordered the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 29th January 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Port Glasgow Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Marriages Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Secretary Sir George Care presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Licence granted to a Convict under the Penal Servitude Acts, discharging her from Aylesbury Convict Prison on condition that she enters a Home.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Minister of Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 24th January 1918, on the subject of the further contributions of the Federated Malay States towards the cost of the War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Minister of Command,—Copy of Margarine (Requisition) Food Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 10, No. 181.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 10.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Business of the House, No. 182.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant January, for Returns relative to Private Bills and Private Business.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Public Bills.

Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 10, No. 183.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Select Committees.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Sittings of the House.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Standing Committees.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Bill be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Reports of the Select Committee on National Expenditure be now taken into consideration.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Ordered, That the Reports of the Select Committee on the Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to the Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to National Expenditure be now taken into consideration.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Ordered, That the Consideration of the Lords' Amendments to the Representation of the People Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Representation of the People Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords' Amendments, as far as the Lords' Amendment in p. 14, l. 15, be postponed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Amendment in p. 14, l. 15, at the beginning, inserted as a new subsection:

"(1) In a constituency returning not less than three nor more than five members of Parliament any contested election of the full number of members shall be according to the principle of proportional representation, each elector having one transferable vote as defined by this Act," the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Prayers.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House on the 1st day of April, from 1870 to 1917, inclusive:

1. The total amount of deadweight Debt outstanding on the 1st day of April, the amounts which were made available in each year to 1916-17, inclusive, for reduction of Debt, distinguishing the sums expressly provided for service of the Debt, the old sinking fund, and miscellaneous receipts, the gross amount of Debt redeemed, the amount of Debt created, and the net increase or decrease of Debt in the year;

2. A similar Statement in respect of other capital liabilities; and

3. A similar Statement in respect of the aggregate gross liabilities of the State.

(Mr. Baldwin.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Police Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Representation of the People Bill, with Amendments; in which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Representation of the People Bill now be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Representation of the People Bill now be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the proceedings No. 183. be printed.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords' Amendments, as far as the Lords' Amendment in p. 14, l. 15, be postponed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords' Amendments, as far as the Lords' Amendment in p. 14, l. 15, be postponed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Amendment in p. 14, l. 15, at the beginning, inserted as a new subsection:

"(1) In a constituency returning not less than three nor more than five members of Parliament any contested election of the full number of members shall be according to the principle of proportional representation, each elector having one transferable vote as defined by this Act," the next Amendment, being read a second time;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Burdett-Coutts)—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir Thomas Whitaker, Yeas, 223, Sir Francis Lowe);

Tellers for the (Sir Geoffrey Daring, Noes, 113, Colonel Scawen):—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the further consideration of the Lords' Amendments stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Lords' Amendments be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Adjourned.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 11th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Prayers.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Land Registry of Ireland Order, 1918, prescribing Fees to be taken under the Local Registration of Title (Ireland) Acts, 1891.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Pensions

Mr. Secretary Long presented, pursuant to the amendments made by the Lords to the National Insurance (Unemployment) Bill, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

National Debt

Mr. Baldwin presented,—Return to an Order, No. 184, dated the 30th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to the National Debt.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ministry of Food

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Edible Offals (Maximum Prices) Order and Public Meals Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Midwives (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Sir George Younger)—passed in the Negative.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 14, l. 23, leave out subsection (3), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 14, l. 33, leave out (“or of the alternative”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 15, l. 2, leave out (“herein”), and insert (“therein”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the consideration of the remaining Lords' Amendments be postponed until after the consideration of the postponed Amendments—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Amendment in p. 1, l. 15, leave out (“on the last day”), and insert (“during the last fourteen days”), and leave out (“he”), and insert (“have been”), the first postponed Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Lords' Amendment was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 2, l. 4, leave out from (“constituency”) to (“by”), in l. 8, and insert (“contiguous thereto or separated therefrom”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, l. 20, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 2, l. 26, leave out (“parliamentary borough”), and insert (“single constituency”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 3, l. 14, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 3, l. 14, leave out (“is on the last day”), and insert (“has during the last fourteen days”), and leave out (“occupying”), and insert (“occupied”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 4, l. 30, inclusive, being read a second time, were agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 32, by inserting, after the word “area,” the word “a.”—(Sir William J. Dickinson.)

The Lords' Amendment in p. 4, l. 34, leave out (“or”), and insert (“and (b)”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 5, l. 28, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 5, l. 28, after (“Parliament”), insert (“or out of the public funds of any part of His Majesty's dominions, or in service as a merchant seaman, pilot, or fisherman, including the master of a merchant ship or fishing boat, and an apprentice on such a ship or boat”), the next Amendment, being read a second time;
(3) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, a person shall not be entitled to be registered as a local government elector for a local government electoral area, though that person may have been occupying land or premises in the area on the last day of the qualifying period, if that person commenced to occupy the land or premises within thirty days before the end of the qualifying period, and ceased to occupy the land or premises within thirty days after the commencement of the occupation. — (Secretary Sir George Cave.)

And the Lords' Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 32, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 6, l. 32, leave out ("or Local Government"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 6, l. 34, at the end, insert ("But a person shall not be entitled to be registered as a local government elector if that person has, during the qualifying period, received poor relief, which would have disqualified that person from being registered as a parliamentary elector if this Act had not passed"). The next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 6, l. 35, leave out subsection (2), and insert the following subsection:

"(2) Any person being a conscientious objector to whom this subsection applies shall be disqualified during the continuance of the war and a period of five years thereafter from being registered or voting as a parliamentary or local government elector, unless before the expiration of one year after the termination of the war he proves to the central tribunal, as established for the purposes of the Military Service Act, 1916—

(a) that he has during the continuance of the war taken up and, so far as reasonably practicable, continued service which constitutes a person (other than a person serving on full pay as a member of any of the naval, military, or air forces of the Crown) a naval or military voter for the purposes of this Act; or

(b) that having been exempted from military service on condition of doing work of national importance, he has done such work in accordance with the decision and to the satisfaction of the appropriate tribunal or authority; or

(c) that having obtained an absolute exemption from military service without any such condition, he has nevertheless (whether before or after the passing of this Act) taken up and, so far as reasonably practicable, continued some work of national importance; and obtains a certificate from the central tribunal to that effect.

This subsection shall apply to a conscientious objector who either—

(a) has been exempted from all military service (including non-combatant service) on the ground of conscientious objections; or

(b) having been convicted by court-martial of an offence against military law, and having represented that the offence was the result of conscientious objection to military service, has been awarded imprisonment or detention.

The central tribunal established under the Military Service Act, 1916, shall be continued for the purpose of this subsection for a period of a year after the termination of the present war.

If a person disqualified under this subsection would have been entitled to be registered as a parliamentary or local government elector but for that disqualification, the disqualification shall not extend so as to affect the right of the wife of that person to be registered or vote as a parliamentary or local government elector, as the case may be.

The next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, in l. 3 of paragraph (e) of subsection (2), by leaving out the words "taken up," and inserting the words "been engaged in"—(Mr. Herbert Samuel), instead thereof.

And the Lords' Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 8, l. 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 8, l. 27, leave out ("parliamentary borough and each parliamentary county"), and insert ("constituency"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 10, l. 7, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 10, l. 7, after ("Act"), insert ("or the placing or refusal to place any mark against any name on the register"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 12, l. 20, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 12, l. 20, leave out ("which is a parliamentary borough"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 16, l. 39, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 16, l. 39, leave out ("close of the poll"), and insert ("time at which the votes are to be counted"), the next Amendment, being read a second time; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Secretary Sir George Cave).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Lords' Amendment was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 17, l. 10, leave out ("direction") to the end of subsection, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 19, l. 41, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 19, l. 41, leave out ("the alternative or") the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 20, l. 26, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 20, l. 26, after ("of"), insert ("or in connection with") the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.
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Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 21, line 35, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 21, l. 35, after "Clause 28, insert new Clause C (Division of constituency into polling districts, and provision of polling places)"

"C.—(1) It shall be the duty of the council whose clerk is the registration officer for any constituency, or by whom the registration officer is appointed, as occasion requires, to divide the constituency into polling districts, and to appoint polling places for the polling districts in such manner as to give all electors in the constituency such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances: Provided that, before dividing any constituency in the administrative county of London into polling districts, the authority therefore shall send a draft of any scheme for that purpose to the London County Council, and shall take into consideration any representations made to them by the Council.

(2) On the exercise of any powers given by the section the council by whom the powers are exercised shall send to the Local Government Board a report, and publish in the constituency a notice, showing the boundaries of any polling districts or the situation of any polling places constituted as a result of the exercise of the power.

(3) An election shall not be questioned by reason of any non-compliance with the provisions of this section, or any informality relative to polling districts or polling places.

(4) This section shall not apply to university constituencies.

Nothing in this section shall affect any polling districts or polling places constituted before the passing of this Act until occasion arises for the exercise of the powers given by this section.

(5) If a local authority of not less than thirty electors in a constituency make a representation to the Local Government Board that the polling districts or polling places do not meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency, or any body of electors, the Local Government Board shall consider the representation, and may, if they think fit, direct the council whose duty it is to divide the constituency into polling districts to make such alterations as the Board think necessary in the circumstances, and if the council fail to make those alterations within a month after the directions are given, they themselves shall make the alterations, and any alterations so made shall have effect as if they had been made by the council.

In this provision the expression "local authority" means, as respects any constituency, the council of any county, borough, urban or rural district, or parish, wholly or partly situate in the constituency, or the parish meeting of any parish so situate where there is no parish council."—(Mr. Hayes Fisher).— and, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 23, l. 14, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 21, l. 41, insert as a new subsection—

"(2) Subsection (1) of section five of the Municipal Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Practice) Act, 1884, shall, for the purposes of county council elections, be read and have effect as if "two pence" were inserted therein in lieu of "three pence ", the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 23, l. 14, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 22, l. 14, leave out subsections (2) and (3), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 23, l. 26, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 23, l. 20, leave out subsections (a) and (b), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 23, l. 26, insert "(a) if the constituency is, or the major part of the constituency is contained in, a municipal borough, some place within the borough; (b) in any other case, some place within the constituency, or within a municipal borough adjoining the constituency ".

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 23, l. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 24, l. 26, leave out "(a) if", and insert "(a) unless and until ", the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 24, l. 30, leave out from "(annulled)") to "(returning)," in l. 16, and insert "of the Ninth Schedule to this Act, shall be a separate constituency," the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 24, l. 26, insert "(2) Subsection (1) of section five of the Municipal Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Practice) Act, 1884, shall, for the purposes of county council elections, be read and have effect as if "two pence" were inserted therein in lieu of "three pence ". The next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.
Friday, 1st February 1918.

Prayers.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Representation of the People Bill.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 27, leave out l. 4 to 6, inclusive, and insert (" (a) the expressions 'borough' and 'municipal borough' mean 'burgh' ")", the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 28, l. 40, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 40, leave out ("parliamentary county or in the same parliamentary borough"), and insert ("county or in the same county of a city"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 29, l. 5, leave out from ("area") to the end of l. 11, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 29, l. 12, leave out from ("owner") to the end of l. 14, and insert ("shall include heir of entail in possession, life-rent, and beneficiary entitled under any trust to the rents and profits of lands and heritages, and shall not include the heir of lands and heritages subject to a life-rent, nor tenant, curator, judicial factor, or commissioner; "county" means a county inclusive of all burghs therein except a county of a city; "lands and heritages" has the same meaning as in the Valuation Acts")", the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, by leaving out the word "county" and inserting the words "shall include heir of entail in possession, life-rent, and beneficiary entitled under any trust to the rents and profits of lands and heritages, and shall not include the heir of lands and heritages subject to a life-rent, nor tenant, curator, judicial factor, or commissioner; "county" means a county inclusive of all burghs therein except a county of a city; "lands and heritages" has the same meaning as in the Valuation Acts")"—(Mr. Munro)—, and, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 29, l. 25, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 29, l. 25, leave out ("jointly or severally"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 30, l. 1, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 30, l. 1, leave out from the beginning of l. 1 to the end of l. 22, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, by leaving out the words "the beginning of l. 17", and inserting the words "instead thereof, and, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 32, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 32, l. 12, leave out from ("in") to ("and", in l. 14, and insert ("two or more sheriffdoms, the sheriff of each of whom is a sheriff for Scotland may appoint "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 32, l. 34, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 33, l. 34, leave out subsection 11, and insert as a new subsection—

("( ) In the application of the section of this Act relating to division of constituency into polling districts and provision of polling places, and of the section of this Act relating to alteration of polling places where necessary, the returning officer shall be substituted for the council having a power or duty under those sections to divide a constituency into polling districts, and the Lord Advocate shall be substituted for the Local Government Board")", the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, in l. 4, by leaving out the words "returning officer," and inserting the word "sheriff"—(Sir George Younger),—instead thereof, and, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 34, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 34, l. 12, after the first ("county"), insert ("and for any parliamentary borough of which the whole or greater part is contained in the administrative county and no part is contained in a county borough, and the clerk of the Crown and peace for a county borough shall be the registration officer for any parliamentary borough which is coterminous with, or the whole or any part of which is contained in, the county borough")", the next Amendment, being read a second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lords' Amendments, by adding at the end thereof the words "Provided also that the person who, at the passing of this Act, is town clerk for the county borough of Dublin shall, so long as he holds that office, be the registration officer for the parliamentary borough of Dublin, and that the said proceeding proviso shall not apply in his case."—(Mr. Boland.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added—The proposed Amendment to the said Lords' Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Lords' Amendment was agreed to.
Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 34, l. 19, inclusive, being read a second time, were agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 34, l. 25, by inserting, after the word "person," the words "Provided also that the person who, at the passing of this Act, is town clerk for the county borough of Dublin shall, so long as he holds that office, be the registration officer for the parliamentary borough of Dublin, and that the last preceding proviso shall not apply in his case."—(Mr. Boland.)

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 36, l. 41, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 36, l. 41, after clause 40, insert as a new Clause ("Temporary provision as to revision of constituencies and registration"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the second Amendment in p. 38, l. 33, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 38, l. 33, leave out ("for") to ("area"), in l. 34, and insert ("each polling district in the registration"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 38, by inserting, at the end of l. 37, the words "every such list shall be made up according to polling districts."—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 39, l. 34, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 39, l. 34, after ("to"), insert ("make the necessary inquiries and to"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 40, l. 25, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 41, l. 25, at the end, insert as a new rule ("Information to registration officers"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, in l. 1, by leaving out the word "and," and by inserting, after the second word "council," the words "and the Board of Trade."—(Secretary Sir George Cave), and, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 44, l. 42, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 44, l. 42, at the end, insert as a new rule—

("The Local Government Board shall collect from the naval and military and air force authorities, the tribunals established for the purpose of the Military Service Act, 1916, and other available sources such information as it is reasonably practicable to obtain, with reference to persons disqualified on account of conscientious objection to military service from being registered and voting under this Act, and shall place any information so collected at the disposal of registration officers, by whom inspection thereof may be had, shall be given under the same conditions that govern the register.")

The Lords' Amendment in p. 47, l. 6, at the end, insert as new subsections—

(8) Rule 2 of this schedule shall be construed as if the words 'or otherwise to distinguish' were inserted after the words 'in separate divisions.'

(9) For the direction to the registration officer in Rule 22 of this schedule to secure that no person is registered as a local government elector in respect of more than one qualification in the areas for the purpose therein specified, there shall be substituted a direction to secure that no person is registered as a local government elector in respect of more than one qualification in the same district, electoral division, or ward, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, by inserting at the end thereof the words "(and as if the direction to placing marks against the names of local government electors were omitted)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland),—and, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 49, l. 16, at the end, insert ("in the same constituency"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, by adding at the end thereof the words "and in any case not more than two persons"—(Mr. Herbert Samuel),—and, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 51, l. 7, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 51, l. 7, after ("expenses"), insert ("and the fee, if any, paid to the election agent"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lords' Amendment, by adding at the end thereof the words "not exceeding in the case of a county election seventy-five pounds, and in the case of a borough election fifty pounds."—(Sir George Younger.) And the Question being put, That those words be there added—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Yeas, (Major Bowden;)

Tellers for the Sir George Younger, Mr. Gulland;)

Yea, 96.

Tellers for the Sir George Younger, Mr. Wat, Noes, Major Bowden;)

Noo, 30.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Lords' Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 51, l. 21, at the end, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 51, at the end, insert as a new schedule ("Fifth Schedule"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;
And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Lords' Amendment was amended, in paragraph 11, l. 4, by leaving out the words "if a returning officer gives directions to that effect," and by leaving out Is. 9 to 12—(Sir Philip Magnus); in paragraph 32, l. 9, by inserting, after the word "below," the words—

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in paragraph 39, in the footnote, by inserting, after the word "transferrable," the words "or alternative," and in Form C, in the footnote, by inserting, after the word "transferrable," the words "or alternative."—(Secretary Sir George Cow.)—and, as amended, was agreed to. The Lords' Amendment in p. 52, leave out the Fifth Schedule, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

And the schedule so restored to the Bill was amended, in p. 187, l. 45, by inserting at the end thereof the words "The University of Wales, 1st," and in l. 46, by leaving out the words "The University of Wales"—(Sir Ellis Griffith); in l. 49, by leaving out the words "The University of Edinburgh," and in l. 50, by leaving out the words "and the University of Aberdeen," and inserting the words "The University of Aberdeen and the University of Edinburgh," instead thereof.—(Mr. Meares.)

The Lords' Amendment in p. 138, leave out the Sixth Schedule, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 139, l. 25, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 139, l. 25, leave out paragraph 6, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 140, l. 38, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 140, leave out ls. 38 to 40, inclusive, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, by leaving out "39 to 40, inclusive," and inserting "39 and 40"—(Mr. Meares); instead thereof, and, as amended, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 141, leave out ls. 1 to 7, inclusive, and insert—

"The Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883 (46 & 47 Vict. c. 51):—

In section sixty-eight, in the definition of 'revising barrister,' for the word 'sheriff' shall be substituted the words 'registration officer.'"

The next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, by inserting, at the beginning, after the word "insert," the words "In Rule 60 of Part I. of the First Schedule a reference to Division (4) of Part I. of the Fifth Schedule to this Act shall be substituted for the reference to the schedule in that rule mentioned"—(Mr. Meares);—and, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 144, l. 42, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 144, l. 42 and 43, leave out ("twenty, sections"), and insert ("eighteen, Regulations 1, 3, 4, and 5 in section nineteen and sections twenty"). the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 144, l. 44, in the third column, after ("twenty-six"), insert ("thirty-seven to"); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 145, l. 46, inclusive, being read a second time, were agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 145, l. 46, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"39 & 40 The Divided Parishes Section 14."

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Secretary Sir George Cave, Mr. Herbert Samuel, Mr. Scoular, Sir William Dickson, and Mr. Hayes Fisher.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made Health by the Lords to the National Health Insurance Bill.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the second Amendment in p. 11, l. 17, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 11, l. 17, at the end, insert ("Provided that where any such person comes to be employed as aforesaid by reason of entering on some prescribed class of occupation in connection with the war, not being employment within the meaning of Part I. of the principal Act (in this section referred to as 'war occupation'), or by reason of being interned in an enemy country as a prisoner of war or otherwise, he shall, subject to such conditions with respect to payment of contributions and otherwise as may be prescribed, remain an
insured person until two months after the termination of the war occupation or internment, as the case may be, or until the expiration of twelve months from the date on which he ceased to be employed as aforesaid, whichever date is the later), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 29, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 22, leave out Clause 22, and insert as a new Clause (Special provisions with respect to married women)—

("29.—(1) Where a woman, being an insured person and a member of an approved society, marries, she shall, if she had before the date of her marriage ceased, or if at any time within twelve months after the date of her marriage she ceased, to be a person whose normal occupation is employment, cease as from that time (hereinafter referred to as 'the date of unemployment') to be entitled to the benefits to which she would otherwise have been entitled under the provisions of the principal Act, and in lieu thereof she shall, subject to the provisions of that Act, be entitled to the following benefits (that is to say), to sickness benefit at the rate of five shillings a week for not more than six weeks in the period of twelve months commencing next after the date of unemployment, or, if the date of unemployment was anterior to the date of her marriage, within so much of that period as is subsequent to her marriage, to maternity benefit of thirty shillings in respect of her first confinement after the date of unemployment and within two years of the date of her marriage, and to medical and sanatorium benefits until the termination of the year next following the year in which she ceased to be such a person as aforesaid, and she shall until the expiration of two years from the date of her marriage remain an insured person.

(2) For the purposes of this section a woman shall be deemed to have ceased to be a person whose normal occupation is employment as soon as she has been unemployed for eight consecutive weeks commencing next after the week in which she ceased to be employed: Provided that a woman who, or was unemployed by reason of incapacity for work in respect of which she had received, or for any disentitling provision of the principal Act would have received, sickness or disablement benefit, should not be deemed to have ceased to be a person whose normal occupation is employment until the expiration of eight weeks commencing next after the end of the last week in which she was or would have been, as aforesaid, in receipt of such benefit.

(3) If a woman, after becoming entitled to benefits by virtue of the preceding provisions of this section, becomes employed before she ceases to be insured and prior to the date she shall be treated as if she had become insured for the first time on the date on which she so becomes employed: Provided that no woman shall, by reason only of so becoming employed, be deprived of any benefit to which she would, for the provisions of this subsection, have been entitled unless and until she becomes entitled to corresponding benefit by virtue of her new insurance.

(4) No married woman shall, during her coverture, be entitled to be a voluntary contributor, and any woman who is, at the commencement of this Act, a voluntary contributor under the terms of subsection (2) of section forty-four of the principal Act shall cease to be such a contributor and an insured person, and to be entitled to the benefits of persons in arrears, and in lieu thereof shall be entitled to receive by way of benefit payment of a sum of forty shillings: Provided that—

(a) nothing in this provision shall prevent a married woman who has been employed for at least the prescribed number of weeks in any period being deemed to be a voluntary contributor for the purpose of any regulations made under this Act with respect to the benefits of persons in arrears; and

(b) where any woman who is a voluntary contributor under the terms of the said subsection (2) is, at the commencement of this Act, in receipt of sickness or disablement benefit, she shall continue to be entitled to sickness or disablement benefit so long as the incapacity continues, and the said sum of forty shillings shall become payable only on the expiration of a period of eight weeks commencing next after the date when the incapacity ceases.

(5) Where any woman, being an insured person and a member of an approved society, marries, the prescribed sum shall be transferred from the credit of the society to the credit of the Reserve Suspense Fund, and all monies which are, at the commencement of this Act, standing to the credit of the Married Women's Suspense Account, mentioned in section forty-four of the principal Act, shall be carried to the credit of the Reserve Suspense Fund, and the said account shall be closed.

(6) Where any woman, being an insured person and a member of an approved society, marries, and after her marriage continues to be or becomes an employed contributor, the appropriate reserve value shall be credited to the society in respect of her as if she were a person joining the society.

(7) The Insurance Commissioners may make regulations providing for such financial adjustments between approved societies and the Reserve Suspense Fund as appear necessary in order to place the societies and the fund respectively in the position in which they would have been if the two last preceding subsections of this section had come into force on the commencement of the principal Act, instead of on the commencement of this Act.

(8) Where any married woman is, at the commencement of this Act, entitled to have any sum applied for her benefit under the terms of the proviso to subsection (9) of section forty-four of the principal Act, and that sum or any part thereof remains unexpended on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and nineteen, an amount equal to the sum to be paid shall be transferred from the credit of the society to the Reserve Suspense Fund.

(9) In the case of any woman, being a voluntary contributor, who marries, this section shall apply as though the date of her marriage were the date of unemployment.
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(10) Subject as aforesaid, the provisions of Part I. of the principal Act shall apply to a woman who has been married, both during and after her coverture, as if she had never been married.

(11) In the application of this section to Ireland, for the words "for not more than six weeks" in the period between the date of unemployment and the date of the completion of the second year of marriage,

(12) It should be the duty of every woman, being an insured person and a member of an approved society, who marries, to give notice of her marriage to her society within eight weeks thereof; and if an approved society pays to any married woman who has failed to give notice in accordance with the foregoing provision any sum by way of sickness benefit in excess of the amount properly payable to that married woman, the society shall, if it was not aware of her marriage, be entitled to deduct the amount so paid in excess from the amount of any benefits subsequently payable to her.

(13) In this section, the expression "employment" means employment within the meaning of Part I. of the principal Act, and the expressions "employed" and "unemployment" shall be construed accordingly.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 38, l. 40, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 58, l. 40, after ("Act"), insert ("and to any variations or amendments thereto required to secure that no insured person who is suffering from any form of venereal disease shall, on the ground that the disease is or may have been due to misconduct, be deprived of any sickness or disablement benefit to which he would otherwise have been entitled"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords' Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the National Insurance (Unemployment) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Lord of the House, Edward Talbot.)

Secretary Sir George. Case reported from the Representation of the People Bill Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Representation of the People Bill; That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, as follow:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 1, l. 15, for the following Reason:—Because it appears that better provision is made in the Bill as passed by the Commons to guard against changes of residence which are not bona fide.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 2, l. 34, 30 and 27, p. 8, l. 27 and 28, 30 and 31, and 32, p. 12, l. 56, for the following Reason:—Because they are consequential on the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 15, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 3, l. 14, and in p. 29, l. 24, and l. 24 and 25, for the following Reason:—Because they are consequential on the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 1, l. 15, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 3, l. 25, for the following Reason:—Because they are of opinion that further consideration should be given to the question of the qualification of Dominion soldiers as naval or military voters.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 6, l. 32, for the following Reason:—Because they are of opinion that the provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 38, after Clause 66, insert as a new Clause (Extension of 7 & 8 Geo. 6, c. 15, to other pensionable persons) ("... The National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Act, 1917, shall be amended as follows:

(1) By the insertion, in section one thereof, after the words "marines" and after the word "soldiers," of the words "or other persons.

(2) By the insertion therein, after the words "from section forty-six of the National Insurance Act, 1911, applied," wherever those words occur, of the words "or who was an insured person.

(3) By the substitution for the words "naval or military service," wherever those words occur, of the words "naval, military, or other pensionable service," the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 19, for the following Reason:—Because they are of opinion that it is advisable to adhere to the provisions of the Bill for the protection of minorities in university constituencies.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 33, p. 18, l. 41, and p. 26, l. 7, for the following Reason:—Because they are consequential on the second Amendment made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 15, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 16, l. 39, for the following Reason:—Because they are of opinion that too wide a discretion would be left to the returning officer if the count of the votes could be indefinitely delayed; and that further consideration should be given to the question.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 17, l. 10, for the following Reason:—Because it is consequential on the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 16, l. 39, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 20, l. 4, 7 and 11, p. 23, l. 14 and 20, p. 27, l. 4 to 6, p. 28, l. 40 and 41, p. 32, l. 12, p. 34 (to insert new Clause F), p. 39, l. 1, 6 and 7, p. 51, l. 9, 11 and 12, p. 138, l. 139, l. 18 (to leave out paragraph 6), and p. 149 (to insert new Ninth Schedule), for the following Reason:—Because they are of opinion that the value of the information obtained under Articles 777 and 1201 of the Royal Warrant for the Pay, &c. of the Army, 1914, would not be commensurate with the labour and expense involved.

The said Reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill and Amendments); And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.
Mr. Herbert Samuel reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure; That they had further considered the matters to which they referred, and directed him to make a Third Report to the House, with a recommendation that a Committee on the same subject be appointed in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Military Service Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Representation of the People Bill to which the Commons have disagreed, and they agree to certain of the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords, without Amendment, and they make a consequential Amendment to the Bill; they agree to certain other Amendments made by the Commons to Amendments made by the Lords, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; they disagree to certain of the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; they disagree to certain of the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; they disagree to certain of the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords, the Lords' Amendments proposed in lieu of certain of the Lords' Amendments disagreed to by this House, and the Lords' Reasons for insisting on certain other of their Amendments disagreed to by this House, to the Representation of the People Bill, be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings on Government Business be not interrupted this day under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although so opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords, the Lords' Amendments proposed in lieu of certain of the Lords' Amendments disagreed to by this House, and the Lords' Reasons for insisting on certain other of their Amendments disagreed to by this House, to the Representation of the People Bill, be taken into consideration forthwith.—(Secretary Sir George Currie.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the said Amendments and Reasons.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 5, l. 28, in lieu of the Amendment to which this House hath agreed, in p. 5, l. 28, after ("Parliament"), insert ("or where the person serving was at the commencement of his service resident in the United Kingdom") out of the public funds of any part of His Majesty's dominions: or in service as a merchant seaman, pilot, or fisherman, including the master of a merchant ship or fishing boat, and an apprentice on such a ship or boat"); being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment to the Amendment made by this House to the Lords' Amendment in p. 5, l. 9 (after Clause 6, to insert new Clause A), p. 30, l. 30, as the end of first subsection insert ("and subsection (4) of the said section shall not apply"), being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, proposed in lieu of their first Amendment, in p. 14, l. 15, to which the Commons have disagreed, in p. 14, l. 15, insert as a new subsection—

(b) The Commissioners shall present their report to Parliament as soon as practicable, showing the constituencies which are to be formed in pursuance of this subsection, the names of, and the numbers of members to be returned for, each such constituency.

(c) The report of the Commissioners so presented to Parliament shall have effect as if enacted in this Act: Provided that if within the next twenty-one days after the report is so presented that House proposes an Address to His Majesty, praying that any modifications should be made in the report, the report shall have effect as if enacted in this Act with such modifications;

(d) The registration of voters under this Act shall be proceeded with on the passing thereof as if the constituencies were those contained in the Fifth Schedule to this Act, and His Majesty may, by Order in Council, make such provisions as appear necessary or expedient to adapt the provisions of this Act to the registration of the arrangement of constituencies effected under this subsection, and to make any registration work done before such arrangement takes effect available under any new conditions resulting therefrom.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lords' Amendment, in l. 1, by inserting, after the word "borough," the words "exclusive of the administrative county of London."—(Colonel Sir Herbert Jessel.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment to the said Lords'
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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in lieu of the Amendment upon which the Lords insist, in p. 14, l. 15, by inserting the words "If at an election for one member of Parliament in any parliamentary borough there are more than two candidates, the election shall be according to the principle of the alternative vote as defined by this Act."—(Sir Willoughby Dickinson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;  
Tellers for the | Sir Willoughby Dickinson,  196. 
Yea,  | Mr. Tynan Wilson;  195. 
Noo,  | Sir George Younger;  194.  
Sir Samuel Roberts;  194.  

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords' Reason for insisting on their Amendment made by the Commons to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 17, was read, as followeth:—Because they are consequential on the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 15, upon which they insist.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Lords' Reason be postponed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Reason for disagreeing to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 51, l. 17 (paragraph 39), was read, as followeth:—Because it is contended that the form is not the form usually adopted in similar enactments, and that in any case the Amendments are required in order to preserve the independent rights of each House of Parliament.

And the Lords' Amendment was agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 30, by inserting, after the word "annulled," the words "and the Cities of Manchester and Liverpool."—(Mr. Chamberlain.)

And it appearing that the Amendment was read, as followeth:—Because they are consequential on the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 5, to which the Commons have disagreed, was read, as followeth:—Because they are consequential on the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 15, upon which they insist.

Ordered, That this House doth insist on its Amendments to the Lords' Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Reason for disagreeing to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 24, l. 26, to which the Commons have disagreed, was read, as followeth:—Because it is contended that the form is not the form usually adopted in similar enactments, and that in any case the Amendments are required in order to preserve the independent rights of each House of Parliament.

And the Lords' Amendment was agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 30, by inserting, after the word "annulled," the words "and His Majesty in Council has annulled."—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in lieu of the Amendment upon which the Lords insist, in p. 14, l. 15, by inserting the words "If at an election for one member of Parliament there are more than two candidates, the election shall be according to the principle of the alternative vote as defined by this Act."—(Sir Willoughby Dickinson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;  
Tellers for the | Sir Willoughby Dickinson,  196.  
Yea,  | Mr. Tynan Wilson;  195.  
Noo,  | Sir George Younger;  194.  
Sir Samuel Roberts;  194.  

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, as amended, by adding, after the word "Birmingham," the words "and the Cities of Manchester and Liverpool."—(Sir William Watson Rutherford.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;  
Tellers for the | Sir Francis Lonsdale;  206.  
Yea,  | Mr. Peter;  156.  
Noo,  | Mr. Peto;  156.  

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords' Reason for insisting on their Amendment in p. 139, l. 25, being read, as followeth:—Because they consider the Amendment made by the Lords in lieu of the Amendment upon which they insist.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Lords' Reason be postponed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Reason for disagreeing to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 34, to which the Commons have disagreed, was read, as followeth:—Because it is consequential upon the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 15, to which the Commons have disagreed.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Lords' Reason be postponed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Reason for disagreeing to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 30, to which the Commons have disagreed, was read, as followeth:—Because it is consequential upon the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 15, to which the Commons have disagreed.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Lords' Reason be postponed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Reason for disagreeing to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 15, to which the Commons have disagreed, was read, as followeth:—Because they consider the Amendment made by the Lords in lieu of the Amendment upon which they insist.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Lords' Reason be postponed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Reason for disagreeing to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 15, to which the Commons have disagreed, was read, as followeth:—Because they consider the Amendment made by the Lords in lieu of the Amendment upon which they insist.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Lords' Reason be postponed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

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Ordered, That the further consideration of the Lords' Reason be postponed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

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Ordered, That the further consideration of the Lords' Reason be postponed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Reason for disagreeing to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 15, to which the Commons have disagreed, was read, as followeth:—Because they consider the Amendment made by the Lords in lieu of the Amendment upon which they insist.
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that the returning officer can better perform the duties involved.

Resolved, That this House do not insist on its Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Then the Lords' Amendments to the Commons' consequential Amendment to the Bill in p. 34, l. 25, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Reason for disagreeing to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 41, l. 25, was read, as followeth:—Because the obligation on the Board of Trade to give this information is unnecessary.

Resolved, That this House do not insist on its Amendment to the Lords' Amendment.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Amendment to the Commons' Amendment in p. 51, l. 7, at the end, insert ("without reckoning for the purposes of that limit any part of the fee which may have been included in the expenses mentioned above"); being read a second time, was amended, by leaving out the words "mentioned above," and inserting the words "first above mentioned".—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—instead thereof, and, as amended, was agreed to.

The Lords' consequential Amendment to the Bill in p. 51, l. 17, insert as a footnote to paragraph 32, as amended by the Commons ("This form will require modification when the transferable vote is not used at the election"); being read a second time, was amended, by inserting, after the word "transferable," the words "or alternative".—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—and, as amended, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment to the Fifth Schedule, as re-inserted by the Commons, and as amended by the Commons, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Reason for insisting on their Amendment in p. 139, l. 25 (to leave out paragraph 6), being further considered;

The Lords' Amendment was agreed to.

Then a consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 139, l. 26, by inserting the words—

6. Subsection (4) of section forty of the Local Government Act, 1888, shall have effect as if the words 'for the time being' were substituted for the words 'at the passing of this Act,' and, in order to meet any difficulty (consequent on the change of boundaries under this provision) in filling casual vacancies by election in the London County Council, any such casual vacancy shall, until the first election of the whole number of councillors which takes place after the passing of this Act, be filled by means of the choice of the Council of a person to fill the vacancy, and the councillor so chosen shall hold office in such manner and in all respects as if he had been elected to fill the vacancy.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Reason for insisting on their Amendments in p. 14, l. 33, p. 19, l. 41, and p. 36, l. 5, being further considered;

The Lords' Amendments were agreed to, and consequential Amendments were made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 33, by inserting, after the word "transferable," the words "or the alternative"); in p. 19, l. 41, by inserting, after the word "of," the words "the alternative or of"); and in p. 36, l. 5, by inserting the words—

"(?) The expression 'alternative vote' means a vote—

(a) capable of being so given as to indicate the voter's preference for the candidates in order; and

(b) capable of being transferred to a subsequent choice in case no one candidate has a clear majority of the total number of votes counted at any count."

—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Secretary Sir George Cave, Sir Willoughby Dickenson, Mr. Hogan Fisher, Mr. Herbert Samuel, and Mr. Sowden.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Redistribution Lords to the Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) of Seats Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Duke.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Non-ferrous Lords to the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Military Lords to the Military Service Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Brock.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Criminal Law Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, on consideration of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, that the Clause (Defilement of girls under seventeen) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents and Second Reading of the Patents and Designs Designs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 6th February 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's War Loans Command, — Statistics relating to the subscriptions to the Four per cent. and Five per cent. War Loans.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the immediate directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copies of Life Annuity Tables for the grant of Immediate Life Annuities.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Sir Albert Stanley also presented, — Return to Trade and Navigation, an Order, dated the 16th day of January last, for a Return relative to Trade and Navigation. No. 189.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act, of an Act of Parliament, — Copies of Closing 1917, Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, by the County Borough of Belfast.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, — List of Parliamentary Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers printed by Order of the House, and of No. 190. Papers presented by Command, Session 1917-18, with a General Alphabetical Index thereto. Thirteenth Parliament, Seventh Session, 7th and 8th George V., 7th February 1917 to 6th February 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Port Glasgow Water Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Representation of the People Bill to which this House hath disagreed, but propose an Amendment in lieu thereof; they agree to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments last made by the Lords; they disagree to certain other of the Amendments last made by this House, for which disagreement they assign Reasons; and they have made certain consequential Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Lords' Amendment proposed in lieu of the Lords' Amendment in p. 14, l. 15, to

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which the Commons have disagreed, in p. 14, l. 15, to insert a new Clause (Scheme for adoption of proportional representation in constituencies to be recommended by Commissioners), being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lords' Amendment, in l. 6, by inserting at the end thereof the words "and under which one hundred constituencies returning one member each shall be selected in which, if at any election there are more than two candidates, the election shall be according to the principle of the alternative vote as defined by this Act."

(Sir Willobghy Dickinson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be inserted;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the | Sir Willobghy Dickinson, | 166.
Tellers for the | Mr. Arthur Henderson; | 184.

So it passed in the Negative.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Secretary Sir George Cave);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the | Lord Edward Talbot, | 224.
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords' Reason for disagreeing to the Commons' Amendment proposed in p. 14, l. 15, is in lieu of the Amendment made by the Lords, was read, as follows:—Because the Reasons already given apply to the partial scheme now proposed, and because, in view of the very even balance of opinion in the Commons and the strong opposition from many quarters, it is inexpedient to make this experiment.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on the said Amendment.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

The Lords' Reason for disagreeing to the Commons' Amendments in p. 14, l. 33, p. 19, l. 41, p. 26, l. 5, and p. 51, l. 17, was read, as follows:—Because they are consequential on the Amendment last proposed by the Commons in p. 14, l. 15, to which the Lords have disagreed.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on the said Amendments.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Then the Lords' consequential Amendments to the Bill, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Lords' Amendment proposed in lieu of an Amendment disagreed to by this House, doth not insist on their Amendments to which the Lords have disagreed, and hath agreed to the consequential Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill.

A Message was delivered by the Secretary, Royal Assent

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissioners read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords thereby authorised declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

3. Wills (Soldiers and Sailors) Act.
12. Representation of the People Act.

And afterwards His Majesty's Most Gracious Majesty's Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor, in pursuance of His Majesty's Commands, as follows:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Since last I addressed you great events have happened. Within a few weeks of that occasion, the United States of America decided to take their stand by the side of this country and our Allies in defence of the principles of liberty and justice. Their entry into the War, followed by that of other neutral States, has united practically the whole civilised world in a League of Nations against unscrupulous aggression, has lent additional strength to our arms, and inspires fresh confidence in the ultimate triumph of our cause.

On the other hand, Russia, distracted by internal dissensions, has not been able to pursue the struggle until the fruits of her great sacrifice could have been reaped; and for the present has ceased to bear her part in the Allied task. The negotiations opened by her with the enemy have, however, served but to prove that the ambitions which provoked this unhappy War are as yet unquelled.

These tragic events have added to the burdens of the other Allies, but have not impaired the vigour and the loyalty with which one and all continue to pursue the common aim. Amid the confusion of changing events the determination of the democracies of the world to secure a just and enduring peace stands out ever more clearly.

In all the theatres of War My Naval and Military Forces have displayed throughout the
year a noble courage, a high constancy, and a fixed determination, which have won for them the admiration of My people. In France the enemy has been repeatedly and successfully thrown back, and I await with assurance the further progress of the conflict. In Palestine and Mesopotamia the most revered and famous cities of the Orient have been wrested from the Turk, while in Africa the enemy has lost the last remnant of his colonial possessions. In all these fields the Forces of My Dominions and of the Indian Empire have borne their full share in the toil and in the glory of the day.

During the year the representatives of My Dominions and of the Indian Empire were summoned for the first time to the sessions of an Imperial War Cabinet.

Their deliberations have been of the utmost value, both in the prosecution of the War and in the promotion of imperial unity.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,
I thank you for the liberality with which you have made provision for the heavy expenditure of the War.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,
I have been pleased to give My consent to your proposals for the better representation of the people. I trust that this measure will ensure to a much larger number of My subjects in the United Kingdom an effective voice in the government of the country, and will enable the national unity, which has been so marked a characteristic of the War, to continue in the not less arduous work of reconstruction in times of peace.

The settlement of this difficult question by agreement leads me still to hope that, in spite of all the complexities of the problem, a solution may be possible in regard to the government of Ireland, upon which a Convention of representatives of My Irish people is now deliberating.

The successful prosecution of the War is still our first aim and endeavour. I have watched with a proud and grateful heart the unvarying enthusiasm with which all sections of My people have responded to every demand made upon them for this purpose, and, as they face the final tests which may yet be required to carry our efforts to fruition, I pray that Almighty God may vouchsafe to us His blessing.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in His Majesty's Name and in obedience to His Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Tuesday the twelfth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the twelfth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.
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