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A PROCLAMATION

FOR DISSOLVING THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT, AND DECLARING THE CALLING OF ANOTHER.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to dissolve this present Parliament, which stands prorogued to Thursday, the twentieth day of December next: We do, for that end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, of the House of Commons, are discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said Thursday, the twentieth day of December next: And We, being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People, and to have their advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our loving Subjects Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Parliament: And do hereby further declare, that, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, We have given Order that Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom called Great Britain and Our Governor of Northern Ireland do respectively, upon Notice thereof, forthwith issue out Writs, in due form and according to Law, for calling a new Parliament: And We do hereby also, by this Our Royal Proclamation under Our Great Seal of Our United Kingdom, require Writs forthwith to be issued accordingly by Our said Chancellor and Governor respectively, for causing the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons who are to serve in the said Parliament to be duly returned to, and give their attendance in, Our said Parliament on Tuesday, the eighth day of January next; which Writs are to be returnable in due course of Law.

Given at Our Court of Saint James, this sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and in the fourteenth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.
The Parliament begun and held at the City of Westminster, on Tuesday, the eighth day of January, in the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith; and in the year of our Lord 1924.

Accordingly the House went up to the House of Peers; where the Lord Chancellor and other Lords named in the Commission, sitting on a form between the Throne and the Woolsacks:

The Lord Chancellor said—

My Lords, and Members of the House of Commons,

His Majesty, not thinking fit to be here Parliament present this day in His Royal Person, has been pleased, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, to cause Letters Patent to be passed under His Great Seal, constituting us and several other Lords therein named His Commissioners, to do all things, in His Majesty’s name, on His part necessary to be performed in this Parliament; this will more fully appear by the Letters Patent themselves, which must now be read.

Then the said Letters Patent were read; and are as follow:

GEORGE R. I.

GEORGE the Fifth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions
To all to whom these Presents shall come, greeting. Whereas, by the advice of Our Council, for certain arduous and urgent affairs concerning Us, the state and defence of Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and for the Church, We have ordoed a certain Parliament to be helden at Our City of Westminster on Tuesday, the eighth day of January instant: and forasmuch as for divers causes and considerations We cannot convene Our said Parliament, the said Council, upon the advice of Our Royal Person, in Our said Parliament upon the said Tuesday the eighth day of January instant; know ye that We, trusting in the fidelity, discretion, and care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Son and most faithful Councillor Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David Prince of Wales; Our most dear and entirely beloved Uncle and most faithful Councillor Arthur William Patrick Albert Duke of Connaught and Strathearn; the Most Reverend Father in God and Our most faithful Councillor Lord Denman, Hallam Lord Tennyson, John Lord Revelstoke, Thomas Wodehouse Lord Newton, Ughtred James Lord Shuttleworth, Andrew Graham Lord Dunedin, John Lord Atkinson, William Howard Lord Cowley, Patrick David Prince of Wales; our Care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Son and most faithful Councillor Lord Ashburton, Marquis of Crewe; our Care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Uncle and most faithful Councillor Lord Holderness; our Care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Son and most faithful Councillor Lord Derby; our Care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Son and most faithful Councillor Lord Nottingham; our Care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Son and most faithful Councillor Lord Rosebery; our Care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Son and most faithful Councillor Lord Northampton; our Care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Son and most faithful Councillor Lord Antrim; our Care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Son and most faithful Councillor Lord Sackville; our Care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Son and most faithful Councillor Lord Anglesey; and also, if necessary, to continue, adjourn, and prorogue Our said Parliament.
Mr. Whitley chosen Speaker.

The House adjourned accordingly at one minute before Four of the clock till to-morrow, and Mr. Speaker-elect went away without the Mace before him.

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Wednesday, 9th January 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock; and Mr. Speaker-elect having taken the Chair:

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant Mr. Speaker General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., by the King's D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker-elect, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where he was presented to the said Lords Commissioners for His Majesty's Royal approbation.

Then the Lord Chancellor, and the said Lords Commissioners, signified His Majesty's approbation of Mr. Speaker-elect.

The House having returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been in the House of Peers: where His Majesty was pleased, by His Majesty's Commission, to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker: and that he had, in their name and on their behalf, by humble Petition to His Majesty made claim to all their ancient and undoubted rights and privileges, particularly to freedom of speech in Debate, freedom from arrest, freedom of access to His Majesty whenever occasion may require: and that the most favourable construction should be placed upon all their proceedings; which he said His Majesty, by His said Commissioners, had been pleased to confirm to them in as ample a manner as they have ever been granted or confirmed by His Majesty, or any of His Royal Predecessors.

And then Mr. Speaker repeated his very respectful acknowledgements and grateful thanks to the House for the great honour that they had done him.

Mr. Speaker then put the House in mind that their first duty was to take and subscribe the Oath required by Law.

Thereupon Mr. Speaker first, alone, standing Mr. Speaker upon the upper step of the Chair, took and subscribed the Oath.

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath:

The Right Honourable Arthur Neville Chamberlain, for the Borough of Birmingham (Ladywood Division).
Major the Right Honourable Edward Frederick Lindsay Wood, for the County of York, West Riding (Ripon Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Honourable Sir Samuel John Garway Hoare, Baronet, C.M.G., for the Borough of Chelsea.

The Right Honourable Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Baronet, G.B.E., for the County of Essex (Colchester Division).

The Right Honourable Sir Philip Lloyd-Germaine, K.B.E., for the County of Middlesex (Hendon Division).

Commander the Right Honourable Bolton Meredith Eyres-Mansell, R.N., for the County of Worcester (Evesham Division).

The Right Honourable Ronald John M'Neil, for the County of Kent (Canterbury Division).

William George Arthur Ormaby-Gore, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable William George Arthur Ormaby-Gore, for the County of Stafford (Stafford Division).

The Right Honourable Edward Earl Winterton, for the County of West Sussex (Horsham and Worthing Division).

Sir Thomas Walker Hobart Inokip, for the Borough of Bristol (Central Division).

Geoffrey Lampson Townsend-Lampson, Esquire, for the County of Middlesex (Wood Green Division).

Rupert Sackville Wwynne, Esquire, for the County of East Sussex (Eastbourne Division).

Major George Richard James Hennessy, for the County of Hants (Winchester Division).

Major William Cope, for the County of Glamorgan (Llandaff and Barry Division).

Captain Douglas Henri Hacking, for the County of Lancaster (Chorley Division).

Eustace Sutherland Campbell Percy, Esquire, commonly called Lord Eustace Percy, for the Borough of Hastings.

Captain Henry Douglas King, C.B.E., for the Borough of Paddington (South Division).

The Right Honourable James Fitzalan Hope, for the Borough of Sheffield (Central Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Honourable George Abraham Gibbs, for the Borough of Bristol (West Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Wilfred William Ashley, for the County of Hants (New Forest and Christchurch Division).

Frederick Charles Thomson, Esquire, k.c., for the Burgh of Aberdeen (South Division).

Colonel Richard Foulis Roundell, for the County of York, West Riding (Skipton Division).

James Ramsay MacDonald, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Aberavon Division).

The Right Honourable John Robert Clynes, for the Borough of Manchester (Plattling Division).

The Right Honourable James Henry Thomas, for the Borough of Derby.

Stephen Walsh, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Ince Division).

The Right Honourable William Adamson, for the County of Fife (Western Division).

Philip Snowden, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Colne Valley Division).

Major-General the Right Honourable John Edward Bernard Selby, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., for the County of Isle of Wight.

Joiah Clement Wedgwood, Esquire, for the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

The Right Honourable James Ian Macpherson, k.c., for the County of Inverness, Ross and Cromarty (Ross and Cromarty Division).

The Right Honourable Charles Frederick Garway Masterman, for the Borough of Manchester (Rusholme Division).

Henry Vivian Phillipps, Esquire, for the Burgh of Edinburgh (West Division).

The Right Honourable Dr. Thomas James Macnamara, for the Borough of Camberwell (North-West Division).

Neil Maclean, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Govan Division).

The Right Honourable Leifchild Stratten Jones, for the County of Cornwall (Camborne Division).

The Right Honourable Hugh Richard Heathcote Cecil, commonly called the Right Honourable Lord Hugh Richard Heathcote Cecil, for the University of Oxford.

William Lunn, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Rothwell Division).

The Right Honourable George Lambert, for the County of Devon (South Molton Division).

Morgan Jones, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Caerphilly Division).

Frederick Hall, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Normanton Division).

Walter Russell Rea, Esquire, for the Borough of Bradford (North Division).

George Bennie Thorne, Esquire, for the Borough of Wolverhampton (East Division).

Charles George Ammon, Esquire, for the Borough of Camberwell (North Division).

The Right Honourable John Frederick Peel Routh, Esquire, for the University of Cambridge.

Benjamin Charles Spoor, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Bishop Auckland Division).

Thomas Griffiths, Esquire, for the County of Monmouth (Pontypool Division).

Sidney James Webb, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Seaham Division).

Patrick Gardner Hastings, Esquire, for the Borough of Wallsend.

John Robertson, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Bothwell Division).

The Right Honourable Charles William Boverman, for the Borough of Deptford.

Charles Philips Trevelyan, Esquire, for the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Central Division).

Frank Gray, Esquire, for the Borough of Oxford.

Murdock Mackenzie Wood, Esquire, for the County of Aberdeen and Kineardine (Central Division).
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Sir Victor Alexander George Anthony Warrender, for the County of Parts of Kesteven and Rutland (Grantham Division).
Hon. Walter Samuel, Esquire, for the Borough of Swansea (West Division).
Tom Sutcliffe, Esquire, for the Borough of Great Grimsby.
Thomas Edward M'Cormack, Esquire, for the Borough of Belfast (North Belfast Division).
John Guest, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Hemsworth Division).
Arthur Augustus William Harry Ponsonby, Esquire, for the Borough of Sheffield (Brightside Division).
Major Albert James Edmundson, for the County of Oxford (Banbury Division).
Thomas Johnston, Esquire, for the County of Stirling and Clackmannan (Western Division).
Sydney Richard Wells, Esquire, for the County of Bedford (Bedford Division).
George Donnie Harvie, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Springburn Division).
George Christopher Clayton, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Widnes Division).
James Patrick Gardner, Esquire, for the Borough of Hammersmith (North Division).
William Hutchison, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Kelvinside Division).
William Henry Porteous Martin, Esquire, for the County of Dumbarton.
Major-General Sir Frederick Hugh Sylvester G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G., for the Borough of Sheffield (Hollin Division).
Colonel William Graham Nichol, Esquire, for the County of Hants (Petersfield Division).
James Marley, Esquire, for the Borough of St. Pancras (North Division).
Sir Henry Strother Cadle, Baronet, for the County of East Sussex (East Grinstead Division).
Albert Arthur Powell, Esquire, for the Borough of Coventry.
Sir Bertram Godfrey Falle, Baronet, for the Borough of Portsmouth (North Division).
Campbell Stephen, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Camlachie Division).
Alfred Short, Esquire, for the Borough of Wednesday.
William McLean Watson, Esquire, for the Dunfermline District of Burgos.
Andrew Young, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Partick Division).
Thomas Henderson, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Trongate Division).
John William Muir, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Maryhill Division).
William Stapleton Rogers, Esquire, for the County of Holland with Boston.
Robert Murray, Esquire, for the County of Renfrew (Western Division).
James Stewart, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (St. Rollox Division).
Thomas Shaw, Esquire, for the Borough of Preston.
Benjamin Smith, Esquire, for the Borough of Bermondsey (Rotherhithe Division).
Benjamin Tillett, Esquire, for the Borough of Salford (North Division).
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Sir James Carnegie Bannatyne, Baronet, for the Borough of Holborn.

Walter Trevelyan Thomson, Esquire, for the Borough of Middlesbrough (West Division).

Captain Francis Richard Henry Penn Curzon, K.N.V.R., commonly called Viscount Curzon, for the Borough of Battersea (South Division).

Arthur Michael Samuel, Esquire, for the County of Surrey (Farnham Division).

Robert Waddington, Esquire, for the Borough of Rosendale.

Alfred James Boswick, Esquire, for the County of Wilt (Chippenham Division).

John Arthur Ransome Marriott, Esquire, for the Borough of Edmonton.

Henry Haydn Jones, Esquire, for the County of Merioneth.

Captain William Charles Aredecke, Lord Huntingfield, for the County of Suffolk (Eye Division).

Ellis William Davies, Esquire, for the County of Denbigh (Denbigh Division).

Charles Malcolm Barclay Harvey, Esquire, for the County of Aberdeen and Kincardine (Kincardine and Western Division).

Lake Thompson, Esquire, for the Borough of Sunderland.

Sir William Lane Mitchell, for the Borough of Wandsworth (Streatham Division).

Albert Ernest Hillary, Esquire, for the County of Essex (Harwich Division).

Major James Burnie, M.C., for the Borough of Bootle.

Sir George Geoffrey Gilbert Butler, for the University of Cambridge.

Alfred Ernest Brown, Esquire, for the County of Warwick (Rugby Division).

John Bedford Burnman, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (Duddeston Division).

Goronyu Owen, Esquire, for the County of Carnarvon.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cuthbert James, C.B.E., commonly called Lieutenant-Colonel the Honourable Cuthbert James, C.B.E., for the Borough of Bromley.

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Page Croft, C.M.G., for the Borough of Bournemouth.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., for the Borough of Plymouth (Drake Division).


Sir Robert Neubold Kay, for the County of York, West Riding (Elland Division).

Charles Sydney Jones, Esquire, for the Borough of Liverpool (West Derby Division).

Stephen Roxby Dodds, Esquire, for the County of Chester (Wirral Division).

The Right Honourable Sir Evelyn Cecil, C.B.E., for the Borough of Birmingham (Aston Division).

John Arthur Ransome Marriott, Esquire, for the Borough of York.

Henry Dubs Lorimer, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Southern Division).

Dennis Henry Herbert, Esquire, for the County of Hertford (Watford Division).

The Right Honourable Sir William Joyner-Hicks, Baronet, for the County of Middlesex (Twickenham Division).

John Allen Parkinson, Esquire, for the Borough of Wigan.

Gray Molesworth Kindersley, Esquire, for the County of Herts (Hitchin Division).

Samuel Servington Savory, Esquire, for the County of York, East Riding (Holderness Division).

Joseph Tinker, Esquire, for the Borough of Leigh.

James Seaton, Esquire, for the Borough of St. Helens.

Sir Sydney Russell-Wells, for the University of London.

Major Archibald George Church, D.S.O., M.C., for the Borough of Leyton (East Division).

Major George Frederick Davies, for the County of Somerset (Yeovil Division).

Moss Turner-Samuels, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Barnard Castle Division).

Edward William Spencer Cavendish, Esquire, commonly called the Marquess of Hartington, for the County of Derby (Western Division).

Walter Henry Ayles, Esquire, for the Borough of Bristol (North Division).

George Barker, Esquire, for the County of Monmouth (Abergavenny Division).

James Stuart, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable James Stuart, for the County of Moray and Nairn.

Frederick William Jowett, Esquire, for the Borough of Bradford (East Division).

Annesley Ashworth Somerville, Esquire, for the County of Berks (Windsor Division).

James Brown, Esquire, for the County of Ayr and Bute (South Ayrshire Division).

Sir Douglas George Cochrane Newton, K.B.E., for the Borough of Cambridge.

Lieutenant-Colonel Glyn Keith Murray Mason, D.S.O., for the Borough of Croydon (North Division).

Joseph Quinton Lamb, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Stone Division).

Thomas Kennedy, Esquire, for the Kirkcaldy District of Burghs.

Sir Philip Edward Pittitch, for the County of Middlesex (Spelthorne Division).

Alexander West Russell, Esquire, for the Borough of Tynemouth.

John Scarr, Esquire, for the Borough of Stepney (Mile End Division).

Albert Harland, Esquire, for the Borough of Sheffield ( Ecclesall Division).

Joseph Westwood, Esquire, for the County of Midlothian and Peebles (Peebles and Southern Division).

Robert Spence, Esquire, for the County of Berwick and Haddington.

Andrew Bathgate Clarke, Esquire, for the County of Midlothian and Peebles (Northern Division).

Francis Alfred Broad, Esquire, for the Borough of Edmonton.
Harry Thomas Alfred Becker, Esquire, for the Borough of Richmond.
Robert John Wilson, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Jarrow Division).
William George Cove, Esquire, for the County of Northampton (Wellingborough Division).
Philip Christopher Hoffman, Esquire, for the County of Essex (South-Eastern Division).
George Henry Hall, Esquire, for the Borough of Merthyr Tydwl (Aberdare Division).
Isaac Foot, Esquire, for the County of Cornwall (Bodmin Division).
David Kirkwood, Esquire, for the Dumfries District of Burghs.
John Wheatley, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Shettleston Division).
Frederick Caesar Linfield, Esquire, for the County of Bedford (Mid Division).
William Greenwood, Esquire, for the Borough of Stockport.
Victor Harold Finney, Esquire, for the County of Northumberland (Hexham Division).
Alexander MacKenzie Livingstone, Esquire, for the County of Inverness, Ross, and Cromarty (Western Isles Division).
Leonard Wilfred James Costello, Esquire, for the County of Huntingdon.
Sir Howard Kingsley Wood, for the Borough of Woolwich (West Division).
Joseph Sullivan, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Northern Division).
Walter Greaves-Lord, Esquire, for the Borough of Lambeth (Norwood Division).
Hugh Ferguson, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Motherwell Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William James Allen, K.B.E., D.S.O., for the County of Armagh.
George Ward, Esquire, for the Borough of Leicester (Beeston Division).
Arthur Harbord, Esquire, for the Borough of Great Yarmouth.
John Morrow Simms, Esquire, for County Down.
Sir Francis Watson, for the County of York, West Riding (Pudsey and Otley Division).
Abraham England, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Heywood and Radcliffe Division).
John Purcell Dickie, Esquire, for the Borough of Gateshead.
Hugh Reynolds Rathbone, Esquire, for the Borough of Liverpool (Wavertree Division).
Sir William Alexander, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., for the Burgh of Glasgow (Central Division).
Frederick Hindle, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Darwen Division).
John Duckworth, Esquire, for the Borough of Blackburn.
Sir Robert Hunt Stapylton Dudley Lydstone Newman, Baronet, for the Borough of Exeter.
Sir Fredric Wise, for the Borough of Ilford.
Sir Thomas Arthur Bramson, for the Borough of Portsmouth (Central Division).
Arnold Williams, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Sowerby Division).

James Falconer, Esquire, for the County of Forfar.
Sir Robert John Thomas, Baronet, for the County of Angus.
Roderick Morris Kelward, Esquire, for the Borough of Bermondsey (West Bermondsey Division).
William Allan Chapple, Esquire, for the County of Drumfriesshire.
Cecil Beresford Ramsey, Esquire, for the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (West Division).
Thomas Raven Ackroyd, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Moss Side Division).
Sir Murdoch Macdonald, K.C.M.G., C.B., for the County of Inverness, Ross, and Cromarty (Inverness Division).
Sir William Ellis Hume-Williams, Baronet, for the County of Nottingham (Bassetlaw Division).
Dorothy Jesson, for the Borough of Norwich.
Collingwood James Hughes, Esquire, for the Borough of Camberwell (Peckham Division).
Francis Nicholas Blundell, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Ormskirk Division).
William James Thorne, Esquire, for the Borough of West Ham (Plaistow Division).
Sidney Herbert, Esquire, for the County of York, North Riding (Scarborough and Whitby Division).
Charles Dukes, Esquire, for the Borough of Warrington.
Donald Stirling Palmer How ard, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Donald Stirling Palmer Howard, for the County of Cumberland (Northern Division).
Wilfred Poling, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Doncaster Division).
William George Perrin, Esquire, for the Borough of Paddington (North Division).
Sir William Martin Conway, for 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.
Tom Smith, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Pontefract Division).
John Ramsey Romer, Esquire, for the County of Chester (Macclesfield Division).
Frederick William Pethick Lawrence, Esquire, for the Borough of Leicester (West Division).
Thomas Greenland, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Farnworth Division).
James Welsh, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Conventry Division).
Duncan McGregor Graham, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Hamilton Division).
Sir Charles Coypur, Baronet, for the County of Chester (City of Chester Division).
George Henry Hirst, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Wentworth Division).
Sir Joseph Hood, Baronet, for the Borough of Wimbledon.
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Thomas Walter Grundy, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Rother Valley Division).

Edmund Denz Morel, Esquire, for the Borough of Dundee.

Clement Richard Attlee, Esquire, for the Borough of Stepney ( Limehouse Division).

Henry Charles Charlton, Esquire, for the Borough of Leeds (South Division).

James Maxton, Esquire, for the Borough of Glasgow (Bridgeton Division).

Robert Richards, Esquire, for the County of Deulgh ( Wrexham Division).

Thomas Cape, Esquire, for the County of Cumberland ( Workington Division).

Frank Herbert Rose, Esquire, for the Borough of Aberdeen (North Division).

John Gretton, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Barton Division).

Henry Cairns Hopkin, Esquire, for the Borough of Battersea (North Division).

Robert Strachan Stewart, Esquire, for the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

Sir Herbert Nield, K.C., for the Borough of Ealing.

John Wycliffe Black, Esquire, for the County of Leicester (Harborough Division).

Percy Alden, Esquire, for the Borough of Tottenham (South Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel George Windsor-Clive, C.M.G., for the County of Salop (Ludlow Division).

John Hobbs Harris, Esquire, for the Borough of Hackney (North Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel George Graham Woodwork, for the County of Norfolk (King's Lynn Division).

James Francis Walter Galbraith, Esquire, K.C., for the County of Surrey (Eastern Division).

Alexander Nairne Stewart Sandeman, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Fleetwood Division).

Thomas Ellis Naylor, Esquire, for the Borough of Southwark (South-East Division).

Sir Edward Manger Higgs, for the County of Warwick (Tamworth Division).

Walter John Baker, Esquire, for the Borough of Bristol (East Division).

Thomas Keens, Esquire, for the County of Bucks (Aylesbury Division).

Thomas Edward Graves, Esquire, for the Borough of West Ham (Stratford Division).

Major Hugh Mowbray Meglay, C.B.E., D.S.O., for the Borough of Blackpool.

Frederick Joseph Leverack, Esquire, for the Borough of Lambeth (Brixton Division).

Henry Harvey Vivian, Esquire, for the County of Devon (Totnes Division).

Walter Baine, Esquire, for the Borough of Sunderland.

Robert Edward Draynes, Esquire, for the Borough of Sheffield (Park Division).

Frederick Llewes, Esquire, for the County of West Suffolk ( Sudbury Division).

John Lincoln Tattersall, Esquire, for the County of Chester (Stalybridge and Hyde Division).

Charles Arthur Urgan Rhyd, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Charles Arthur Urgan Rhyd, for the County of Essex (Romford Division).

Sir Courteney Cecil Mansell, Baronet, for the County of Cornwall (Penryn and Falmouth Division).

Arthur Carlyne Niven Dixey, Esquire, for the County of Berkshire (Eton Division).

Sir Cyril Stephen Cobb, K.B.E., M.V.O., for the Borough of Fulham (West Division).

William Everard Morse, Esquire, for the County of Somerset ( Bridgwater Division).

William Edward Robinson, Esquire, for the Borough of Stoke-on-Trent (Burton Division).

John Hugh Edwards, Esquire, for the Borough of Accrington.

Sir William Bedloe Bee, for the Borough of Bristol (South Division).

Arthur Laurence Hobhouse, Esquire, for the County of Somerset ( Wells Division).

James Daniel Gilbert, Esquire, for the Borough of Southwark (Central Division).

John Edmund Mills, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Dartford Division).

Valentine George Crittall, Esquire, for the County of Essex (Maldon Division).

William Whiteley, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Blyth Division).

Sir Francis William Lowe, Baronet, for the Borough of Birmingham (Edgbaston Division).


Robert Nichol, Esquire, for the County of Renfrew (Eastern Division).

Captain Robert Anthony Eden, M.C., for the County of Warwick (Leamington Division).

William Robert Baynes, Esquire, for the Borough of Derby.

Frank Lee, Esquire, for the County of Derby (North-Eastern Division).

Percy Gaites, Esquire, for the Borough of Kensington (North Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Granville Charles Hastings Wheler, for the County of Kent (Faversham Division).

George Harold Oliver, Esquire, for the County of Derby ( Ilkeston Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Nall, for the Borough of Manchester (Hulme Division).

Major Ronald Samuel Ainslie Williams, for the County of Kent (Sevenoaks Division).

William Murdock Adamson, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Cannock Division).

Robert Richardson, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Houghton-le-Spring Division).

Harry Snow, Esquire, for the Borough of Woolwich (East Division).

Ehys Hopkin Morris, Esquire, for the County of Cardigan.

Samuel Frederick Perry, Esquire, for the County of Northampton (Kettering Division).
Walter Robert Smith, Esquire, for the Borough of Norwich.
George Alfred Issacs, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Gravesend Division).
William Bromfield, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Leek Division).
Edward Timothy Palmer, Esquire, for the Borough of Greenwich.
William Sampson Cluse, Esquire, for the Borough of Islington (South Division).
George Lansbury, Esquire, for the County of Norfolk (Southern Division).
Frederick Gould, Esquire, for the County of Buckinghamshire (Aylesbury Division).
George Edwards, Esquire, for the County of Dorset (Western Division).
Frederick Gaold, Esquire, for the County of Somerset (Frome Division).
William Mackinder, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Keighley Division).
Herbert Stanley Morrison, Esquire, for the Borough of Hackney (South Division).
Thomas James Stanielius Hartson, Esquire, for the Borough of West Bromwich.
Joseph Sunlight,Esquire, for the County of Salop (Shrewsbury Division).
Leslie Haden Guest, Esquire, for the Borough of Southwark (North Division).
Frederick Montague, Esquire, for the Borough of Islington (West Division).
Thomas William Stanford, Esquire, for the Borough of Leeds (West Division).
John Freeman Dunn, Esquire, for the County of Hertford (Hemel Hempstead Division).
Vernon Hartsbohn, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Ogmore Division).
Frank Walter Raffety, Esquire, for the Borough of Bath.
Thomas Atholl Robertson, Esquire, for the County of Middlesex (Finchley Division).
Robert Young, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Newton Division).
Thomas Garan-Duffy, Esquire, for the County of Cumberland (Whitehaven Division).
Frederick Owen Roberts, Esquire, for the Borough of West Bromwich.
Arabella Susan Lawrence, for the Borough of East Ham (North Division).
William Gorman, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Royton Division).
Robert Allstead, Esquire, for the County of Chester (Altrincham Division).
Rhys John Davies, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Westhoughton Division).
Richard Collingham Wellhead, Esquire, for the Borough of Merthyr Tydvil (Merthyr Division).
Robert Climitie, Esquire, for the County of Ayr and Bute (Kilmarnock Division).
Walter Windsor, Esquire, for the Borough of Bethnal Green (North-East Division).
Herbert George Romeril, Esquire, for the Borough of St. Pancras (South-East Division).
Joseph Compton, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Gorton Division).
James Hindle Hudson, Esquire, for the Borough of Huddersfield.
George Banton, Esquire, for the Borough of Leicester (East Division).
Harry Medden, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Londale Division).
George Masterman Gillet, Esquire, for the Borough of Finsbury.
Joshua Ritson, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Durham Division).
Charles Henry Ritch, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Kingswinford Division).
Samuel March, Esquire, for the Borough of Poplar (South Poplar Division).
John Joseph Jones, Esquire, for the Borough of West Ham (Silvertown Division).
William Wright, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Rutherglen Division).
Samuel Philip Viant, Esquire, for the Borough of Willesden (West Division).
George Henry Sherwood, Esquire, for the Borough of Wakefield.
Alfred John Barnes, Esquire, for the Borough of East Ham (South Division).
Arthur Greenwood, Esquire, for the Borough of Nelson and Colne.
Margaret Grace Bonsfield, for the Borough of Northampton.
Frank Eric Joseph Murrell, Esquire, for the County of Somerset (Weston-super-Mare Division).
James Dale Cassels, Esquire, K.C., for the Borough of Leyton (West Division).
Major William Philip Colfor, M.C., for the County of Dorset (Western Division).
Ernest Whitome Shepperson, Esquire, for the Borough of Hereford (Leominster Division).
George Balfour, Esquire, for the Borough of Hampstead.
Austen Hopkins, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Mossley Division).
Sir Robert William Hamilton, for the County of Orkney and Zetland.
Sir George Andrew Berry, for the University of St. Andrew's, the University of Glasgow, the University of Aberdeen, and the University of Edinburgh.
James Malcolm Montieth Erskine, Esquire, for the City of Westminster (St. George's Division).
Sir George McCrae, D.S.O., for the Stirling and Falkirk District of Burghs.
Hugh Lawrence Fletcher Mouldon, Esquire, for the County of Wills (Salisbury Division).
Reginald Cheyne Berkeley, Esquire, for the Borough of Nottingham (Central Division).
Arthur Hayeslay, Esquire, for the Borough of Nottingham (West Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Mark Clement Rudkin, D.S.O., for the County of West Sussex (Chichester Division).
Vera Florence Anne, Baroness Terrington, for the County of Bucks (Wycombe Division).
John Emlyn Emlyn-Jones, Esquire, for the County of Dorset (Northern Division).
James Philip Hodge, Esquire, for the Borough of Preston.
William Bons, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Clitheroe Division).
Athelstan Rendall, Esquire, for the County of Gloucester (Thornbury Division).
Samuel Pattinson, Esquire, for the County of Parts of Lindsey (Hornsea Castle Division).
John Ward, Esquire, for the Borough of Stoke-on-Trent (Stoke Division).
George Ernest Spero, Esquire, for the Borough of Stoke Newington.
William Arthur Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Esquire, commonly called the Marquess of Titchfield, for the County of Nottingham (Newark Division).
Maxwell Rathven Thornton, Esquire, for the County of Devon (Tavistock Division).
Edward Augustus St. Aubyn Harvey, Esquire, K.C., for the Borough of South Shields.
Philip Milner Oliver, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Blackley Division).
Thomas Edmund Harvey, Esquire, for the Borough of Dewsbury.
Henry Nixson, Esquire, for the County of Salop (The Wrekin Division).
William Watson Henderson, Esquire, for the County of Middlesex (Enfield Division).
Edward George Henmerde, Esquire, K.C., for the County of Chester (Crewe Division).
Albert Law, Esquire, for the Borough of Bolton.
John Baekle, Esquire, for the Borough of Eccles.
Fred William Lindley, Esquire, for the Borough of Rotherham.
Benjamin Walter Gardiner, Esquire, for the Borough of West Ham (Upton Division).
James Wignall, Esquire, for the County of Gloucester (Forest of Dean Division).
Edwin Scrymgeour, Esquire, for the Borough of Dundee.
Arthur Henderson, Esquire, for the Borough of Cardiff (South Division).
Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Esquire, commonly called Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, for the Borough of Nottingham (South Division).
Colonel Sir Charles Edward Yate, Baronet, for the County of Leicester (Melton Division).
Edward Algernon Fitzroy, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Edward Algernon Fitzroy, for the County of Northampton (Daventry Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Albert Lambert Ward, for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull (North-West Division).
Rear-Admiral Murray Fraser Sueter, C.B., for the County of Hertford (Hertford Division).
Sidney Walter Robinson, Esquire, for the County of Essex (Chelmsford Division).
Sir Arthur Charles Churchman, Baronet, for the County of East Suffolk (Woodbridge Division).
Piers Gilchrist Thompson, Esquire, for the County of Devon (Torquay Division).
Sir Philip Dawson, for the Borough of Lewisham (West Division).
Eric Macfadyen, Esquire, for the County of Wilts (Devizes Division).
Patrick Collins, Esquire, for the Borough of Walsall.
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Alexander Wilkinson, Esquire, for the Borough of Salford (West Division).

The Right Honourable Herbert Albert Laurens Fisher, for 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.

Captain the Right Honourable Frederick Edward Guest, for the County of Gloucester (Stroud Division).

Francis Stanley Jackson, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Francis Stanley Jackson, for the County of York, East Riding (Howdeshire Division).


Thomas Isaac Mardy-Jones, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Pontypidd Division).

Gerald Fitzroy Holker, Esquire, K.C., for the Borough of Rochester (Gillingham Division).

Major-General Sir John Humphrey Davidson, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., for the County of Hants (Fareham Division).

Albert Victor Alexander, Esquire, for the Borough of Sheffield (Hillsborough Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Samuel Beauchamp Williams, for the Borough of Lambeth (Kennington Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel William Robert Campion, D.S.O., for the County of East Sussex ( Lewes Division).

Sir Charles Walter Starner, for the County of York, North Riding (Cleveland Division).

George Middleton, Esquire, for the Borough of Carlisle.

Sir Philip Wygham Richardson, for the County of Surrey (Cheertsey Division).

Ronald Wilberforce Allen, Esquire, for the Borough of Leicester (South Division).

Allen Algernon Bathurst, Esquire, D.S.O., M.C., commonly called Lord Apsley, D.S.O., M.C., for the Borough of Southampton.

Sir Charles William Chadwick Oman, for the University of Oxford.

John Sydney Wardlaw Milne, Esquire, for the County of Worcester (Kidderminster Division).

Sir Robert William Askle, Baronet, for the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (East Division).

Samuel Roberts, Esquire, for the County of Hereford (Hereford Division).

Captain Reginald Terrell, for the County of Oxford (Henley Division).

Robert Daniel Thevizes Yerburgh, Esquire, for the County of Dorset (Southern Division).

John Wakefield Weston, Esquire, for the County of Westmorland.

Reginald Mitchell Banks, Esquire, K.C., for the County of Wilts (Swindon Division).

Sir John Fowler Brunner, for the Borough of Southport.

William Leech, Esquire, for the Borough of Bradford (Central Division).

William Mather Rutherford Pringle, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Penistone Division).

Samuel Samuel, Esquire, for the Borough of Wandsworth (Putney Division).

Commander Carlyon Belletris, for the County of Kent (Maidstone Division).

Gervas Bentoul, Esquire, for the County of East Suffolk (Lowestoft Division).

Sir Robert Burton Chadwick, for the Borough of Wallasey.

Robert Frederick Jackson, Esquire, for the Borough of Ipswich.

Reginald George Clarry, Esquire, for the Borough of Newport.

Charles Leolin Forester-Walker, Esquire, for the County of Monmouth (Monmouth Division).

Sir Harry Brittain, K.B.B., for the County of Middlesex (Acton Division).

Walter Grant Morden, Esquire, for the County of Middlesex (Brentford and Chiswick Division).

John Theodore Cuthbert Moore-Brabazon, Esquire, for the Borough of Rochester (Chatham Division).

Joseph Herbert Canaliffe, Esquire, K.C., for the Borough of Bolton.

James Myler Hogg, Esquire, for the Burgh of Edinburgh (East Division).

Peter Wilson Raffan, Esquire, for the Burgh of Edinburgh (North Division).

Leslie Hore-Belisha, Esquire, for the Borough of Plymouth (Devonport Division).

Sir Alfred Butt, for the Borough of Wands- worth (Balham and Tooting Division).

Lauchlan Macneil Weir, Esquire, for the County of Stirling and Clackmannan (Clackmannan and Eastern Division).


Herbert Dunnicliffe, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Consett Division).

Osuald Ernald Mosley, Esquire, for the County of Middlesex (Harrow Division).

Sir Harry Warden Stanley Chilcott, for the Borough of Liverpool ( Walton Division).

John Dearman Birchall, Esquire, for the Borough of Leeds (North-East Division).

Frederick George Penny, Esquire, for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames.

Colonel Kenyon Passow Vaughan-Morgan, for the Borough of Fulham (East Division).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment.
(Captain Hacking.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Seven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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[No. 3.]

Thursday, 10th January 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:—

The Right Honourable Stanley Baldwin, for the County of Worcester (Bewdley Division).

The Right Honourable William Clive Bridge-man, for the County of Salop (Oswestry Division).

The Right Honourable Leopold Charles Maurice Stennett Amery, for the Borough of Birmingham (Sparkbrook Division).

The Right Honourable Francis Dyke Acland, for the County of Devon (Tiverton Division).

Sir Godfrey Pattison Collins, C.M.G., for the Borough of Greenock.

Sir Robert Paterson Houston, Baronet, for the Borough of Liverpool (West Toxteth Division).

Charles Ainsworth, Esquire, for the Borough of Bury.

Sir Sydney Herbert Holcroft Henn, K.B.E., for the Borough of Blackburn.

Captain George Edward Wentworth Bowyer, for the County of Bucks (Buckingham Division).

Brigadier-General Ernest Makins, C.B., D.S.O., for the County of Chester (Knutsford Division).

Major Leonard Ropner, for the County of Durham (Sedgefield Division).

George Alfred Spencer, Esquire, for the County of Nottingham (Bromstowe Division).

Joseph Batesy, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Spennymoor Division).

Ernest Thurtle, Esquire, for the Borough of Shoreditch.

Evan Davies, Esquire, for the County of Monmouth (Ebbw Vale Division).

George Mainland Lloyd Davies, Esquire, for the University of Wales.

William Edwin Pease, Esquire, for the Borough of Darlington.

Gustyn Lloyd George, Esquire, for the County of Pembroke.

David Rees Grefenfell, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Gower Division).

Sir Herbert Austin, K.B.E., for the Borough of Birmingham (King’s Norton Division).

Sir John Leigh, Baronet, for the Borough of Wandsworth (Chapman Division).

Sir Charles Ernest Leonard Lyle, for the County of Essex (Epping Division).

Sir Clifford John Cory, Baronet, for the County of Cornwall (St. Ives Division).

Douglas Percival Pielou, Esquire, for the County of Worcester (Stourbridge Division).

Frank Briant, Esquire, for the Borough of Lambeth (North Division).

Sir Robert Bland Bird, Baronet, for the Borough of Wolverhampton (West Division).

Alun McLean, Esquire, for the County of Norfolk (South-Western Division).

Richard George Briscoe, Esquire, for the County of Cambridge.

Robert Rivington Pilkington, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Keighley Division).

William Albert Jenkins, Esquire, for the County of Brecon and Radnor.

Malcolm Bullock, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Waterloo Division).

Sir Walter de Free, for the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne.

Sir Henry Cecil Buckingham, c.r.e., for the County of Surrey (Guildford Division).

Cecil Randolph Dudgeon, Esquire, for the County of Galloway.

Samuel Strong steel, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Ashford Division).

Walter John Montague-Douglas-Scott, Esquire, commonly called Earl of Dalkeith, for the County of Roxburgh and Selkirk.

Herbert Wragg, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Belper Division).

Sir Henry Leonard Campbell Brassey, Baronet, for the County of Northampton (Peterborough Division).

Thomas Leath, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Ardwick Division).

Sir Samuel Chapman, for the Burgh of Edinburgh (South Division).

John Joseph O’Neill, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Lancaster Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Henry Spender-Clay, c.m.g., m.c., for the County of Kent (Tonbridge Division).

John Hope Simpson, Esquire, c.i.e., for the County of Somerset (Taunton Division).

Robert Noton Barclay, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Exchange Division).

Arthur Struttell Comyns-Carr, Esquire, for the Borough of Islington (East Division).

William Allen Jowitt, Esquire, for the Borough of the Hartlepools.

William Norman Birkett, Esquire, for the Borough of Nottingham (East Division).

Sir George Cresydon Marks, for the County of Cornwall (Northern Division).

The Right Honourable Sir William Suther-land, k.c.b., for the County of Argyll.

Cyril Edward Lloyd, Esquire, for the Borough of Dudley.

John Smadelly Crooke, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (Deritend Division).

Herbert Williamson, Esquire, for the County of Warwick (Nuneaton Division).

James Nockells Hortlick, Esquire, for the Borough of Gloucester.
The Right Honourable Joseph Austen Chamberlain, for the Borough of Birmingham (West Birmingham Division).
Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, Baronet, for the Borough of Croydon (South Division).
Gordon Ralph Hall Caunce, Esquire, for the County of Dorset (Eastern Division).
Robert MacDonald, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Cathcart Division).
Major Sir Herbert Robin Cayger, Baronet, for the Borough of Portsmouth (South Division).
Edward Albert Lessing, Esquire, for the County of Berkshire (Abingdon Division).
Henry Bucknall Betterton, Esquire, for the County of Nottingham (Rushcliffe Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel George Loyd Courtorpe, M.G., for the County of East Sussex (Rye Division).
Major Jack Benn Brunel Cohen, for the Borough of Liverpool (Fairfield Division).
The Right Honourable David Lloyd George, for the Carnarvon District of Boroughs.
Sir John De Fonblangue Pennefather, Baronet, for the Borough of Liverpool (Kirkdale Division).
Neville Woodford Smith-Carington, Esquire, for the County of Parts of Lindsey (Louth Division).
Admiral Sir Guy Reginald Archer Gauat, K.C.M.G., C.B., for the County of York, East Riding (Buckrose Division).
Captain Edward Montagu Cavendish Stanley, commonly called Lord Stanley, for the County of Lancaster (Barkston Ash Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Frederick Hall, Baronet, K.B.E., D.S.O., for the Borough of Camberwell (Dulwich Division).
Mabel Philipson, for the County of Northumberland (Berwick-upon-Tweed Division).
Somerville Hastings, Esquire, for the Borough of Reading.
Sir Charles Coupar Barrie, K.B.E., for the County of Banff.
Thomas S. Dickson, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Lanark Division).
Percy Alfred Harris, Esquire, for the Borough of Bethnal Green (South-West Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Webb, Baronet, for the Borough of Cardiff (East Division).
George Richard Lane-Fox, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Barkston Ash Division).
Margaret Wintringham, for the County of Parts of Lindsey (Louth Division).
William Graham, Esquire, for the Borough of Edinburgh (Central Division).
Alfred Thomas Davies, Esquire, C.B.E., for the Borough of Lincoln.
Lieutenant-Commander Charles Denniston Burney, C.M.G., R.N., for the County of Middlesbrough (Uxbridge Division).
Leonard Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, for the Borough of Hackney (Central Division).
David Douglas Reid, Esquire, for County Down.
Sir Berkeley George Digby Sheffield, Baronet, for the County of Parts of Lindsey (Brigg Division).

The Right Honourable Sir John Simon, K.C., for the County of York, West Riding (Spen Valley Division).
Lieutenant-Commander Reginald Thomas Herbert Fletcher, K.C., for the County of Hants (Basingstoke Division).
David Davies, Esquire, for the County of Montgomery.
Sir Thomas Robinson, for the County of Lancaster (Stretford Division).
Innes Harold Stranger, Esquire, for the County of Berks (Newbury Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Edward Guinness, D.S.O., commonly called the Honourable Walter Edward Guinness, d.s.o., for the County of West Suffolk (Bury St. Edmunds Division).
Charles William Darbishire, Esquire, for the County of Wiltshire (Westbury Division).
Major Sir Archibald Henry Macdonald Sinclair, Baronet, C.M.G., for the County of Caithness and Sutherland.
Roundell Cecil Palmer, Esquire, commonly called Viscount Wolmer, for the County of Hants (Aldershot Division).
The Right Honourable Sir Ellis Jones Ellis Griffith, Baronet, for the County of Carmarthen (Carmarthen Division).
Henry Ludvig Mond, Esquire, for the County of Isle of Ely.
Katherine Marjory, Duchess of Atholl, for the County of Perth and Kinross (Kinross and Western Division).
Sir Leslie Frederic Scott, k.c., for the Borough of Liverpool (Exchange Division).
Nancy Witcher, Viscountess Astor, for the Borough of Plymouth (Sutton Division).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.—(Major Hennessy.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Six of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next.

[No. 4.]

Tuesday, 15th January 1924.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.
A MESSAGE from His Majesty, by Lieut.-tenant-General Sir William Pulteney, attend His K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., 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 ten minutes before Three of the clock.

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made the Affirmation required by Law:—
Thomas Power O'Connor, Esquire, for the Borough of Liverpool (Scotland Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Assheton Pownall, O.B.E., for the Borough of Lewisham (East Division).
The Right Honourable George Clement Tryon, for the Borough of Brighton.
John Leng Sturrock, Esquire, for the Montrose District of Burghs.
Major Richard Whieldon Barnett, for the Borough of St. Pancras (South-West Division).
James Childs Gould, Esquire, for the Borough of Cardiff (Central Division).
Lieutenant-General Sir Aginer Hunder- Weston, K.C.B., D.S.O., for the County of Ayr and Bute (Bute and Northern Division).
Sir George Rowlund Blades, Baronet, for the County of Surrey (Epsom Division).
Colonel Edwin King Perkins, C.B.E., V.D., for the Borough of Southampton.
Robert John Lynn, Esquire, for the Borough of Belfast (West Belfast Division).
Perry Williams, Esquire, for the Borough of Middlebrough (East Division).
Sir Charles Henry Wilson, for the Borough of Leeds (Central Division).
The Right Honourable Robert William Hugh O'Neill, for the County of Antrim.
Herbert Dixon, Esquire, for the Borough of Belfast (East Belfast Division).
Geoffrey William Algernon Howard, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Geoffrey William Algernon Howard, for the County of Bedford (Luton Division).
Robert Chancellor Nobitt, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Chislehurst Division).
William Pomeroy Crawford Crawford Greene, Esquire, for the Borough of Worcester.
Sir Philip Albert Gustave David Sassoon, Baronet, C.M.G., for the Borough of Hythe.
Richard James Mellor, Esquire, for the County of Surrey (Mitcham Division).
Captain William Humble Eric Ward, M.C., commonly called Viscount Ednam, for the Borough of Hornsey.
James Duncan Millar, Esquire, K.C., for the County of File (Eastern Division).
Frederick Martin, Esquire, for the County of Aberdeen and Kincardine (Eastern Division).
Robert Macgregor Mitchell, Esquire, for the County of Perth and Kinross (Perth Division).
Colum Edward Crichton-Stuart, Esquire, commonly called Lord Colum Edward Crichton-Stuart, for the County of Chester (Northwich Division).
Brigadier-General Edward Louis Spears, for the County of Leicester (Loughborough Division).
Major Cyril Fullard Entwistle, M.C., for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull (South-West Division).
Lawrence Roger Lambley, Esquire, for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull (East Division).
Herbert Harvey Spencer, Esquire, for the Borough of Bradford (South Division).
The Right Honourable Herbert Henry Asquith, for the Burgh of Paisley.
Esmond Cecil Harmsworth, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Esmond Cecil Harmsworth, for the County of Kent (Isle of Thanet Division).
Major Sir Arthur Clive Morrison-Bell, Baronet, for the County of Devon (Houlton Division).
Thomas Henry Parry, Esquire, for the Borough of Flint.
Sir Samuel Hill-Wood, Baronet, for the County of Derby (High Peak Division).
Commander Oliver Stillingfleet Locker-Lampson, C.M.G., D.S.O., K.S.V.R., for the Borough of Birmingham (Handsworth Division).
Alfred Cooper Rowson, Esquire, for the Borough of Brighton.
Lieutenant-Commander Joseph Montague Kenworthy, R.N., for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull (Central Division).

Ordered, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their election for which of the places they will serve within one week after it shall appear that there is no question upon the 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 their 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.

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

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath given false evidence in any case
Ordered, That the Commissioner 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 Commissioner aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first presented by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint 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 Thomas Lonsdale Webster, K.C.B., 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. James Hope be the Chairman of Ways and Means and that Captain Fitzroy be the Deputy Chairman.—(The Prime Minister.)

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter:—

Stornont Castle,
Belfast, Ulster,
27th December 1923.

In accordance with the instructions of the Government of Northern Ireland, I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Cahir Healy, elected as one of the Imperial Members for Tyrone and Fermanagh, is subject to an Internment Order under the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
W. B. Spender,
Lieutenant-Colonel,
Secretary to the Cabinet.

The Right Hon. the Speaker,
House of Commons,
Westminster, S.W. 1.

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Moxes, Member for Belfast, South, and directed him to resume his seat.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command, on or after Tuesday the 8th day of January, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95:—

Copy of Report for the months of November Building Materials.
Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed to survey the prices of Building Materials.
Copy of Agreement made with the British, Air Ministry. Foreign, and Colonial Corporation, Limited, providing for the formation of a Heavier-than-Air Transport Company, to be called the Imperial Air Transport Company, Limited.
Copy of Final Report by the Departmental Committee on the Distribution and Prices of Agricultural Produce.
Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers, appointed by the Secretary for Scotland.
Copy of Correspondence with the Treasury respecting the raising of Helsingfors to the rank of a First Class Mission, 1923.
Copy of Record of Proceedings and Doings of the Imperial Economic Conference of Representatives of Great Britain, the Dominions, India, and the Colonies and Protectorates, held in October and November 1923.
Copy of Royal Warrant, dated 9th November 1923, to amend the Royal Warrant of 2nd July 1915, for the retired pay of Army Officers disabled, and for the pensions of the families and relatives of Officers deceased, and for the pensions of Nurses disabled and of the relatives of Nurses deceased, in consequence of the Great War.
Copy of Third Report of the War Compensation Court.

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

Ordered, That the Sixth Annual Report of the Minister of Pensions which was presented on the 13th day of November, in the last Session of Parliament, be printed.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, determining the conditions suant to the directions of such an Act of Parliament.
under which former service in His Majesty's naval, military, or air forces may be reckoned as service and qualifying service towards airman's pension by persons formerly of commissioned rank who edged or re-entered as airman in the Royal Air Force.

Copy of Rules for Field Punishment in the Royal Air Force.

Copy of Amendment to Rules of Procedure for the Royal Air Force.

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


Copy of Order in Council under the Dentists Act, 1921, dated 4th December 1923, approving amendments of the Regulations of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom.


Copy of Order in Council under the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881, and the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 19th December 1923, entitled the Western African (Fugitive Offenders) Order in Council, 1923.

Copies of Three Orders in Council under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1923;—

1. Further postponing the coming into operation of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914;

2. Extending certain provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, to the Commonwealth of Australia; and

3. Entitled the Merchant Shipping (Administration in Mandated Territories) (No. 2) Order, 1923.

Copies of Seven Orders in Council, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of Statute made by the Senate of the University of London on 24th October, 1923, amending No. 125 of the Statutes of the University, under the University of London Act, 1898.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on the Education and Training of Army Officers.

Colonel Ashley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Schemes made by the Army Council for the Establishment and Constitution of Associations for Eighty-eight Counties under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907.

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

Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, entitled the Census of Production:—

1. Briery Hill District Gas Light Company;

2. Hyde Gas Company;

3. Bedford Gas Light Company;

4. Uxbridge, Wycombe, and District Gas Company;

5. Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Nelson;

6. Newquay (Cornwall) Gas Company, Limited;

7. York Town and Blackwater Gas Company;

8. Marple Urban District Council;

9. Eastbourne Gas Company;

10. Wolverhampton Gas Company.

Copies of Reports on applications by the—

1. Titchfield District Gas Company;

2. Harpenden District Gas Company;


Copy of Draft Order in Council altering the Merchant Scale, Rules, and Exemptions set out in the Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, for the Act, 1919, for the purpose of the levying of light dues in pursuance of the Act.

Copy of Order, dated 15th December 1923, Census of made by the Board of Trade under the Census Production of Production Act, 1917, determining that a Census of Production shall be taken in 1925, entitled the Census of Production (1925) Order, 1923.

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

Mr. Secretary Bridgeman presented, by His Worship's Majesty's Command,—Copy of First Report of Compensation of the Departmental Committee on Compensation for Silicosis dealing with the Refractories Industries (Silicosis) Scheme, 1919.

Mr. Secretary Bridgeman also presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Amendment to Rules of Procedure for the Royal Air Force.

Copy of Draft Rules proposed to be made Prisons by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Prison Acts, 1877 and 1889, with respect to the constitution of the Visiting Committees of (a) Ipswich Prison, (b) Pentonville Prison, and (e) Wakefield Prison.

Copy of Orders made under the Shops Act, Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the under-mentioned 1912.
Act, 1889

Universities

Shops Act

Scotland.)

Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of University Court Ordinances:

No. 117. (Edinburgh, No. 40) (Foundation of the James A. Hood Chair of Mining);
No. 118. (Glasgow, No. 31) (Regulations for Degrees in Science in Agriculture);
No. 119. (Glasgow, No. 32) (Admission of Lecturers or Readers as Members of the Senate Academicus);
No. 120. (Edinburgh, No. 41) (Superannuation and Pensioning of Principals and Professors);
No. 121. (Edinburgh, No. 42) (Regulations for Degrees in Medicine) (Supplementary to University Court Ordinance, No. 32—Edinburgh No. 12);
No. 122. (Aberdeen, No. 17) (Regulations for Degrees in Science in Agriculture);
No. 123. (Glasgow, No. 33) (Pensioning and Superannuation of Principals and Professors);
No. 124. (Glasgow, No. 34) (Foundation of the Samson Gemmell Chair of Medical Paediatrics);
No. 125. (Glasgow, No. 35) (Regulations for Degrees in Science in Architecture)

made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Copy of Minute of the Secretary for Scotland regulating the Office of the Register of Sasines, dated 3rd December 1923.

Copy of Act of Sederunt, dated 21st December 1923, amending the Act of Sederunt regulating fees payable in the Sheriff Courts of Scotland, &c., dated 22nd February 1922.

Copy of Order made by the Scottish Education Department on 6th July 1923, in terms of paragraph 6 of the Fifth Schedule to the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918, adapting the provisions of Section 2 of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1897, as to the payment of the Aid Grant to Voluntary Schools, entitled the Education (Scotland) Act, 1897, Amendment Order, 1925.

Copies of Orders under the Shops Act, 1912,—

(1) made by the Council of the Burgh of Paisley, and confirmed, with Amendment, by the Secretary for Scotland; and
(2) made by the Secretary for Scotland revoking the Paisley Cycle and Gramophone Dealers Closing Order, 1920, confirmed by the Secretary for Scotland on 27th March 1920.

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

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(21) Relating to the landing of animals at the approved landing place at the Port of Heysham, dated 11th December 1923;

(22) The Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1923, dated 11th December 1923;

(23) The Birkenhead Imported Animals Wharf Order of 1923 (No. 5), dated 12th December 1923;

(24) The North Midlands (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order of 1923 (No. 16), dated 12th December 1923;

(25) Relative to the slaughter of animals landed at Merklands Wharf, Glasgow, dated 14th December 1923;

(26) The Imported Animals Order of 1923 (No. 2), dated 20th December 1923;

(27) The Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924, dated 1st January 1924;

(28) Authorising the landing of three Pigs and two Antelopes in the Port of Southampton, dated 4th January 1924;

(29) The Forfarshire (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order of 1924, dated 7th January 1924.

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

Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th September 1923, made by the Scottish Board of Health, with the approval of the Treasury, under the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919, and the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, entitled the Public Utility Societies Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1923.

Copy of Regulations, dated 19th December 1923, made by the Scottish Board of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1923.

Copy of the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order (Scotland), 1923, dated 23rd July 1923, made by the Scottish Board of Health under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922.

Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1923, made by the Scottish Board of Health, entitled the Public Health (Condensed Milk) Regulations (Scotland), 1923.

Copy of Regulations, dated 20th September 1923, made by the Scottish Board of Health, entitled the Public Health (Condensed Milk) Regulations (Scotland), 1923 (No. 2).

Copy of Regulations, dated 20th November 1923, made by the Scottish Board of Health, entitled the Public Health (Dried Milk) Regulations (Scotland), 1923.

Copy of Scheme under the War Charities (Scotland) Act, 1919, made by the Trustees of the Fifteenth (Scottish) Division Trust Fund acting under Declaration of Trust dated 17th, 18th, and 20th March 1919.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 29th December 1923, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance Central Index Committee Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1923.


Copy of Order, dated 22nd August 1923, made by the Minister of Health under the Agricultural Rates Acts, 1896 and 1923, entitled the Agricultural Rates Order, 1923.

Copy of Rule for Reciprocal Registration made by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, and approved by the Minister of Health.

Copy of Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate for Male Nurses under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919.

Copy of Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate of Fever Nursing under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 24th September 1923, made by the Minister of Health under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, entitled the Public Health (Condensed Milk) Regulations (No. 2), 1923.

Copy of Regulations, dated 5th November 1923, made by the Minister of Health under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, entitled the Public Health (Dried Milk) Regulations, 1923.

Copy of Twentieth Annual Report of the Metropolitan Water Board for the year ended 31st March 1923.

Copies of Census of England and Wales, 1921, Counties of—

(1) Dorset;
(2) Bedford;
(3) Leicester;
(4) Berks;
(5) Sussex;
(6) Wilts;
(7) Somerset;
(8) Suffolk;
(9) Lincoln and Rutland;
(10) Hampshire and the Isle of Wight;
(11) Cumberland and Westmorland;
(12) Northampton, including the Solie of Peterborough.

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

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Special Report by the Electricity Commissioners under Section 1 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, on the Gildersome and District Electricity Special Order, 1923, stating the grounds upon which the consent of the Urban District Council of Hunsworth has been dispensed with.

Colonel Moore-Brabazon also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Special Orders made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of:

(1) the Urban District of Market Harborough and part of the Rural District of Market Harborough, in the County of Leicester, and the Urban Districts of Desborough, Rothwell, and Burton Latimer, and parts of the Rural Districts of Kettering, Oxendon, and Wellingtonborough, in the County of Northampton;
(2) the Borough of Port Talbot, in the County of Glamorgan;
(3) the Urban Districts of Hoysham and parts of the Parishes or Townships of Sylne-with-Hest and Heaton-with-Oxelfi, in the Rural District of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster, and for the Amendment of the Morecambe Electric Lighting Order, 1897;
(4) the Urban District of Newmill, in the West Riding of the County of York;
(5) parts of the Parishes of Dalziel, Cambuskeith, and Carlyke, in the County of Lanark;
(6) the Urban District of Finedon, part of the Urban District of Irlinghamborough, and the Parishes of Orlington, Little Harrowden, Hardwicke, Wilby, Great Doddington, Woolston, Strixton, Grendon, Easton Maudit, Bozest, and part of the Parish of Irchester, in the Rural District of Wellingtonborough, all in the County of Northampton;
(7) parts of the Parishes of Glasgow, Cadder, Old Monkland, New Monkland, Bothwell, Rutherglen, and Carmunnock, in the County of Lanark;
(8) the Urban District of Ruannds, the Parish of Stanwick and parts of the Parish of Chelewston-cum-Caldecott, in the Rural District of Thrupston, the Parishes of Newton Bromwold, Higham Park, and part of the Parish of Irchester, in the Rural District of Wellingtonborough, all in the County of Northampton, and the Parishes of Wyningtong, Podington, Harrold, Oxlud, Soldrop, Sharbrook, Becto, Riseley, Knottin, Melebourne, and Yelden, in the Rural District of Bedford, all in the County of Bedford;
(9) parts of the Parishes of Paisley, Eastwood, and Neilston, in the County of Renfrew;
(10) the Borough of Henley-upon-Thames and parts of the Rural Districts of Henley, in the County of Oxford, and Wokingham, in the County of Berks;
(11) the Urban District of Seaton and the Parish of Beer and parts of the Parishes of Axmouth and Colyton, in the Rural District of Axminster, in the County of Devon;
(12) the Urban District of Burley-in-Wharfedale and the Parishes of Melston, Arthington, Pool, and Bramhope, in the Rural Distric of Wharfedale, all in the West Riding of the County of York;
(13) parts of the Parishes of Bothwell, Old Monkland, New Monkland, and Shotts, in the County of Lanark;

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(14) parts of the Urban District of Wantage and of the Parishes of Arlington, Charlton, East Challow, East Lockinge, Grove, Letcombe Regis, West Challow, and West Lockinge, in the Rural District of Wantage, all in the County of Berks;

(15) the Urban Districts of Gildersome, Hunsorth, Kirkenshaw, and Drighlington, in the West Riding of the County of York.

Copy of Order made by the Electricity Commissioners and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, constituting the Mid Lancashire Electricity District and establishing the Mid Lancashire Electricity Advisory Board.

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

Colonel Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further sum required to be voted for the Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1924.

No. 4.

Income Tax and Super-tax Forms. (Supplementary Estimate, 1923-24.)


Copy of Statement relating to the employment of Ex-Service Men in Government Offices on 1st July 1919 and 1st November 1923, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of Statement relating to the employment of Ex-Service Men in Government Offices on 1st July 1919 and 1st December 1923, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st November 1923, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st December 1923, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st December 1923, relative to the Falkland Islands War Contribution.

Trade Facilities Acts, 1921.

No. 5.

Supernumer- tation Acts, 1887.

Copy of Statement of Guarantees which the Treasury have stated their willingness to give under the Trade Facilities Act, 1921, to 9th November 1923.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 28th December 1923, granting a retired allowance to Miss Marjorie Florence Hunt, a Clerical Officer in the Accountant General's Department of the General Post Office, under the Supernumeration Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate and the Paper relative to Trade Facilities Act, 1921, 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 Scheme under the Union of Benefices Acts for effecting an union of the Benefices of Marlborough Saint Peter and Saint Paul and Marlborough Saint Mary the Virgin, in the County of Wilts and the Diocese of Salisbury.

Copy of Scheme under the Union of Benefices Acts for effecting an union of the Benefices of Newton Bromswold with a portion of the Benefice of Higham Ferrars-with-Chelveston and Caldecott, in the County of Northampton and the Diocese of Peterborough.

Copy of Scheme under the Union of Benefices Acts for effecting an union of the Benefices of Saint Luke, Nottingham, and Saint Philip, Nottingham, in the City and County of Nottingham and the Diocese of Southwell.

Copy of Schedule containing a List and particulars of certain classes of documents existing or accruing in the Office of the Civil Service Commission which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Report to the Lord Chancellor of the number Lunacy, of visits made, the number of patients seen, and the number of miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunaticks between 1st April 1923 and 30th September 1923.

Copy of Order made by the Lord Chancellor, County dated 1st January 1924, under Section 45 of Countty Courts Act, 1888, directing that Commissioners and confirmed by the Minister of the County Court of Yorkshire (West Riding), held at Pontefract, shall not practise as a Solicitor, and that Section 20 of the Supremes Court of Judicature (Officers) Act, 1879, shall not apply to his office as Registrar of the said Court.

Return to the Lord Chancellor of the number Lunacy, of visits made, and the number of patients detained, under the Lunacy Acts, 1890 to 1911, seen by the several Commissioners during the six months ended 31st December 1923.

Copy of the Industrial Assurance (Individual Industrial Transfer) Regulations, 1923, dated 11th December 1923 made by the Industrial Assurance Commissioner and approved by the Treasury under the Industrial Assurance Act, 1923.

Mr. Speaker reported His Majesty's Speech, Mr. Speaker and read it to the House as followeth:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

My relations with Foreign Powers continue to be friendly. I am glad to be able to record definite progress in the solution of questions which have hitherto blocked the pathway of mutual understanding and have retarded the recovery of the world.

The Reparation Commission has set up two Committees, on which experts from the United States of America will co-operate with others from Great Britain, France, Italy, and Belgium in examining the very serious financial questions involved in the position of Germany.

The future status of the Tangier zone of Morocco, which has been a long-standing source of trouble, has been the subject of an Agreement between the delegates of the Powers principally concerned, which provides for the creation of an international régime and for the promotion of communications and trade.
A Bill will be introduced to give effect to the Lausanne Treaty with Turkey. As soon as it has been passed the Treaty will be ratified and a new era of peaceful relations with Turkey will open.

My Ministers, in common with the Dominion representatives, have been anxious to remove the difficulty with regard to the illicit importation of liquor into the United States, and have made proposals for an agreement which is on the eve of conclusion, and which should further strengthen the happy relations prevailing between the two countries and peoples.

It will continue to be My object to support by every means in My power the steady growth in influence of the League of Nations.

The recent series of murders on the North-West Frontier of India by criminals who have sought refuge in Afghan territory or are Afghan subjects, has caused Me much concern. My Government have made vigorous representations to the Government of His Majesty the Amir, and I earnestly trust that these persons will be punished, and more satisfactory relations on the frontier be established, at a very early date.

The recent Imperial Conferences marked a very definite progress in Imperial co-operation. More particularly was it found possible, without departure from the existing fiscal system in this Country, to meet the wishes of the Dominions by a substantial extension of the principle of Imperial Preference established by the Conference of 1917 and in force since 1919. Proposals to give effect to the conclusions of both Conferences will be submitted to you.

I welcome the opportunity that will be afforded by the British Empire Exhibition to increase the knowledge of the varied resources of My Empire and to stimulate inter-Imperial trade.

Members of the House of Commons,

Estimates for the public services will be laid before you.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

While I am glad to note that the schemes for providing employment now in operation have had an appreciable effect during the last year in reducing the numbers of those actually unemployed, the number still unable to find work causes Me the gravest concern. My Ministers recently laid before the Country proposals which, in their judgment, would have contributed materially to a solution of this problem by affording to industry a greater measure of security in the Home market and an improved outlet for its products in My Dominions overseas and in Foreign countries; but those proposals were not accepted by the Country.

In these circumstances your assent will be invited to an extension and amendment of the Trade Facilities and Export Credit Schemes, to the proposal of the Imperial Economic Conference for expediting and assisting the execution of certain public enterprises throughout the Empire by the grant of financial aid from public funds, and to an extension of the contributions towards the cost of Public Utility Works, whether undertaken by local authorities or promoted by statutory and private corporations.

You will also be asked to assist in providing work in the shipbuilding industry by the immediate construction of cruisers and auxiliary craft in anticipation of the Naval Programme.

Steps will be taken to develop the existing system of Juvenile Unemployment Centres and to provide increased facilities for general and technical education.

The condition of agriculture remains a source of serious anxiety. My Ministers propose to summon a conference representative of all those interested in agriculture, and of the various political parties, with the object of arriving at an agreed policy, by which the acreage of arable land may be maintained, and regular employment at an adequate wage secured for the agricultural worker.

Bills will be introduced to improve the position of pre-war pensioners, and to deal with the discouragement of thrift involved in the present means limitation to the grant of old age pensions.

You will be asked to develop the probationary system of dealing with offenders. Bills will be introduced to amend and consolidate the Factory and Workshops Acts, to legitimise children born out of wedlock whose parents have subsequently married, and to amend the Law relating to separation and maintenance orders.

Under the Housing Act of last Session My Ministers have approved the erection of a large number of houses, both by Local Authorities and by private enterprise. The Local Authorities are being approached with a view to increased activity under those sections of the Act which enable the working population to become the owners of their homes.

Measures will be laid before you to complete Land Purchase in Northern Ireland, and to guarantee the principal and interest of bonds issued by the Government of the Irish Free State under the Land Act recently passed in that Dominion.

The obligation to alleviate hardship caused by the former disturbances in Ireland is one which is recognised by My Government and will continue to engage their active attention.

Proposals will be submitted to you for the expansion of the Royal Air Force in connection with Home Defence.

Preparations have also been made for measures dealing with the property and endowments of the Church of Scotland, the improvement of the road traffic of London, for the reform of the system of valuation and rating in England and Wales, and of rating in Scotland, for the improvement of the administration of civil and criminal justice, for making valid certain charges imposed during the war and for the ascertaining of costs and profits in connection with the distribution of milk.

And I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your deliberations.
A Motion was made, and the Question being 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. Mitchell Banks)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. —(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Seven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 5.]

Wednesday, 16th January 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Member takes the Oath.

The following Member took and subscribed the Oath—

Sir Lewis Stanley Johnson, for the Borough of Walthamstow (East Division).


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

Ministry of Pensions.

Major Tryon presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Royal Warrant, dated 14th January 1924, to amend the Royal Warrant for the pensions of soldiers disabled and the families of soldiers deceased in consequence of the great war.

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

East India (Constitutional Reforms.)

Earl Winterton presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Rules framed by the Secretary of State for India in Council, under Section 96 B (2) and (3) of the Government of India Act, relating to premature retirement on proportionate pension.

Earl Winterton also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Governor General of India in Council, under Section 76 of the Government of India Act, with the approval of the Secretary of State for India in Council, to provide for the constitution and composition of a Legislative Council for the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

Return of all Loans raised in India chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended on the 30th September 1923, 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 allow, the purpose or service for which moneys have been raised during the half-year.

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

Mr. J. Y’Neil presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report on the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Council of the League of Nations by Viscount Cecil, British Representative.

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

Mr. Betterton presented, pursuant to the Unemployment Insurance Special Order, dated 31st December 1923, Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Variation and Amendment) Special Order, 1923.

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

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, pursuant Electricity to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Supply Acts. Copies of Special Orders made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Labour under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of—

(1) the Borough of Tiverton, in the County of Devon;

(2) part of the Parish of Gowerton, in the Rural District of Swansea, in the County of Glamorgan.

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

Colonel Guinness presented, pursuant to the Bank of England. Return of the Amount of Notes issued by the Bank of England more than forty years, and outstanding on 31st October 1923, which have been written off.

Copy of Return under Section 85 of the Income Tax Act, 1918.

Copy of Provisional Treasury Warrant, Superannuation dated 11th December 1923, modifying for the purposes of the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1906, as amended by the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1923, the warrants made under the Superannuation Act, 1887, relative to the award of compensation for injury.
Accounts showing the Moneys issued out of the Consolidated Fund and the Expenditure, under the provisions of the Public Buildings Expenses Act, 1903, &c., to 31st March 1923, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament, from 6th January 1923 to 5th January 1924, and the answers of the said Court thereto.

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 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Accounts of the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1922-23, showing (1) the receipts and payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1923; the distribution of the capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; together with the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Colonel Guinness.)

Ordered, That no Bills, other than Government Bills, be introduced in anticipation of the ballot, whether for Bills or for Motions for Tuesdays 22nd and 29th January, and Wednesdays 23rd and 30th January, do hand in their names at the Table during the sitting of the House on Tuesday 16th January or Wednesday 17th January, and that a copy of the Notice of such Bill or Motion be handed in at the latest during the sitting of the House on Thursday 17th January:

That the ballot for the precedence of the said Bills and Motions be taken on Thursday 17th January, at a convenient time and place, to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, and that the presentation of Bills on Friday 18th January be taken at the commencement of Public Business.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That, during the present Session, the House do meet on Fridays at Eleven of the clock, and that Four of the clock and half-past Four of the clock be substituted for Five of the clock and half-past Five of the clock, respectively, as the hours for the interruption of Business and Adjournment of the House on that day.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant January, 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.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. —(Mr. Spoor.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:—

Captain William Wedgwood Benn, D.S.O., D.F.C., for the Burgh of Leith.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. —(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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

[No. 6.]

Thursday, 17th January 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:—

Sir Richard Winfrey, for the County of Parts of Lindsey (Gainsborough Division).

Sir William Jopson-Hicks presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Yarmouth: 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 Philip Lloyd-Geome presented, pursuant Gas to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Regulation Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Yarmouth Gas Company.

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

Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parlia-ment,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st January 1924, made by the Scottish Board of Health, with the consent of the Treasury, entitled the
National Health Insurance (MedicoBenefit) Regulations (Scotland), 1924.

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


Mr. Betterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order, dated 10th August 1923, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Police Reservists Exclusion) Special Order, 1923.

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

Civil Contingencies Fund, 1922-23.

No. 8.

Colonel Guinness presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Civil Contingencies Fund, 1922-23.

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

Board of Education (Regulations).

Mr. Secretary Bridgeman presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the discontinuance of Hereditable Prison.

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

Colonel Guinness also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 24th December 1922, guaranteeing the payment of the principal and interest thereon.

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

Board of Education (Regulations).

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Board of Education under the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Higher Education (Maintenance Allowance) Regulations, 1923.

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

Naval Prize Fund.

Mr. Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Payments in respect of the proceeds of condemned Vessels and goods declared payable to the Naval Prize Fund during the year ended 31st March 1923.

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

Naval Prize Money.

Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other Moneys between 1st April 1922 and 31st March 1923.

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

Members of Parliament.

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 Fleets of the British Empire, United States of America, Japan, France, Italy, Russia, and Germany, on the 1st day of February 1924, omitting obsolete ships of all classes, and distinguishing, both built and building, Battleships, Battle Cruisers, Cruisers, Light Cruisers, Cruiser Mine-layers, Armoured Coast Defence Vessels and Monitors, Aircraft Carriers, Flotilla Leaders, Torpedo-boat Destroyers, Torpedo Boats, Submarines, Sloops, Coastal Motor Boats, Gunboats and Despatch Vessels, and River Gunboats:

Return to show date of Laying down, date of Completion, Displacement, Horse-power, type of Machinery and Fuel, and Armament, reduced to one common scale (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 67, of Session 1923)—(Rear-Admiral Sir Guy Granat) —The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for re-opening the adjourned Debate on the Question Speech proposed upon the 15th day of this instant January, 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 the session 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 His Majesty's the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words,—

"But it is our duty respectfully to submit to Your Majesty that your Majesty's present advisers have not the confidence of this House,"—(Mr. Clynes.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added.—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Mr. Spoor.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Monday next.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Mr. Morris, supported by Mr. Winsten, Mr. Foot, Mr. Leif Jones, Mr. Robert Richards, Mr. Lloyd Davies, Major Owen, Mr. Ernest Brown, Viscountess Astor, Mr. Ellis Davies, and Sir Courtenay Mansel, presented a Bill to promote temperance in Wales, by conferring on the electors in prescribed areas control over the grant and renewal of licences, by amending the Law relating to clubs, and for other purposes incidental thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. Benjamin Gardner, supported by Mr. Rent, Mr. MecKer, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Thomas Henderson, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to rent and recovery of possession of premises in certain cases, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Murdoch Adamson, supported by Miss Jeasow, Miss Lawrence, and Mr. Lansbury, presented a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1918: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of February next; and to be printed.

Rear-Admiral Sir Guy Gaunt, supported by Mr. and Mrs. Rent, and to be printed.

Colonel Wheler, Colonel Marwood Wilson, Colonel Courtworde, Sir Douglas Newton, Mr. Lamb, Sir Henry Cautley, Rear-Admiral Sweter, Mr. Clayton, and Colonel James, presented a Bill to amend the Merchandise Marks Acts, 1887 to 1911, in respect of imported agricultural produce: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 7th day of March next; and to be printed.

Captain Ainsworth, supported by Sir Arthur Trade Union Act, 1913: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Guest, supported by Mr. Smillie, Mr. Greenall, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. Duncan Graham, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. Cape, Mr. Forby, Colonel Watts Morgan, and Mr. Lee, presented a Bill to amend the Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Act, 1912: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Davison, supported by Mr. Arthur Workmen's Hours of Employment Bill, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Clynx, presented a Bill to regulate the number of Hours of Employment: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.
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Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. Barnes, supported by Mr. Perry, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Mr. Andrew Young, Mr. David Williams, Mr. Turner, Captain Woodweed Benn, Sir Robert Neenan, and Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, presented a Bill to amend the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1913: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

Bill 9.

Summer Time Bill.

Sir Kingsley Wood, supported by Major Barnett, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Ammon, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Starrock, Mr. Trevorson, Lady Terrington, Sir Robert Neenan, and Colonel England, presented a Bill to provide for the permanent adoption of Summer Time: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of April next; and to be printed.

Bill 10.

Government of Scotland Bill.

Mr. Buchanan, supported by Mr. Thomas Johnston, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Wetwood, Mr. Climmie, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Spence, Mr. Nichol, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Muxton, and Mr. Andrew Young, presented a Bill to provide for the better government of Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of May next; and to be printed.

Bill 11.

Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Rendall, supported by Mr. Geoffrey Howard, Sir George McCrae, Mr. Ramsay Muir, Captain Berkeley, Sir Arthur Morrison-Bell, Mr. Samuel Roberts, Colonel Moore-Brabazon, Mrs. Winteringham, Mr. John Jones, and Mr. Weir, presented a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1918, in respect of the method of election: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Bill 12.

Nationalisation of Mines and Minerals Bill.

Mr. George Hall, supported by Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. John, Mr. William Jenkins, Mr. David Grendell, Mr. Smillie, Mr. Barker, and Mr. Charles Edwards, presented a Bill to nationalise the mines and minerals of Great Britain and to provide for the national winning, distribution, and sale of coal and other minerals, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of May next; and to be printed.

Bill 13.

Blind Persons Act (1920) Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Henderson, supported by Mr. Tillet, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Frederick Martin, and Mr. Barnes, presented a Bill to amend the Blind Persons Act, 1920: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 23rd day of May next; and to be printed.

Bill 14.

Industrial Councils Bill.

Mr. Murrell, supported by Mrs. Winteringham, Mr. Foot, Mr. Ramsay Muir, Mr. Rendall, Mr. Percy Harris, and Mr. Vivian, presented a Bill to encourage the formation of Industrial Councils and to promote the establishment of a Central Industrial Board: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of May next; and to be printed.

Bill 15.

Ministry of Transport (Transfer of Railways) Bill.

Mr. Weir, supported by Mr. Charlton, Mr. Romeil, Mr. Löffl, and Mr. Dickson, presented a Bill to provide for the transfer of railway undertakings in Great Britain to the Minister of Transport, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of June next; and to be printed.

Bill 16.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, supported by Mr. Local Authorities (Emancipation) Bill.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, supported by Mr. Local Hayday, Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Authority, supported by Mr. William Thorne, presented a Bill to extend the powers of local authorities in matters of finance and municipal trading: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of April next; and to be printed.

Bill 17.

Mr. Wells, supported by Mr. Greenes-Lord, Public Health Bill.

Mr. Wells, supported by Mr. Greenes-Lord, Captain Bouyer, Major Edmondson, Mr. Clarry, Mr. Lorimer, Mr. Stepperson, and Sir Philip Pilditch, presented a Bill to incorporate in one Act certain provisions relating to public health and local government contained in local Acts: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of February next; and to be printed.

Bill 18.

Colonel Courthope, supported by Rear-Admiral Trade Union Bill.

Colonel Courthope, supported by Rear-Admiral Sir Guy Gaunt, Colonel Campion, Major Barnett, Sir Malcolm Macaughten, Sir Philip Richardson, Mr. Herbert Nield, Mr. Balfour, Colonel James, and Mr. Marriott, presented a Bill to provide that, when a ballot of trade union members is taken on questions relating to strikes, it shall be conducted by independent officials and under a system of secrecy: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of February next; and to be printed.

Bill 19.

Mr. Pielou, supported by Mr. Crooke, Colon Employment Campion, Sir John Norton-Griffiths, Mr. Sidney of Disabled of Disabl Sir Herbert Campion, Sir John Norton-Griffiths, Mr. Sidney of Disabled Her bert, and Rear-Admiral Sir Guy Gaunt, Men Bill, presented a Bill to make the employment of ex-service men, disabled by wounds in the service of their King and Country, compulsory: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 23rd day of May next; and to be printed.

Bill 20.

Mr. Dukes, supported by Mr. Wallhead, and Mr. Dukes, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the renewal of leases and other contracts of tenancy, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 23rd day of May next; and to be printed.

Bill 21.

Colonel Campion, supported by Sir Arthur Legitimacy Bill.

Colonel Campion, supported by Sir Arthur Legitimacy Shirley Benn, Captain Vincent Curzon, Colonel Campion, and Colonel Windsor-Oliver, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to children born out of wedlock: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of February next; and to be printed.

Bill 22.

Mr. Lorimer, supported by Mr. Ormsby Gore, Local Government Bill.

Mr. Lorimer, supported by Mr. Ormsby Gore, Local Sir Cyril Cobb, Mr. Penny, Sir Philip Richardson, Sir Cyril Cobb, Mr. Penny, Sir Philip Richardson, Sir Philip Pilditch, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Wells, presented a Bill to provide for the removal of the disqualification for holding office as guardian: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 7th day of March next; and to be printed.

Bill 23.
Sir Robert Hamilton, supported by Mr. Macpherson, Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, Sir Murdoch Macdonald, Mr. Livingstone, Mr. Falconer, and Mr. Duncan Millar, presented a Bill to amend the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act 1896 to 1919. And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mrs. Wintringham, supported by Viscountess Astor, Lady Terrington, Mr. Foot, Sir Robert Neven, Mr. Linfoot, Mr. Simonson, Mr. Emlyn-Jones, Mr. Murray, Mr. Pelhick Lawrence, and Sir Philip Richardson, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to guardianship, maintenance, custody, and marriage of infants: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir John Simon, supported by Mr. Comyns-Carr, Mr. Masterton, Captain Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Justice, Mr. Aitbl Robertson, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Graham White, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, Mr. Herbert Spencer, Mr. Duncan Millar, and Mr. Simon, presented a Bill to provide for the valuation of land and for the rating of land values, and other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Climie, supported by Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Wintringham, and Miss Jenson, presented a Bill to provide for the abolition of capital punishment: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Marriott, supported by Sir Henry Cowen, Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, Sir Cyril Cobbold, Colonel Nall, Mr. Balfour, and Mr. Hugh Edwards, presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to national unemployment insurance, national health insurance, and old age pensions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of May next; and to be printed.

Major Barnett, supported by Mr. Greaves-Lord, Mr. Gates, Captain Viscount Curzon, Sir Frederick Hall, Mr. Samuel Samuel, Sir Henry Cowen, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, and Mr. Collingwood Hughes, presented a Bill to amend the Licensing Act, 1921; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Geoffrey Howard, supported by Sir Herbert Nobel, Mr. Phillips, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Gray, Sir Robert Bird, Colonel Rodkin, and Sir Thomas Bramston, presented a Bill to amend the Local Government and other Officers’ Superannuation Act, 1922: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Benjamin Smith, supported by Mr. Tillett, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Short, and Mr. Wignall, presented a Bill to provide for the decausalisation of dock and waterside labour: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Kirkcaldy and Dysart Water Order Confirmation Bill.

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

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 City of London, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Frederick George Banbury, Baronet, who, since his election for the said City, has accepted the Office of Steward and Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Mr. Ormsby-Gore presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Second Interim Report of the Irish Grants Committee.

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


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

Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland presented, Sea Fisheries Act, 1917, and the said Act in Schedule. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Lloyd-Greene presented, — Return Trade and Navigation.

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


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Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, —Air Force Act, 1922. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Joyson-Hicks presented, Local Government Act, 1888. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland presented, Sea Fisheries Act, 1922. Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland presented, Sea Fisheries Act, 1922. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Col. Guinness presented, pursuant to the National Health Insurance Fund Act, 1924. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Account of the Irish National Health Insurance Fund established pursuant to the National Health Insurance Act, 1911, showing the Receipts and Payments during the year 1922, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 31st December, 1923, declaring that Percy Woodroffe, a Boy Sorter in the General Post Office, was appointed
without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bridges presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order, dated 16th January 1924, made by the Secretary of State under Section 8 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, entitled the Workmen's Compensation (Industrial Diseases) Order 1924.

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

Mr. M'Neill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom and Belgium extending to the Belgian Congo and certain British Protectorates existing Extratidion Conventions between the United Kingdom and Belgium. Signed at London, 8th August 1923. Ratifications exchanged at London, 15th October 1923.

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

Colonel Moore-Breazzen presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Orders made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of—

(1) the Urban Districts of Feltham and Sunbury-on-Thames, in the County of Middlesex;
(2) the Urban District of Chadderton, in the County Palatine of Lancaster;
(3) the Urban District of Horwich, in the County Palatine of Lancaster;
(4) the Parishes of Llangennech and Llenniedy, in the County of Carmarthens;
(5) the Borough of Malmesbury and parts of the Parishes of Brokenborough, Charlton, Lea and Cleverton, and Saint Paul Malmesbury Without, in the Rural District of Malmesbury, all in the County of Wilts;
(6) the Borough of Saffron Walden, in the County of Essex;
(7) the Urban Districts of Guisley and Yeadon, in the West Riding of the County of York;
(8) the Urban District of Bingham, in the County of Durham;
(9) parts of the Parishes of Wickford Downham and Ramsden Bell House, in the rural District of Billericay, and part of the Parish of Runwell, in the Rural District of Chelmsford, all in the County of Essex;
(10) the Rural District of Cranbrook, in the County of Kent;
(11) parts of the Rural Districts of Axbridge and Long Ashton, in the County of Somerset;
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And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That those words be there added;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Spoor, Mr. Frederick Hall : } 328.
Tellers for the Noes, {Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs ; } 256.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald claimed, That the Main Question, as amended, be now put.
And the Main Question, so amended, being accordingly put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Spoor, Mr. Frederick Hall : } 328.
Tellers for the Noes, {Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs ; } 251.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as follows:—

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, but it is our duty respectfully to submit to Your Majesty that Your Majesty's present advisers have not the confidence of this House.

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, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Ordered, That the Estimates presented to this House on the 15th day of this instant January be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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.
Tuesday, 12th February 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Members take the Oath.

No. 10.]

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath:—


Captain Charles Curtis Craig, for the County of Antrim.

John Edward Sutton, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Clayton Division).

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 Burnley, in the room of David Daniel Irving, Esquire, deceased. — (Mr. Speaker.)

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment.)

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

Treaty Series (No. 34, 1923.) Copies of Treaties, &c., between the United Kingdom and Foreign States. Accessions, Withdrawals, &c. [in continuation of Treaty Series (No. 20, 1922)].

Treaty Series (No. 4, 1924.) Copies of Protocols of Amendments to Articles 6 and 12 of the Covenant of the League of Nations adopted by the Second Assembly of the League, 4th and 5th October 1921. British Ratifications deposited 23rd November 1922 and 5th July 1923 [in continuation of Treaty Series (No. 4, 1923)].


Treaty Series (No. 6, 1924.) Copy of Treaty between the British Empire, France, Japan, and the United States of America, relating to their Insular Possessions and Insular Dominions in the Pacific Ocean, and accompanying Declaration, together with Treaty Supplementary to the above Treaty, and Identie Communication to the Netherlands and Portuguese Governments respecting the above Treaty. Signed at Washington, 13th December 1921 and 6th February 1922. Ratifications exchanged at Washington, 17th August 1923.

Air Mails Committee.


Copy of Statement relating to the employ- ment of ex-Service men in Government Offices on 1st July 1919 and 1st January 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury. Orders.

Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Staffs Government Departments on 1st January 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.


Copy of Report on the causes of and circum- stances attending the Explosion which occurred, at the Mallty Main Colliery, Yorkshire, on 28th July 1923, by Thomas H. Mottram, C.B.E., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines.

Copy of Statistical Summary of output, and Mines of the costs of production, proceeds, and Department, profits of the Coal-mining Industry for the quarter ended 30th September 1923.

Copy of List of Exceptions to the Ministry of Mines of Pensions Regulations as to Pay, Non- Effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned during the year ended 31st March 1923.

Copy of Special Report of the Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to advise upon applications for the release of property of ex-enemy Aliens in necessitous circumstances. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Civil Services (Supple- Civil Services Estimate, 1923-24.)

Mr. William Graham also presented, pur- for the year ending 31st March 1924. No. 15.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pur- for the year 1922-23. No. 16.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pur- for the year 1922-23 to meet Excesses on other Votes for the same year. No. 17.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pur- for the year 1922-23 to meet Excesses on other Navy Votes for the same year. No. 18.

Copy of Treaty Minute, dated 22nd January 1924, under Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1922, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year 1922-23 to meet Excesses on other Votes for the same year.

Copy of Treaty Minute, dated 17th January 1924, under Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1922, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year 1922-23 to meet Excesses on other Navy Votes for the same year.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pur- for the year 1922-23 to meet Excesses on other Navy Votes for the same year.
the appointed day for the constitution of the Supreme Court of Justice, Northern Ireland, to 31st December 1921.

High Court of Justice (Northern Ireland) Probate Division.

Annual Account of the High Court of Justice (Northern Ireland) Probate Division for the year 1922.

Superannuation Act, 1884.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 1st February 1924, declaring that Mr. Charles Justus Schrod, a Boy Sorter in the General Post Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Greek Loan of 1832.

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. 94, for interest and sinking fund on that part of the Greek Loan which is 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 1923.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; that the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Public Accounts (Air Votes, 1922-23), Public Accounts (Navy Votes, 1922-23) and Consolidated Fund, be printed.

Army (Territorial Army.)

Mr. Secretary Walsh presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Financial Position of Territorial Army County Associations on 31st March 1923.

Army (Military Savings Banks.)

Mr. Secretary Walsh also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the Amounts due by the Public to Depositors in Military Savings Banks on 31st March 1922, and of the Receipts, Interests, and Disbursements during the year ended 31st March 1923, &c.

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

Special Constables Act, 1923.

Mr. Trevorlyn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Special Constables Act, 1923, dated 11th October 1923; entitled the Special Constables (Scotland) Order, 1923.

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copies of Four Orders in Council, dated 16th January 1924, entitled the Special Constables (Scotland) Order, 1923.

Extradition Acts.

Copy of Order in Council under the Extradition Acts, dated 16th January 1924, entitled the Belgium (Extradition) Order in Council, 1924.

Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865.

Copy of Order in Council under the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, dated 16th January 1924, approving Admiralty Memorial relating to proposals for further re-allocation of Greenwich Hospital Pensions to Naval and Marine Officers on the Retired Lists.

Copies of Two Orders in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 16th January 1924, entitled —

1. The Sierra Leone Protectorate Order in Council, 1924.

2. The Sierra Leone (Legislative Council) Order in Council, 1924.

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

Mr. Rhys Davies presented, pursuant to the Factory and workshops directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Workshop Acts, 1901, extending (subject to conditions) the special exception by which young persons may be employed during the night to Factories in which Reverberatory or Regenerative Furnaces are used, and rescinding so much of the Order of 21st May 1913.

Copy of Report of His Majesty's Inspectors Police of Constabulary on the County and Borough Police Forces in England and Wales for the year ended 29th September 1923.

Copy of Order, dated 18th January 1924, making amendments to the Scheme of Compensation for the Refractories Industries under the Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1918.

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. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of the Cases in which they have exercised their powers under Section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, during the year 1923.

Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Melksham Gas Light and Coke Company, Limited.

Copy of Report on an application by the Severnocks Waterworks Company to the Board of Trade under the Public Utility Companies (Capital Issues) Act, 1920.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Merchant Shipping Acts (Dispensing Powers) be printed.

Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant to the Judicial Statistics of Scotland for the year 1922.

Copy of Report on the Thirteenth Decennial Census of Scotland, 1921. Volume II. (Scotland.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Shaw presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 19th October 1923, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1923, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1923.

Copy of Regulations, dated 1st November 1923, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Repayment and Return of Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations, 1923.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts,—

1. The Renfrewshire and District (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order of 1924, dated 26th January 1924.

2. The Forfarshire (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order of 1924 (No. 2), dated 28th January 1924.

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

Mr. Gosling presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of June in the last session of Parliament, for a Return relative to Tramways and Light Railways (Street and Road) and Trackless Trolley Undertakings.

No. 21.

Mr. Gosling also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Special Orders made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of—

1. The Urban District of Adlington, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

2. The Urban Districts of Egremont and Cleator Moor, in the County of Cumberland.

3. The Urban District of Eastleigh and Bishopstoke, in the County of Southampton.

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

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate of General Nursing, under the Nurses Registration Act, 1919.

Copy of Amendments to the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate for Male Nurses, under the Nurses Registration Act, 1919.

Orders to the Table.

Copies of Census of England and Wales, 1921, Counties of Cambridge (including the Isle of Ely and Huntingdon), Carmarthen, Hereford, and Oxford.

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

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Wednesday, 13th February 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, That in accordance with Standing Order 79 he had 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.:—

Aberdare Canal.
Aire and Calder Navigation.
Birmingham Corporation.
Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway.
Bristol Water.
Chatham and District Light Railways Company.
County of London Electric Supply Company.
Dover Corporation.
Great Western Railway (Dock Charges).
Hackney and New College.
Haslingden Corporation.
Hastings Corporation.
King's Lynn Docks and Railway.
Leeds Corporation.
London and North Eastern Railway (Dock Charges).
London County Council (Lambeth Bridge).
London Electricity Supply (No. 1).
London Electricity Supply (No. 2).
London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Dock Charges).
Malvern Hills.
Manchester Corporation.
Neath Harbour.
North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company.
Rhymney and Aber Gas.
St. Just (Falmouth) Ocean Wharves and Railways (Abandonment).
St. Just (Falmouth) Ocean Wharves and Railways (Revival of Powers, &c.).
Southend Water.
Southern Railway (Dock Charges).
Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal.
Sutton Harbour.
Taf Fechan Water Supply.
Wakefield Corporation.
West Thurrock Wharf and Railways.

And that in the following case they have made a Special Report, viz.:—

Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in respect of the Bills comprised in the Report laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with in the following cases, viz.:—

Aberdare Canal.
Aire and Calder Navigation.
Birmingham Corporation.
Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway.
Bristol Water.
Chatham and District Light Railways Company.
County of London Electric Supply Company.
Dover Corporation.
Great Western Railway (Dock Charges).
Hackney and New College.
Haslingden Corporation.
Hastings Corporation.
King's Lynn Docks and Railway.
Leeds Corporation.
London and North Eastern Railway (Dock Charges).
London County Council (Lambeth Bridge).
London Electricity Supply (No. 1).
London Electricity Supply (No. 2).
London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Dock Charges).
Malvern Hills.
Manchester Corporation.
Neath Harbour.
North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company.
Rhymney and Aber Gas.
St. Just (Falmouth) Ocean Wharves and Railways (Abandonment).
St. Just (Falmouth) Ocean Wharves and Railways (Revival of Powers, &c.).
Southend Water.
Southern Railway (Dock Charges).
Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal.
Sutton Harbour.
Taf Fechan Water Supply.
Wakefield Corporation.
West Thurrock Wharf and Railways.

And that in the following case they have made a Special Report, viz.:—

Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway.
Mr. Shaw, supported by Mr. Chancellor of Unemployment, the Exchequer, Mr. Wheatley, Miss Bowfeld, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to repeal proviso (2) to Section two of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1923: 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 Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Spoor.)

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Regulation of proposed, That, in view of the conditions obtaining in Foreign countries, it is necessary to safeguard more effectively industries in this Country which are or may be seriously affected thereby and, with the object of providing increased employment, it is desirable to appoint an expert Committee to inquire into the most effective way of dealing with this problem — (Mr. Wardlaw-Milne) — And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Lansbury 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 Negative.

The Postponed Proceeding on the Question, Adjournment, was resumed.

And the Question being again proposed; The House divided.

And the Question being put; The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Wardlaw-Milne,

Mr. Annesley Somerville:

Mr. Mills,

Mr. Darbishire:

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Mr. Gladstone presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Memorandum on Expenditure likely to be incurred under the Trade Facilities Bill.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —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, from 19th September 1845 to 5th January 1924.

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

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Redcar, in the North Riding of the County of York.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the proposed Financial Resolution relative to the Diseases of Animals Bill.

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

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Index to Treaty Series, 1923.

Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and Finland with regard to the disposal of the estates of deceased seamen. Signed at Helsingsfors, 14th December 1923.

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

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Order amending Final Order, No. 680, made under Section 32 of the Education Act, 1921.

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

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HOUSE OF COMMONS,

By virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty as authorises the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue His Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out Writs for the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein provided, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes;

I do hereby nominate, appoint, and authorise—

The Right Honourable Sir Evelyn Cecil, G.B.E.,
The Right Honourable Sir Henry Craik, K.C.B.,
Captain William Wedgwood Benn, D.S.O.,
Thomas Power O'Connor, Esquire,
Captain William Wedgwood Benn, D.S.O.,
D.J.P.,

being Members of the House of Commons, or any one or more of them, to execute all and singular the powers given to the Speaker of the House of Commons for the time being, for issuing Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, in the cases as in the Act specified.

Given under my hand and seal this thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

(L.S.) J. H. WHITLEY, Speaker.

Thursday, 14th February 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Tynemouth Water Charges) Bill.

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

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Aberdeen Harbour: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act), to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the Diseases of Animals Acts:

1. The North Midlands (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order of 1924, dated 29th January 1924.
2. The Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 10), dated 30th January 1924.
3. Authorising the landing of three Nilghai, one Eld's Deer, one Sambar Deer, two Indian Antelope, and one Axis Deer in the Port of London, dated 1st February 1924.
4. The Renfrewshire and District (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order of 1924 (No. 2), dated 2nd February 1924.

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

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Treaty Series Command,—Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States of America for the renewal of the Arbitration Convention between the two countries of 4th April 1908, together with Notes exchanged at the time of signature. Signed at Washington, 23rd June 1923. Ratifications exchanged at Washington, 29th December 1923 [in continuation of Treaty Series (No. 2, 1919)].

Copy of Agreement between the United Treaty Series Kingdom and Hungary modifying the Convention between the British and Hungarian Governments of 20th December 1921, in so far as it relates to the Periodical Instalments payable by the Hungarian Government thereunder. Signed at Paris, 11th December 1923 [in continuation of Treaty Series (No. 4, 1922)].

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

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to Development the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts:

1. The North Midlands (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order of 1924, dated 29th January 1924.
2. The Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 10), dated 30th January 1924.
3. Authorising the landing of three Nilghai, one Eld's Deer, one Sambar Deer, two Indian Antelope, and one Axis Deer in the Port of London, dated 1st February 1924.
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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to Development the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies Provisional Order Bills (No Standing Orders applicable.)

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 on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Provisional Order (Tynemouth Water Charges) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Nurses Registration Act, 1919.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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:

Accounts of the Irish Land Commission in respect of Church Temporalities in Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1923 and from 26th July 1869 (the date of the Irish Church Act) to 31st March 1923, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, supported by Commander Locker-Lampson, Mr. Hannon, and Mr. Jephcott, presented a Bill to amend the Merchandise Marks Acts, 1887 to 1911, in their application to certain goods dealt with in the fancy jewellery and allied trades: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Spoor.)

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

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.

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.

Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unemployment Insurance Bill;

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

Consolidation Bills.

Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the 12th day of this instant February communicating the Resolution, that it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration. (Mr. Frederick Hall.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Lords' Message into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution. (Mr. Frederick Hall.)

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Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries) Bill.

A Bill to relieve the Corporation of Birkenhead from the obligation to maintain a service of steamers between New Ferry and Liverpool, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Brighton Corporation Water Bill.

A Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the County Borough of Brighton to purchase lands and exercise further powers for the prevention of contamination of their water supply, and for other purposes of their water undertaking, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

A Bill for empowering the Central London Railway Company to construct subways and works; to confer further powers on that Company and on the Metropolitan District Railway Company, the London Electric Railway Company, and the Southern Railway Company; and, for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Corporation of London in regard to the City of London police and the rate for the relief of the poor; to confer the municipal franchise upon certain corporations and companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Croydon Corporation Bill.

A Bill to alter the boundary between the County Borough of Croydon and the Urban District of Mitcham; to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the said Borough to execute street works and to provide and work trolley vehicles and omnibuses; to make further provision with regard to the tramways undertaking of the Corporation, and the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

A Bill for conferring further powers upon the Great Western Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Halifax Corporation Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Corporation of Halifax with respect to their water and electricity undertakings; to increase water charges; to authorise the acquisition of the Shibden Hall Estate as a public park; to extend the boundaries of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Harrogate Corporation Bill.

A Bill to consolidate the rates of the Borough of Harrogate, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City and County of Kingston-upon-Hull for the construction of street works and tramways; to extend their limits for the supply of water, and to make further provision for the health and improvement 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 empower the London and North Eastern Railway Company to construct new railways, widenings, and other works, and to purchase lands; to authorise the South Yorkshire Joint Line Committee to construct a new railway; to extend the time for the completion of certain works and for the compulsory purchase of certain lands, 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 County Council and the Metropolitan Borough Councils; to confer certain powers upon the Barnes Urban District Council, and Powers) Bill. for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Morecambe to confer further powers upon the Manchester Ship Canal Company with respect to the dredging of the River Mersey and the lowering of the level of the bottom of part of the Manchester Ship Canal, 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 buoying and lighting of the access between the Weston Mersey Lock and the navigable channel of the Mersey; to confer further powers upon the Manchester Ship Canal Company with respect to the dredging of the River Mersey and the lowering of the level of the bottom of part of the Manchester Ship Canal, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Morecambe to construct promenades, street improvements and works; to make further and better provision for the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough; to commute the annual corn rent payable to the Vicar of Lancaster by the inhabitants of the Borough; to consolidate the rates of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the construction of a Queen's Ferry Bridge over the River Dee at Queen's Ferry Bill.

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A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Rawtenstall to provide and work omnibuses; to make further provision with regard to the tramways and electricity undertakings of the Corporation and the local government and improvement of the Borough; to consolidate the local rates leviable in the Borough, 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Rotherham for the construction of street improvements and for the running of trolley vehicles and omnibuses; to enlarge their powers in regard to their tramways, gas, electricity, water, and markets undertakings; to make further provision with respect to the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough, 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 South- ampton Harbour Board, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Southern Railway Company to extend their dock undertaking at Southampton, and to construct works and to acquire lands; to abandon certain existing and authorised railways and works; to transfer to the said company the undertaking of the Wimbledon and Sutton Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for facilitating the drainage of certain coalfields and mines situate in the West and East Ridings of the County of York, and in the Counties of Nottingham, Derby, and Lincoln, and known collectively as the South Yorkshire coal field, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to constitute a Water Board to acquire the undertaking of the Staffordshire Potteries Waterworks Company, and to supply water within the limits of supply of that company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for rearranging the capital of the Stroud Water Company and empowering them to raise additional capital; for increasing the charges 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 for the consolidation of the rates of the Borough of Sunderland; to extend the time for the exercise by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough of certain powers under the Sunderland Corporation (Wearmouth Bridge) Act, 1915, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdeen Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Temperance (Wales) Second Reading of the Temperance (Wales) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, the House agreed to read the Bill again.

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. James Gould.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word " now " stand part of the Question:—

A Bill to amend and extend the enactments relating to the powers and duties of the Conservators of the River Thames; to make further provision for the revenue of the Conservators, 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 Corporation to the officers and servants of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Wandsworth; to amend the Wandsworth Borough Council (Superannuation) Act, 1909, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make further provision with respect to the granting of superannuation allowances to the officers and servants of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Wandsworth; to amend the Wandsworth Borough Council (Superannuation) Act, 1909, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the West Cheshire Water Company to acquire additional lands and to raise further capital; to increase the charges 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 upon the Tynemouth Harbour Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Tynemouth Water Charges) Bill;

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The Question be now put;

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

Tellers for the
Tellers for the

Mr. Morris. 201.
Mr. James Gould. 229.

Mr. David Grenfell.
Mr. James Gould.

Mr. Buxton. 229.

Mr. Buxton.

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the East India Act, to Standing Order No. 3, it being then a quarter of an hour after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then a quarter of an hour after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

The Aberdeen Harbour 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.

 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 Health Acts (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

Mr. Leach presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, amending His Majesty's Order of 3rd October 1921 relative to the payment of disability pensions and gratuities to airmen discharged from the Royal Air Force as medically unfit for further service.

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

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders of the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of—
The Accrington District Gas and Water Board;
The Brentford Gas Company.

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

Mr. Secretary Walsh presented, by His Imperial War Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fourth Annual Report of the Imperial War Graves Commission, 1922–23.

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

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the Census directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Census of England and Wales, 1921, County of Denbigh.

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

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the Charitable directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Board of Education, made in pursuance of Section 60 of the Charitable Trusts Act, 1863, in the matter of the charities called the Female Orphan Asylum, the National Orphan Home, and the Hans Town School of Industry.

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

Mr. Richards presented, pursuant to the East India directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Board of Education, framed under Section 80A (3) (a) of the Government of India Act.

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

The Unemployment Insurance Bill was, Unemploy- ment Insurance Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow. (Missa Bowlfield.)

Mr. Buxton, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Diseases of Animals [Money] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order
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.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Barley-in-Wharfedale and the Parishes of Menston, Arthington, Pool, and Bramhope, in the Rural District of Wharfedale, all in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Raunds, the Parish of Stanwick and part of the Parish of Chelveston-cum-Caldecott, in the Rural District of Thrapston, the Parishes of Newton Bromswold, Higham Park, and part of the Parish of Irchester, in the Rural District of Wellingborough, all in the County of Northampton, and the Parishes of Wymington, Podington, Harrold, Ossul, Southbrock, Bletson, Riseley, Knotting, Melchbourne, and Yeldon, in the Rural District of Bedford, all in the County of Bedford, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Newmill, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Gildersome, Hernworth, Birkenshaw, and Drighlington, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Parishes of Paisley, Eastwood, and Neilston, in the County of Renfrew, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)
Electricity (Supply) Acts. Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Heysham and parts of the Parishes of Sylne-with-Hest and Heaton-with-Odcliffe, in the Rural District of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster, and for the Amendment of the Morecambe Electric Lighting Order, 1897, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts. Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Parishes of Dalziel, Cambusnethan, and Carluke, in the County of Lanark, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts. Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Port Talbot, in the County of Glamorgan, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts. Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the County of Lanark, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved. (Mr. Gosling.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts. Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Heysham, and parts of the Parishes of Bothwell, Old Monkland, and Shotts, in the County of Lanark, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved. (Mr. Gosling.)

Trade Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Acts (Amendment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Temperance (Wales) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Temperance (Wales) Bill be now 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 Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 15.]

Tuesday, 19th February 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M R. Forester-Walker, Colonel Gretton, Mr. Selection. Griffiths, Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Reid, Mr. Rendall, Mr. George Thorne, Colonel Wheler, Mr. Cecil Wilson, and Major McKenzie Wood were nominated Members of the Committee of Selection. (Mr. Frederick Hall.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do Local Legislation 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 119, 150, and 173 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.
19th February.

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 the instructions which apply to the undivided Committee, and that Four be the quorum of each of the two Committees.—(Mr. Rhyes Davies.)

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts:
1. The Renfrewshire and District (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order of 1924 (No. 3), dated 11th February 1924.
2. The Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 14), dated 8th February 1924.

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

Mr. Wheatley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Rescission of the Poplar Order.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues for the year ended 31st March 1923, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Samuel Roberts, supported by Rear-Admiral Sir Guy Gaunt, Mr. Becker, and Captain Terrell, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the sale and supply of intoxicating liquor to bona fide travellers: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant February: and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance 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 Bill had gone through the House, 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.

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Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Trade Facilities [Money], proposed to be Standalone, under Standing Order No. 71A, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71A, resolved itself into Committee.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient—

(a) to amend the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 and 1922,

(i) by increasing from fifty million pounds to sixty-five million pounds the limit on the aggregate capital amount of the loans the principal or interest of which may be guaranteed thereunder; and

(ii) by extending to the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the period within which guarantees may be given under the Trade Facilities Act, 1921;

(b) to authorise the Treasury, with a view to the promotion of employment in the United Kingdom, to pay, in respect of a period not exceeding five years, an amount not exceeding three-quarters of any interest payable in respect of such portion as is to be expended in the United Kingdom of any loan the proceeds whereof are to be applied on or in connection with a public utility undertaking in some part of His Majesty's Dominions or in a British Protectorate, so, however, that the amount so payable by the Treasury shall not exceed one million pounds in any one year or five million pounds in all;

(c) to amend the Overseas Trade Acts, 1920 to 1922, by extending to the eighth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, the period within which new guarantees under those Acts may be given, and by extending to the eighth day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty, the period during which guarantees under those Acts may remain in force;

(d) to amend section three of the Trade Facilities and Loans Guarantee Act, 1922 (Session 2), by increasing to seven million pounds the aggregate capital amount of the loan to be raised by the Government of the Soudan, the principal and interest of which may be guaranteed under the said section,—(Mr. William Graham):—

Debate arising;

Mr. Morgan Jones rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:

Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.
19th February, 1924.

Ordered That the Report be received to-morrow.

Air Defence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, whilst earnestly desiring the further limitation of armaments so far as is consistent with the safety and integrity of the Empire, affirms the principle laid down by the late Government and accepted by the Imperial Conference that Great Britain must maintain a Home Defence Air Force of sufficient strength to give adequate protection against air attack by the strongest force within striking distance of her shores—(Colonel Sir Samuel Hoare).—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Colonel Sir Samuel Hoare rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr. 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 Debate stood adjourned.

Hours of Employment (No. 2) Bill;

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

Temperance (Wales) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Employment (No. 2) Bill;

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

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill;

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

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Market Harborough and part of the Rural District of Market Harborough, in the County of Leicester, and the Urban Districts of Desborough, Rothwell, and Burton Latimer, and parts of the Rural Districts of Kettering, Oxenden, and Wellingborough, in the County of Northampton, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved. (Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Seaton, and the Parish of Beer, and parts of the Parishes of Axmouth and Colyton, in the Rural District of Axminster, and parts of the Parish of Axmouth, in the County of Devon, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved. (Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Feltham and Sunbury-on-Thames, in the County of Middlesex, which was presented on the 21st day of January 1924, be approved. (Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Llangennech and Llanedi, in the Rural Districts of Guiseley and Yeadon, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved. (Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Hanley-upon-Thames and parts of the Rural Districts of Henley, in the County of Oxford, and Wokingham, in the County of Berks, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved. (Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Seaton, and the Parish of Beer, and parts of the Parishes of Axmouth and Colyton, in the Rural District of Axminster, and parts of the Parish of Axmouth, in the County of Devon, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved. (Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Desborough, Rothwell, and Burton Latimer, and parts of the Rural Districts of Kettering, Oxenden, and Wellingborough, in the County of Northampton, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved. (Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Gtishey and Yedon, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 21st day of January 1924, be approved. (Mr. Gosling.)
Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Parishes of Wickford, Downham, and Ramsden Bell House, in the Rural District of Billericay and part of the Parish of Runwell, in the Rural District of Chelmsford, all in the County of Essex, which was presented on the 21st day of January 1924, be approved.—[Mr. Gosling.]

 resolves itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Parishes of Wickford, Downham, and Ramsden Bell House, in the Rural District of Billericay and part of the Parish of Runwell, in the Rural District of Chelmsford, all in the County of Essex, which was presented on the 21st day of January 1924, be approved.—[Mr. Gosling.]

Mr. Frederick Hall reported from the Committee on Diseases of Animals [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth;

That it is expedient that the limitation of one hundred and forty thousand pounds imposed by section eighteen of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, on the moneys which may be provided by Parliament towards defraying the costs in such section mentioned and be paid to the cattle pleuro-pneumonia account for Great Britain shall not apply to moneys so provided in the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution, being read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Buxton accordingly presented a Bill to remove temporarily the limit of moneys provided by Parliament for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1922: And that Mr. Buxton, Mr. Walter Smith, and Mr. William Graham do prepare and bring it in.

That it is expedient that the limitation of one hundred and forty thousand pounds imposed by section eighteen of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, on the moneys which may be provided by Parliament towards defraying the costs in such section mentioned and be paid to the cattle pleuro-pneumonia account for Great Britain shall not apply to moneys so provided in the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

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

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.

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.

Ordered, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Parishes of Wickford, Downham, and Ramsden Bell House, in the Rural District of Billericay and part of the Parish of Runwell, in the Rural District of Chelmsford, all in the County of Essex, which was presented on the 21st day of January 1924, be approved.—[Mr. Gosling.]

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.

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.

Ordered, That the Ashton-under-Lyne Ashton-under Corporation Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Rotherham Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Southampton Harbour Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

The Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Tynemouth Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Wandsworth Borough Council (Superannuation) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

Mr. Betterton, Mr. Broad, Mr. Clinie, Mr. Grundy, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Hobhouse, Captain Donald Howard, Mr. Hutchison, Sir George Croydon Marks, Mr. Seely, and Mr. Amnesley Somerville were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Standing Orders. — (Mr. Griffiths.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Tynemouth Water Charges) Bill;

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

Mr. Hartshorn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—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 Post Office (London) Railway Act, 1913, for the period ended 31st March 1923.

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

Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, supported by Captain Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Briant, Mr. Swell, Sir Robert Neuman, and Mr. Turner, presented a Bill to amend the Education Act, 1921: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bendall, supported by Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Mr. Ernest Brown, Captain Bowyer, Mr. Duncan, Major Entwistle, Mr. Hayday, Mr. Marton, Mr. Benet, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Colonel Weston, and Mrs. Wintringham, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the marriage of persons with their nephew or niece by marriage: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Tobacco Sales proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the hours during which tobacco may be sold and to regulate shop assistants' hours of work.—(Mr. Becker.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief Mr. Speaker put the Question, and from a Member who pursuant to Standing Order No. 11:—And it passed in the Negative.

The Diseases of Animals 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. Buxton.)

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

(Civil Services and Revenue Departments Supplementary Estimates, 1923-24.)

Class VII.

£10 Supplementary, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Health, including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, Public Utility Companies, &c., sundry Contributions and Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1922, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Special Services arising out of the War.

Unclassified Services.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Maintenance of Pensions proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £780,100 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 1924 for Relief arising out of Unemployment, including Grants in Aid;

And it being a quarter past Eight of the clock, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Tobacco Sales proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the hours during which tobacco may be sold and to regulate shop assistants' hours of work.—(Mr. Becker.)

Mr. Dukes rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.
Mr. Dukes rose in his place and claimed to move, that the Question be now put, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, pensions adequate for the proper upbringing and maintenance of children should be paid to all widows with children, or mothers whose family breadwinner has become incapacitated, such pensions to be provided by the State and administered by a committee of the municipal or county council wholly unconnected with the Poor Law.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Parish of Gowerton, in the Rural District of Swansea, in the County of Glamorgan, which was presented on the 16th day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural District of Cranbrook, in the County of Kent which was presented on the 21st day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural District of Axbridge and Long Ashton, in the County of Somerset, which was presented on the 21st day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Urban District of Wantage and of the Parishes of Ardington, Charlton, East Challow, East Lockinge Gore, Letcombe Regis, West Challow, and West Lockinge, in the Rural District of Wantage, all in the County of Berks, which was presented on the 15th day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Tiverton, in the County of Devon, which was presented on the 16th day of January 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Egremont and Cleator Moor, in the County of Cumberland, which was presented on the 12th day of February 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Redcar, in the North Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 13th day of February 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

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 nominated of Sir Ronald Blundell, Mr. Bowcock, Mr. Bowes-Lyon, Mr. Burnham, Mr. Gate, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Lever-see, Mr. Mackrell, Mr. Nevill, Colonel Perkins, and Mr. Toole.

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

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Griffiths.)
Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £730,100 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 1924 for Relief arising out of Unemployment, including a Grant in Aid, resumed;

Question again proposed;

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 come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also 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 had come to a Resolution.

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

Mr. Ammon reported from the Committee on Trade Facilities [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient—

(a) to amend the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 and 1922—

(i) by increasing from fifty million pounds to sixty-five million pounds the limit on the aggregate capital amount of the loans the principal or interest of which may be guaranteed thereunder; and

(ii) by extending to the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the period within which guarantees may be given under the Trade Facilities Act, 1921;

(b) to authorise the Treasury, with a view to the promotion of employment in the United Kingdom, to pay, in respect of a period not exceeding five years, an amount not exceeding three-quarters of any interest payable in respect of such portion as is to be expended in the United Kingdom of any loan the proceeds whereof are to be applied on or in connection with a public utility undertaking in some part of His Majesty's Dominions or in a British Protectorate, so, however, that the amount so payable by the Treasury shall not exceed one million pounds in any one year or five million pounds in all;

(c) to amend the Overseas Trade Acts, 1920 to 1922, by extending to the eighth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, the period within which new guarantees may respectively be given and remain in force under the Overseas Trade Acts, 1920 to 1922; and to amend section three of the Trade Facilities and Loans Guarantee Act, 1922 (Session 2), by increasing to seven million pounds the aggregate capital amount of the loan to be raised by the Government of the Soudan, the principal and interest of which may be guaranteed under the said section.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 21st February 1924:

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Trade Facilities and Loans Guarantee Act, 1922, to amend the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 and 1922; to authorise the Treasury to contribute to the promotion of employment in the United Kingdom; to extend the periods during which guarantees may respectively be given and remain in force under the Overseas Trade Acts, 1920 to 1922; and to amend section three of the Trade Facilities and Loans Guarantee Act, 1922 (Session 2): And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means 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 Wednesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order; it being then fourteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 17.]

Thursday, 21st February 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented.—(Mr. Fisher):

Mr. Frederick Roberts, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.
14 Geo. V. 21st February.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Southern Second Reading of the Southern Railway Bill; Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Thames Second Reading of the Thames Conservancy Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The West Cheshire Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Shaw presented, by His Majesty's Com. Industrial mand.—Copy of Report by the Court of 1919, concerning the Dock Labour Dispute, 1924.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the direc- Electricity tions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Special (Supply) Acts, Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Parishes of Eastwood and Mearns, in the County of Renfrew, and parts of the Parishes of Carmunnock and East Kilbride, in the County of Lanark.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the local Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Government Orders of the Minister of Health confirming Orders made by the County Councils of Cumberland, Denbigh, Hertford, Lancaster, and Salop, and the County Borough Council of Huddersfield, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888.
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 followeth:

The Lords have appointed a Committee, consisting of five Lords, to join with a Committee of the Commons, to consider all Consolidation Bills of the present Session, and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Southern Second Reading of the Southern Railway Bill; Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Thames Second Reading of the Thames Conservancy Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The West Cheshire Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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Then 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 Two and one-half per cent. Consolidated Annuities, the annual dividends whereof amount for 1924-25 to seven hundred and fifty pounds; of a bequest of the eighth Earl of Bridgewater, the annual proceeds of which amount to about four hundred and one pounds; of a bequest of Lord Farnborough, the annual proceeds of which amount to about seventy-two pounds; of a bequest by the late Mr. Henry Louis Florence, invested in Five per cent. War Loan, 1929-47, the annual proceeds of which amount to fifty-two pounds; and of a gift from Mr. John A. Roebling, of five thousand dollars, invested in Five per cent. War Loan, 1929-47, the annual dividends whereof amount to fifty-two pounds, and of the annual dividends amounting to about five hundred pounds on the amount bequeathed by the late Honourable Nathaniel Charles Rothschild; that the establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above-mentioned sums, and the Trust cannot with benefit to the public be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.
Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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British Museum.
Mr. Pringle, Member for Penistone, 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 decision of the Government to lay down five new cruisers; 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 40 Members having accordingly risen; the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock this evening.

Colonel Wheler, supported by Brigadier-General Cockirth, Sir Henry Cautley, Captain Terrell, and Mr. Forester-Walker, presented a Bill to provide for the regulation of Moveable Dwellings: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Supplementary Estimates, 1923–24.

Unclassified Services.

1. £730,100, Supplementary, for Relief arising out of Unemployment, including Grants in Aid.

Class II.

2. £10, Supplementary, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and Subordinate Offices, Expenses under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, Expenses under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, a Sums for Steamers Services to the Hebrides, and Grants in respect of Unemployment Schemes.

Class VII.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, 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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Scottish Board of Health, including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, sundry Contributions and Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1922, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Special Services arising out of the War.

Question put, and agreed to.

Class I.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £34,500 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 1924 for Expenditure in respect of Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens; and it being a quarter-past Eight of the clock, and leave having been given to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the decision of the Government to lay down five new cruisers; 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 40 Members having accordingly risen; the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, further Proceeding was postponed, without Question put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn—under Mr. Pringle—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Commander Bellairs rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now adjourned; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, as he thought that the House was prepared to come to a decision: Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Pringle, Mr. Lindfield.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Frederick Hill, Mr. Kennedy.

So it passed in the Negative.

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:

1. Unemployment Insurance Act, 1924.
2. Kirkcaldy and Dysart Water Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
3. Aberdeen Harbour Order Confirmation Act, 1924.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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Question put, and agreed to.

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Question put, and agreed to.

Class VII.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £34,500 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 1924 for Expenditure in respect of Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens; and it being a quarter-past Eight of the clock, and leave having been given to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the decision of the Government to lay down five new cruisers; 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 40 Members having accordingly risen; the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, further Proceeding was postponed, without Question put.

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So it passed in the Negative.
Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £34,500 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 1924 for Expenditure in respect of Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens, resumed.

Question again proposed:
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 come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also 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 the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of this instant February;

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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Diseases of Animals 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 Trade Facilities Bill;

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

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

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Colonel Sir William Allen, Mr. Baker, Mr. Black, Sir Henry Capt., Mr. Gillett, Mr. William Graham, Colonel Guinness, Mr. Ogilvie, Mr. George Hall, Mr. Leif Jones, Sir George McCrae, Colonel Assheton-Powell, Mr. Arnold Williams, Sir Frederic Wise, and Mr. Andrew Young.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Griffiths.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Frederick Hall);

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.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir James App-Gardner, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Compton, Mr. Dunsany, Colonel Sir Frederick Hall, Major Hennessy, Mr. Geoffrey Howard, General Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, Miss Jesson, Mr. John, Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, Sir Herbert Nield, Mrs. Philipson, Mr. Rawlinson, Captain Tudor Rees, Mr. William Thorne, and Mr. Thornton.

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

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Griffiths.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Brighton Corporation Brighton Water Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Croydon Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Fifteen Members.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the London and North Eastern Railway Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the London County Council (General) Bill;

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

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

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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.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

Mr. William Graham presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of January last, for a Return relative to Public Social Services (Total Expenditure under certain Acts of Parliament).

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 19th February 1924, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Benjamin Morris Oakeshott, Second-class Clerk in the Office of Master in Lunacy, under the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

Mr. Webb, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Alexander, presented a Bill to make valid certain charges imposed and levies made during the late war: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions 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 proceed with the Question, by leaving out from the word "this," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "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;

Mr. Benjamin Gardner 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—Mr. Benjamin Gardner, 248.

Mr. McKean;

Tellers for the—Colonel Fremantle, 101.

Mr. Lamb;

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments

Class I.

1. £34,500, Supplementary, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

Revenue Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, 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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones.—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Class V.

2. £168,460, Supplementary, for the Expenses in connection with His Majesty's Embassies, Missions, and Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable to the Consular Vote, including the transport and relief of refugees in the Near East, and the relief of distress in Japan.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £3,606,504 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 1924 for sundry Colonial Services, including a Grant in Aid of Railway Expenditure in Kenya and Uganda, and certain other Grants in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A 6 (Kenya) (Grant in Aid) be reduced by £160—(Sir Sydney Henn):

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 come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also 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.

Mr. Frederick Hall reported from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of this instant February a Resolution; which was read as follows:

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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Health, including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, Public Utility...
The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Union Ballot Bill;  
Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The Right Honourable John Frederick Peel Rawlinson, K.C.,  
Sir George Croydon Marks, C.B.E.,  
Dennis Henry Herbert, Esquire,  
Charles Edwards, Esquire, and  
Isaac Foot, Esquire,
to act during this Session as temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

J. H. WHITLEY,  
Speaker.

25th February 1924.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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[No. 20.]

Tuesday, 26th February 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill 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.:

Stroud Water Bill.  
London United Tramways Bill.  
West Cheshire Water Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bills be committed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Great Western Railway (Additional 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 South Yorkshire Mines Drainage 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 Southern Railway Bill:

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

Mr. William Adamson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Return of Voting Areas in Scotland in which polls were taken in 1923 under the Temperance (Scotland) Act, 1913, showing the number of electors on the registers on which polls were taken, the results of the polls, and the cost of the polls so far as falling upon Local Authorities.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Tables for the grant of Immediate Life Annuities, together with a statement of the Rules observed in constructing them.

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

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Minister of Transport of his Proceedings for Session 1924 under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act, 1862.

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

Mr. Hartshorn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Imperial Wireless Telegraphy Committee, 1924.

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

Mr. Rendall reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had selected the following Members to serve on Standing Committee A.—Sir William Allen, the Duchess of Atholl, Mr. Agles, Captain Welpood Boun, Major Birchall, Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Buckle, Major Burnie, Sir Samuel Chapman, Mr. Ellis Davies, Sir Thomas Davies, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Dickey, Captain Eden, Mr. Emlyn-Jones, Colonel Fremauille, Mr. Duncan Graham, Mr. Groves, Mr. Grundy, Mr. Percy Harris, Mr. Hobhouse, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Hartcott Johnstone, Mr. Mardy Jones, Sir Robert Kay, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Law, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Marley, Mr. Mellor, Mr. Duncan Miller, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Pease, Lord Eustace Percy, Sir Philip Pilditch, Mr. Samuel Roberts, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Sunlight, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. Vivian, Sir Victor Warrender, Major Ronald Williams, Mr. Marrow, Mr. Wilson, Colonel Windsor-Clore, Mr. Kingsley Wood, and Major Yerburgh.

Mr. Rendall further reported from the Committee of Selection:—That they had added the following Fifty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Rent Restriction Bill) :-Mr. Attorney General, Sir Henry Cauley, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Mr. Benjamin Gardner, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Sir Thomas Inskip, Sir William Jeogson-Hicks, Sir George McCrae, Sir Joseph Nall, Mr. Simon, Mr. Trevor-Thomson, Mr. Westwood, Mr. Wetherley, Colonel Wheler, and Mrs. Wintringham.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir Robert Nesman, supported by Mrs. Wintringham, Captain Bonger, Mr. Souton, Miss Law, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Warne, and Mr. Purcell do prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Separation and Maintenance Orders: 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 Regulation Bill to amend the Railways Regulation Acts, 1840 to 1893, and for other purposes relating thereto: And that Mr. Middleton, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Warne, and Mr. Purcell do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Middleton accordingly presented a Bill Regulation of to amend the Railways Regulation Acts, 1840 Railways Bill, to 1893, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Notice of Motion relating to the Poplar Order have precedence at this the House's day's Sitting over the other Notices of Motions and Orders of the day.—(Mr. Clynes.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Poplar Order, proposed, That this House regards the action of the Minister of Health in cancelling the
Poplar Order, and in remitting any surcharge that might be made under it, as calculated to encourage illegality and extravagance, and urges that the real remedy for the difficulties of necessitous areas is to be found in the reform of London government and of the Poor Law system.—(Mr. Briant.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by inserting, after the word "House," the words "being of the opinion that the amount of Poor Law relief should be calculated on a lower scale than the earnings of the independent workman who is maintaining himself by his labour.—(Sir William Joynson-Hicks.)

And the Question being proposed, Those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Sir William Joynson-Hicks 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 [Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs : 228],

Tellers for the [Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Griffiths : 295],

So it passed in the Negative.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union Ballot Bill;

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

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Acrington District Gas and Water Board, which was presented on the 18th February and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Hyde Gas Company, which was presented on the 15th January and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Nelson, which was presented on the 15th January and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Diseases of Animals Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Second Reading of the Trade Facilities 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of this instant February, Report.

That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution which was then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of this instant February:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant February:

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 25th day of this instant February:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 27th February, 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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.:—

London County Council (Tramways and Improvements).

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Great Western Railway (Additional 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 Southern Railway 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 Thames Conservancy Bill;

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

The Tynemouth Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Tynemouth Water Charges) Bill;

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

Mr. Pearsonby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Note on the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill.

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

Mr. Rhys Davies presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Rule proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prisons Acts, 1877 and 1898, with respect to the constitution of the Visiting Committee of Exeter Prison.

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

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Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate for Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1925, with Memorandum.

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

Mr. McNeill, Member for Canterbury, 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 contradictory statements made by Ministers of the Crown in relation to Foreign policy and the failure of the Government to take adequate steps to remove from the public mind of this and Allied countries the impression created by a speech of the Home Secretary that the policy of His Majesty's Government is to propose revision of the Treaty of Versailles; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock this evening.

Mr. Sexton, supported by Mr. Tillet, Mr. Merchant, Wignall, Mr. Benjamin Smith, and Mr. Short, presented a Bill to amend enactments relating to Merchant Shipping, and to make further provision with respect thereto, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Diseases of Animals Bill; Animals Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Speaker called the attention to the House Member to resume his seat. And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Speaker directed on the part of Mr. Shepperson, Member for Leominster, and to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill Certificate.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Diseases of Animals Bill; Animals 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 Mr. Speaker's place and the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill Certificate 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.

John Henry Whitley, Speaker).

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Second Reading of the Trade Facilities Bill;

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

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. M'Neill) — It passed in the Negative.

Adjournment

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is of opinion that the necessary steps should forthwith be taken for the abolition of any means limit in the application of Old Age Pensions — (Mr. Hugh Edwards) — And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill;

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

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Tynemouth Gas Company, which was presented on the 17th January and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Uxbridge, Wycombe, and District Gas Company, which was presented on the 15th January and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Wolverhampton Gas Company, which was presented on the 15th January and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the York Town and Blackwater Gas Company, which was presented on the 15th January and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Bedford Gaslight Company, which was presented on the 16th January and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be Public Petitions appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as relate to Private Bills; and that such Committee do classify and prepare abstracts of the same, 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 set forth, in respect of each Petition, the number of signatures which are accompanied by addresses, and which are written on sheets headed in every case by the prayer of the Petition, provided that on every separate sheet after the first the prayer may be reproduced in print or by other mechanical process; that such Committee have power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it; and that such Committee shall have power to report their opinion and observations thereupon to the House.

The Committee was nominated of Mr. William Murdock Adamson, Mr. Batey, Mr. Blundell, Sir William Bull, Mr. Clarry, Mr. Alfred Thomas Davies, Colonel England, Mr. Hirst, Colonel James, Sir Robert Kay, Mr. Foot Mitchell, Mr. Nixon, Mr. George Oliver, Mr. Parry, and Mr. Sunlight.

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

Order, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Griffiths.)

The Postponed Proceeding on the Question, Trade Facilities Bill, That the Trade Facilities Bill be now read a second time, was resumed.

And the Question being again proposed — And a Debate arising thereupon;

Order, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Charges Second Reading of the War Charges (Validity) (Validity) Bill.

Bill;

Order, 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 resuming Supply the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [29th February] upon the 25th day of this instant February, Report. That this House doth agree with the Committee on the Resolution which was then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of this instant February;

Order, 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 21st day of this instant February;

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 28th day of this instant February;

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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.


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Thursday, 28th February 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London (Various Powers) 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 Croydon Corporation 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 Great Western Railway (Additional 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 Southern Railway Bill;

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

Mr. Secretary Walsh presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimates of Effective and Non-Effective Services of the Army for the year 1924–25.

Estimate showing the Vote on Account required for the Army for the year 1924–25.

Copy of Memorandum by the Secretary of State for War relating to the Army Estimates for 1924–25.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Memorandum do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Thomas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence relating to the revision of the Constitution of Ceylon.

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

Mr. Godling presented, by His Majesty's Electricity Command,—Copy of Special Report by the Electricity Commissioners under Section 1 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, on the Letchworth and District Electricity Special Order, 1924, dispensing with the consent of the Urban District Council of Baldock.

Mr. Godling also presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Parishes of or Townships of East Saltney, Higher Kinnerton, Hope, Llanfynydd, Sealand, and Trystyn, and part of the Parish of Hawarden, all in the Rural District of Hawarden, in the County of Flint, and for the amendment of the Hawarden Rural District Council Electric Lighting Order, 1914.

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

Mr. Leech presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, providing for the payment of additional emoluments to airmen employed as instructors in connection with the Area Education Scheme for the Royal Air Force.

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

Colonel Guinness reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

Mr. Griffiths reported from the Committee of Selection; That in pursuance of the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, they had selected the following Twenty-five Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners:—Sir Samuel Chapman, Dr. Chapple, Sir Henry Craik, Mr. Cowan, Major Dudgeon, Colonel Sir John Gilchrist, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Charles Harvey, Lieutenant-General Sir Agnew Hunter-Weston, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Neil Maclean, Sir Murdo Macdonald, Mr. Frederick Martin, Mr. Meaton, Mr. Millar, Mr. Murray, Mr. Nichol, Mr. Sandeman, Major Steel, Mr. Sturrock, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wright.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Selection (Chairmen's Panel) (Parliament Act, 1911.)

Mr. Griffiths reported from the Committee of Selection; that, in pursuance of Section 1, subsection (3), of the Parliament Act, 1911, they had appointed Mr. Royce and Mr. Turton from the Chairmen's Panel, with whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before giving his certificate to a Money Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Selection (Standing Committees.) Standing Committee A.

Mr. Griffiths reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Rent Restrictions Bill):

—Sir Henry Cavendish and Sir George McCrae;
and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Foot and Philip Sassoon.

Ordered, That the Report to lie upon the Table.

Business of the House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in Committee of Supply and in Committee of Ways and Means be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House.)—(Mr. Clynes.)

Ordered, That the Report to lie upon the Table.

Supply.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Supplementary Estimates, 1923-24.

Class II.

1. £2,958,010, Supplementary, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, including Loans to Agricultural Co-operative Societies, Grants for Agricultural Education and Research, Grants in Aid of the Small Holdings Account and the Cattle Pleuro-Pneumonia Account for Great Britain, and certain other Grants in Aid; and of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

2. £10, Supplementary, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, including Loans to Agricultural Co-operative Societies, Grants for Agricultural Education and Training, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Services arising out of the War.

Revenue Departments.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, 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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones.

And it being a quarter-past 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 London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a Supply 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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones, resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

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 House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means 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 1924, the sum of £2,958,020 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. William Graham.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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 resuming Supply the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [26th February] Report. That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution which was then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [21st February] Report. Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 25th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 21st day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 20th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 19th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 18th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 17th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 16th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 15th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 14th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 13th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 12th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 11th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 10th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 9th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 8th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 7th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 6th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 5th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 4th day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 3rd day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 2nd day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 1st day of this instant February.
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Trade Facilities Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of this instant February, That the Trade Facilities Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Estimates. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine such of the Estimates presented to this House as may seem fit to the Committee, and to suggest the form in which the Estimates shall be presented for examination, and to report what, if any, economies, consistent with the policy implied in those Estimates, may be effected therein—(Mr. Griffiths) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. —(Mr. Clynes.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Consolidation Bills. Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the 21st day of this instant February, relating to Consolidation Bills be now taken into consideration—(Mr. Griffiths) —The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Five Members be appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the Lords, as mentioned in their Lordships' Message, to consider all Consolidation Bills of the present Session.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Five Members be appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the Lords, as mentioned in their Lordships' Message, to consider all Consolidation Bills of the present Session.

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

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Clynes.)

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the continued irrelevance on the part of Dr. Chapple, Member for Dumfries, and directed the Honourable Member to discontinue his speech.

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

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

Friday, 29th February 1924.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Great Western Railway (Additional Great Western Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners Powers Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the London and North Eastern Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the South Eastern Railway Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the South Yorkshire Mines Drainage Bill;

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

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to Whitehills Harbour : And the same Bill.

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

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to Leith Harbour: And the same Bill:

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts:

1. The Animals (Landings from Ireland) Order of 1924, dated 15th February 1924;
2. The Foot and Mouth Disease (Cheshire District) Order of 1924, dated 20th February 1924;
3. Dated 21st February 1924, revoking the Animals (Landings from Ireland) Order of 1924;
4. The Lanarkshire (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order of 1924, dated 21st February 1924.

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

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's United States Command,—Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America respecting the Regulation of the Liquor Traffic. Washington, 23rd January 1924.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the proposed Financial Resolution relative to the West India (Telegraph) Bill.

Copy of Statement relating to the employment of Ex-Service Men in Government Offices on 1st July 1919 and 1st February 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract Account of Receipts and Payments of the Treasury Solicitor, in the year 1923, 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 Nominee, and of other cases (partial intestacies, &c.) in which accounts were opened in the books of the Treasury Solicitor in the same year in respect of moneys received by him as Crown's Nominee.

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

Mr. Woodley, supported by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, presented a Bill to extend the duration of the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1923: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People Act (1918) 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 from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words, "in view of the fact that the previous extension of the franchise was founded upon recommendations made by a conference of all the parties, this House is of opinion that a similar conference should be called before deciding what further alteration of the franchise is desirable"—(Duchess of Atholl),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;

Mr. William Murdoch Adamson rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. William Murdoch Adamson, Miss Jenson : 288.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Duchess of Atholl, Sir Sydney Russell-Wells : 72.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was 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—(Viscount Wolmer);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Viscount Wolmer, Captain Donald : 77.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. William Murdoch Adamson, Miss Jenson : 247.]

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Legitimacy Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bonâ Fide Travellers Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the House of Employment (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education (Employment of Young Persons) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th February Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received 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.
Orders
Provisional
Health
Ministry of
Bill
Confirmation
and Docks
Leith Harbour
Bill.
Order
Confirmation
Order
Harbour
Bill.
Conservancy
Thames
Railway Bill. Second Reading of the Southern Railway Bill; Southern
Drainage Bill.
Mines
Yorkshire
South
Means.
Ways and
Read the first time.
sea,
Thanet Joint Hospital Board, Stafford, Swan-
certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of
to- morrow.
Docks Order Confirmation Bill; take into consideration the Leith Harbour and
Whitehills Harbour Order Confirmation Bill; take into consideration the
Second Reading of the Thames Conservancy Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Whitehills Harbour Order Confirmation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Leith Harbour and Docks Order Confirmation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.
Mr. Wheatley presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Bradford, Coventry, Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital Board, Stafford, Swansea, and Whitstable: And the same was read the first time.
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Monday, 3rd March 1924.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.
PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Yorkshire Mines Drainage Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southern Railway Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Thames Conservancy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Whitehills Harbour Order Confirmation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Mr. Wheatley presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Bradford, Coventry, Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital Board, Stafford, Swansea, and Whitstable: And the same was read the first time.
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Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 25th February 1924, relative to the Act, 1921. German Reparation (Recovery) Act, 1921.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Rhys Davies presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Report of the Royal Commission appointed to consider cases of moral claims for Compensation for Suffering Action (Royal or Damage arising out of the action of the Enemy during the War.

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

Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under Section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, that they are of opinion (1) that the provisions of the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order and the Lanarkshire Hydro-Electric Power Order are of such a nature that they ought to be dealt with by Private Bills and not by Provisional Orders; (2) that the provisions of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order are of such a character and raise such questions of policy and principle that they ought to be dealt with by Private Bill and not by Provisional Order; (3) that in the case of the Grampian Electricity Supply Order the decision of the Chairman of Committees and the Chairman of Ways and Means will be reported later; (4) that, save as aforesaid, the Provisional Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the several Orders.

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


Copy of Agreement between the United Treaty Series Kingdom and Japan for the Mutual Recogni-

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Census (England and
Wales.)

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

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Census (England and
Wales.)

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

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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:—

Copy of Scheme under the Union of Benefices Acts for effecting the unions (1) of the benefices of St. Mary, Nottingham, and a portion of the benefice of St. Paul, Nottingham, and (2) of the benefice of St. Catherine, Nottingham, and the remaining portion of the benefice of St. Paul, Nottingham, all in the City and County of Nottingham, and the Diocese of Southwell.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 22nd day of February 1924, on the subject of commuting the pension of two thousand pounds per annum payable to Lord Rodney from the Consolidated Fund under the Acts 23 Geo. III., c. 86, and 33 Geo. III., c. 77.—(Mr. William Graham.)

Selection
(Standing Committee.)
Standing Committee A.

Mr. Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—

—Mr. Hutchison.

New Member sworn.

The Right Honourable Arthur Henderson, Member for the Borough of Burnley, was sworn.

Supply

Mr. Lunn reported from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of February last several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Supplementary Estimates, 1923-24.

Class II.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,938,010 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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, including Loans, to Agricultural Co-operative Societies, Grants for Agricultural Education and Research, Grants in Aid of the Botanic Gardens, Kew.

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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, including Loans to Agricultural Co-operative Societies, Grants for Agricultural Education and Training, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Services arising out of the War.

Revenue Departments.

3. 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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Supplementary Estimates, 1923-24.

Class V.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £3,606,504 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 1924 for sundry Colonial Services, including a Grant in Aid of Railway Expenditure in Kenya and Uganda, and certain other Grants in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A 6 (Kenya Grant-in-Aid) be reduced by £50.—(Mr. Amery):—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:—

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item K (Nauru and Ocean Islands) be reduced by £80,000.—(Sir William Mitchell-Thomas):—Debate arising;

Mr. Secretary Thomas 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:—his assent. Debate resumed.

Mr. Secretary Thomas 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 [Mr. Kennedy, Yeas, Mr. Frederick Hall: 211.]

Tellers for the [Sir Joseph Noll, Noes, Mr. Ormsby Gore: 97.]

Question, That Item K be reduced by £80,000, put accordingly, and negatived.

Original Question again proposed;—

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman proceeded to interrupt the business:—

Whereupon Mr. Secretary Thomas claimed, That the Original Question be now put.

Original Question put accordingly, 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 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 resuming Supply the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That this Report, House doth agree with the Committee in the
Resolution which was then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of February last;

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 21st day of February last;

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 25th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Attorney General reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 28th day of February last 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 1924 the sum of £2,958,020 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. William Graham do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

Mr. William Graham 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 1924 one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four: 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 Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) 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 Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Trade Facilities Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order for reading a second time the War Charges (Validity) Bill was read, and discharged;

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment (Wales) Bill, which, upon the 15th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question. That the Temperance (Wales) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Regulation of Second Reading of the Regulation of Railways Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Union Second Reading of the Trade Union Ballot Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Summary Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill;

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

The Legitimacy Bill was, according to Order, Legitimacy read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bond Fide Second Reading of the Bond Fide Travellers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill;

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

Mr. William Graham presented,—Return to Perpetual Pensions.

An Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Perpetual Pensions.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Frederick Hall);

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.
Tuesday, 4th March 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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.:

- Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.
- Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report of the Committee of Supply, and that the said Memorandum do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copies of Acts granted to a Convict, discharging her from Liverpool Convict Prison on condition that she enters a home.

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 East Ham.

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

Mr. Ammon presented, by His Majesty’s Navy Command,—Estimates for the Navy for the year 1924–25.

Copy of Statement of the First Lord of the Navy Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1924–25.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Statement do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Nicholson reported from the Chairmen’s Panel; That they had agreed to the following Panel:

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

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

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

Ordered, That the said Memoranud be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Memorandum do lie upon the Table.

Air Estimates, 1924–25. No. 35.

Mr. Leech presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimates of Effective and Non-Effective Services of the Air Force for the year 1924–25.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee appointed to consider all Consolidation Bills of the present Session do meet in the Chairman of Committees' Committee Room to-morrow, Wednesday the 5th day of March, at half-past Two of the clock.

The House proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords' Committee as proposed by their Lordships.—(Mr. Griffiths.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Sir Berkeley Sheffield.

Mr. Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Duncan Graham and Mr. Vivian: and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Macgregor Mitchell and Mr. Benjamin Smith.

Mr. Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Rent Restrictions Bill):—Sir Joseph Nall and Mrs. Wintringham: and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Edmund Harvey and Sir Francis Love.

Mr. Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee B:—Mr. Alden, Mr. Becker, Sir Robert Bird, Sir Henry Buckingham, Colonel Campion, Dr. Chapple, Major Church, Sir Arthur Churchman, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Close, Major Colfox, Mr. Crittall, Earl of Dalkeith, Captain Dickie, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Duckworth, Mr. Gavan-Duffy, Mr. Dukes, Viscount Ednam, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Finney, Lieutenant-Colonel Fletcher, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Frederick Gould, Mr. Greenall, Mr. Greene, Mr. John Harris, Mr. Edmund Harvey, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Mr. Hillary, Mr. Hogbin, Major Kindersley, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lindley, Sir Leonard Lyne, Mr. William Martin, Colonel Mason, Mr. Milne, Mr. Mond, Mr. Mooley, Mr. Nobitt, Sir Douglas Newton, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Raffety, Sir James Remnant, Sir Philip Richardson, Colonel Sinclair, Mr. Satuliff, Sir Frederick Sykes, and the Marquess of Titchfield.

Mr. Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had directed him to report to the House:—

That, after a Bill has been under consideration in Standing Committee, no application for changes in the composition of that Committee in respect of that Bill shall be entertained by the Committee of Selection.

Mr. Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had nominated Standing Committee A as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir Evelyn Cecil, supported by Mr. Fisher, Mr. Bridgesman, Sir Thomas Inskip, Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Mr. Jenkitt, Mr. Wignall, Major of Reports) Birchall, Mr. Foot, Mr. Charlton, Lord Apley, and Mrs. Wintringham presented a Bill to Bill 56. regulate the publication of Reports of Judicial Proceedings in such manner as to prevent injury to public morals: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Safeguarding proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Safeguarding of Industries Act in respect of goods made under conditions not allowed by trades unions or by Law in Great Britain.—(Mr. Remer)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief Mr. Speaker explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hanlon: Mr. Sullivan:

So it passed in the Negative.

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

The Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Trade Facilities Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being again proposed—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.

A Motion was made, and the Question being National proposed, That, in view of the practically universal acceptance of the principle that a living wage for all workers should be the first charge upon industry, and in view of the large measure of agreement with respect to the advisability of fixing legal minimum time rates of wages reached at the national industrial conference, this House urges the Government to proceed without delay with the Bill introduced by the Government of the day in 1919, constituting a Commission to inquire into and report upon legal minimum time rates of wages.—(Mr. Compton):—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. *Compton* rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put the Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. *Compton* rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, as he thought that the House was ready to come to a decision without that Motion:

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That in the practically universal acceptance of the principle that a living wage for all workers should be the first charge upon industry, and in view of the large measure of agreement with respect to the advisability of fixing legal minimum time rates of wages reached at the national industrial conference, this House urges the Government to proceed without delay with the Bill introduced by the Government of the day in 1919, constituting a Commission to inquire into and report upon legal minimum time rates of wages.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Moveable Dwellings 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 Hours of Employment (No. 2) 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 Regulation of Railways Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill:

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

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Melksham Urban District Council, which was presented on the 15th January and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Marple Urban District Council, which was presented on the 15th January and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

The Question was amended, in 1. 4, by leaving out the word “ approved,” and adding the words “ referred to a Select Committee of Four Members appointed by the Committee of Selection for their Report, which shall state whether, in their opinion, the Order should be approved with or without modifications or additions, setting out the modifications or additions, if any, which they propose, or should not be approved, and shall be laid before the House together with a copy of the Order showing the modifications and additions, if any, proposed by the Committee. That the proceedings of the Committee to which the Order is referred shall be conducted in like manner as in the case of a Provisional Order Confirmation Bill under Standing Order 151, and opponents of the Order shall be heard provided that a Statement of Objection has been deposited with the Board of Trade on or before the seventh day after the date of this Motion, but an opponent shall only be heard upon objections which have been distinctly specified in the Statement:

That any Statement so deposited shall be laid upon the Table of the House by the Board of Trade and shall stand referred to the Committee:

That if no Statement of Objection shall have been deposited within the specified time the reference to the Select Committee shall be discharged.—(Mr. Romer)—instead thereof.

And the Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Marple Urban District Council, which was presented on the 15th January and published, be referred to a Select Committee of Four Members appointed by the Committee of Selection for their Report, which shall state whether, in their opinion, the Order should be approved with or without modifications or additions, setting out the modifications or additions, if any, which they propose, or should not be approved, and shall be laid before the House together with a copy of the Order showing the modifications and additions, if any, proposed by the Committee. That the proceedings of the Committee to which the Order is referred shall be conducted in like manner as in the case of a Provisional Order Confirmation Bill under Standing Order 151, and opponents of the Order shall be heard provided that a Statement of Objection has been deposited with the Board of Trade on or before the seventh day after the date of this Order, but an opponent shall only be heard upon objections which have been distinctly specified in the Statement:

That any Statement so deposited shall be laid upon the Table of the House by the Board of Trade and shall stand referred to the Committee:

That if no Statement of Objection shall have been deposited within the specified time the reference to the Select Committee shall be discharged.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Melksham Gas Light and Coke Company, Limited, which was presented on the 12th February and published, be approved. (Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Newquay
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(Cornwall) Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 15th January and published, be approved. (Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Trade

The Postponed Proceeding on the Question, That the Trade Facilities Bill be now read a second time, was resumed.

And the Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon:—And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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.


The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution which was then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of February last;

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 21st day of February last;

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 25th day of February last;

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 3rd day of this instant March;

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Frederick Hall);

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.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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[No. 26.]

Wednesday, 5th March 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Tynemouth Water Charges) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection to refer the Bill, if they think fit, to the Local Legislation Committee.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)


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

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the Treaty of Peace Act, 1919, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Treaty of Peace Act, 1919, dated 26th February 1924, entitled the Treaties of Peace Orders (Amendment) Order, 1924.

Copy of Order in Council under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, dated 29th February 1924, relating to the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth.

Copy of Order in Council under the Greenwich Hospital Acts, dated 29th February 1924, approving an Admiralty Memorial relating to appointments and allowances of certain officers connected with Greenwich Hospital School and Greenwich Estate.

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Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, supported by the Adoption of
Duchess of Atholl, Mr. Harvey, Miss Lawrence, Children Bill.
Mr. Petrie-Lawrence, Colonel Buckley, Mr. 
Strang, and Mrs. Wintringham, presented a 
Bill to make further provision for the adoption 
of children by suitable persons: And the same 
was ordered to be read a second time upon 
Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Douglas Hyde, supported by Sir William British 
Bill and Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, presented a 
Museum Bill to confer certain powers on the Trustees 
of the British Museum: And the same was 
ordered to be read a second time upon 
Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Consolidated 
Fund (No. 1) 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 Mr. Speaker's 
the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Certificate. 
Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with 
the following Certificate:—

1 hereby certify that this Bill is a Money 
Bill within the meaning of the Parliament 
Act, 1911. JOHN HENRY WHITLEY, 
(Speaker).

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Trade 
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Facilities Bill 
upon the 27th day of February last, That the 
Trade Facilities Bill be now read a second time; 
And the Question being again proposed:—
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. Frederick Hall, 
Yea, 
Mr. Parkinson : 297. 

Tellers for the Mr. Johnston, 
Noes, 
Mr. Maxton : 43. 

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. William Graham.)

The Order of the day being read, for the London and 
Second Reading of the London and North 
Eastern Railway 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. Robert Morrison.)

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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

[Tellers for the]

Yeas, 192.

Tellers for the

Nos,

Sir Ellis House, 149.
Viscount Ednam.

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

[Mr. Murrough Wilson.]

Yeas, 198.

Tellers for the

Nos,

Mr. Robert Morrison.

Viscount Ednam:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Employment of Young Persons) 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 Union Ballot Bill;

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

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Adlington, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 12th day of February 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

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 resuming Supply [20th February Report.]

the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last. That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution which was then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [21st February Report.]

the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [2nd February Report.]

the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant March;

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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 6th March 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation Bill Ashton-under

was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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

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

The Croydon Corporation Bill was, according Croydon

to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Westminster

Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member for the Borough of Westminster (Abbey Division), in the room of Brigadier-General John Sanctuary Nicholson, deceased.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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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 Kent (Dover Division) in the room of Major The Honourable John Jacob Astor, who, since his election for the said County, hath vacated his seat in Parliament by sitting and voting in this House, without having taken the Oath, or made the Affirmation required by Law.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Mr. Richards presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Rules made by the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, with the sanction of the Governor-General of India in Council, under Section 86 of the Government of India Act, to regulate (1) the discussion of the Annual Financial Statement of the Local Government of Coorg in the Coorg Legislative Council; (2) the discussion of matters of general public interest in the said Council; and (3) the asking of questions in the said Council.

Copy of the Coorg Devolution Rules and Coorg Reservation of Bills Rules, made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Sections 45a and 81a, respectively, read with Section 129a, of the Government of India Act.

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

Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 126 (St. Andrews, No. 25) (Regulations as to Appointment of Readers and as to Admission of Lecturers or Readers as Members of Senate), made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Act, dated 26th February 1924, entitled the Foul and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 30).

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 175a.—Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Hackney and New College Bill [Lords].


Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords].

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Morecambe Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Committees on the Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message from the Lords 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.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Administration Act to amend the law with respect to the jurisdiction and business of the Supreme Court in England, and with respect to the officers and offices thereof, and otherwise with respect to the administration of justice in England: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Administration Act to carry into effect a Treaty of Peace between His Majesty and certain other Powers, the said Treaty being read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] Administration was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Chatham and District Light Railways Company Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

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The House, according to Order, resolved Supply (as allotted) [1st allotted Day] (In the Committee).

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committees on the Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved that a sum not exceeding £1,733,000 be granted

The Order for reading a second time to- morrow the Local Government (Removal of Disqualification) Bill was read, and discharged.

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Civil Services.

CLASS II.

Treasury and Subordinate Departments                               £120,000

CLASS I.

Royal Palaces                                                      35,000
Osborne                                                            5,000
Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens                                   75,000
Houses of Parliament Buildings                                     25,000
Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain                      26,000
Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain                          71,000
Petrel Harbour                                                     11,000
Rates on Government Property                                       740,000
Works and Buildings in Ireland                                     114,000

CLASS II.

House of Lords Offices                                              29,000
House of Commons                                                    120,000
Home Office                                                         200,000
Foreign Office                                                      85,000
Colonial Office                                                     60,000
India Office                                                        40,000
Privy Council Office                                                3,400
Board of Trade                                                      400,000
Department of Overseas Trade                                        100,000
Mercantile Marine Services                                         205,000
Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade                        5

Mines Department of the Board of Trade                             57,500
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries                               1,250,000
Forestry Commission                                                60,000
Ministry of Transport                                               50,000
Charity Commission                                                  14,300
Government Chemist                                                  17,300
Civil Service Commission                                            21,000
Exchequer and Audit Department                                     55,000
Friendly Societies Registry                                         14,500
Government Actuary                                                 12,000
Board of Control                                                    225,000
Minst, including Coinage                                            150,000
National Debt Office                                                6,000
Public Record Office                                                13,000
Public Works Loan Commission                                       5
Registrar General's Office                                          30,000
State Management Districts                                         10
Stationery and Printing                                             550,000
Woods, Forests, &c., Office of Wales                               10,000
Works and Public Buildings, Office                                  190,000
Secret Service                                                      75,000
Privy Seal Office                                                   2,500

Scotland:

Secretary for Scotland, Office of the Board of Agriculture          20,000
Board of Agriculture                                                120,000
Fishery Board                                                       15,300
General Board of Control                                            29,200
Registrar General's Office                                          5,000

Northern Ireland Services                                          20,000

CLASS III.

Law Charges                                                         100,000
Miscellaneous Legal Expenses                                       35,000
Supreme Court of Judicature, &c.                                   200,000
Land Registry                                                      30,000
Public Trusteee                                                     5
County Courts                                                       5
Police, England and Wales                                          3,050,000
Prisons, England and Wales                                         450,000
Reform and Industrial Schools, England and Wales                   100,000
Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum                                  26,000

Scotland:

Law Charges and Courts of Law                                      35,000
Scottish Land Court                                                4,500
Register House, Edinburgh                                          24,500
Police                                                             350,000
Prisons                                                            74,000
Reform and Industrial Schools, Scotland                            26,000

Ireland:

Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland                 19,000
Land Purchase Commission, Northern Ireland                          1,000,000

CLASS IV.

Board of Education                                                  16,000,000
British Museum                                                      120,000
National Gallery                                                    17,000
National Portrait Gallery                                           2,000
Wallace Collection                                                  4,000
London Museum                                                       1,600
Imperial War Museum                                                 5,000
Scientific Investigation, &c.                                      88,000
Scientific and Industrial Research, Department of                  125,000
Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Intermediate Educa-

Scotland:

Public Education                                                    2,750,000
National Galleries                                                  5,000

CLASS V.

Diplomatic and Consular Services                                   550,000
Colonial Services                                                   400,000
Overseas Settlement                                                 219,000
Middle Eastern Services                                            2,800,000
Telegraph Subsidy                                                   4,000
League of Nations                                                    35,000

CLASS VI.

Superannuation and Retired Allowances                               625,000
Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c.                              650,000
Old Age Pension                                                     10,000,000
Ministry of Pensions                                                22,100,000
Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions                                      180,000
Miscellaneous Expenses                                              2,780
Royal Commissions, &c.                                              42,000
National Savings Committee                                          27,000
Imperial War Graves Commission                                     100,000
Expenses under the Representation of the People Act                 100,000
Development Fund                                                     50,000
British Empire Exhibition                                          56,000

CLASS VII.

Ministry of Health                                                   7,000,000
Scottish Board of Health                                            600,000
Ministry of Labour                                                  5,300,000
National Insurance Audit Department                                56,000

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, Yes.

Mr. Daniel Somerville; No.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Frederick Hall, No.

Mr. Warne: Yes.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed. That Item Class 2, Vote 16 (Ministry of Transport), be reduced by £100—(Mr. Guinness):

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman stated, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the Vote,

Question, That Item Class 2, Vote 16 (Ministry of Transport) be reduced by £100, put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman stated, that the House, at the desire of the Lords, had declared the Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and asserting, that the Lords thereby authorised had declared 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 follows:—

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1924.
2. Diseases of Animals Act, 1924.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That Item Class 2, Vote 3 (Treasury and Subordinate Departments), be reduced by £100, Question put.

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Total for Civil Services and Revenue Departments (including Services arising out of the War) £114,733,000

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed. That Item Class 2, Vote 3 (Treasury and Subordinate Departments), be reduced by £100—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel):

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Gentleman 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, 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 follows:

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1924.
2. Diseases of Animals Act, 1924.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply [20th February] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply [21st February] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply [25th February] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply [3rd March] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply [5th March] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply [25th February] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [21st February] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [25th February] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [3rd March] Report.

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [5th March] Report.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trade Facilities Bill:

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

Resolved, That it is expedient that a Select Committee of this House be appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords to consider the desirability of altering the customary period of the Parliamentary Session and the incidental changes necessary thereto. — (Mr. Griffiths.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine such of the Estimates presented to this House as may seem fit to the Committee, and to suggest the form in which the Estimates shall be presented for examination, and to report what, if any, economies, consistent with the policy implied in those Estimates, may be effected therein.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Twenty-eight Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Ackroyd, Mr. Black, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Charlton, Sir Henry Craik, Captain Viscount Curzon, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Harmsworth, Mr. Haycock, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Patrick-Lawrence, Mr. MacLinder, Sir John Marriot, Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, Mr. Mowd, Mr. Murray, Sir John Pennefather, Sir Philip Pidditch, Mr. Rose, Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. D. G. Somerville, Colonel Spender-Clay, Mr. Graham White, Colonel Penny Williams, Sir Frederic Wise, and Mr. Andrew Young.

Ordered, That Seven be the quorum of the Committee:

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House.

Ordered, That the Committee have power, if they so determine, to appoint one or more Sub-Committees, and in that event to apportion the subjects referred to the Committee between the Sub-Committees, any of which shall have the full powers of the undivided Committee; and that Four be the quorum of any of the Sub-Committees.

Ordered, That the Committee do report any evidence taken by the Committee or by any of the Sub-Committees to the House. — (Mr. Griffiths.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) 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 Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) 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 Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill:

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

The Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Thames Conservancy Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

A Bill to empower the London County Council to construct and work tramways; to make a new street, street improvements, and other works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Wheatley presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Leyton, Plymouth, Reading, Rugby Joint Hospital District, Scarborough, (No. 2) Bill, and Worsley: 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. William Adams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Bill by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under
Section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, that they are of opinion that the provisions of the Grampian Electricity Supply Order are of such a character and raise such questions of policy and principle that they ought to be dealt with by Private Bill, and not by Provisional Order.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 175a.—Copy of Report by the Attorney General on the Croydon Corporation Bill.

Ordered. That the Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Census of England and Wales, 1921, County of Pembroke.

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

Mr. Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection. That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Rent Restrictions Bill):—Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Wheatley; and had appointed in substitution: Dr. Haden Guest and Mr. James Stewart.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Inskip, supported by Sir Leonard Brassey, Sir Robert Nevenus, Mrs. Wintringham, Mr. Mosley, Colonel Courthope, and Mr. Simon, presented a Bill to make further provision for the adoption of children by suitable persons: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment 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:

Dr. Chapple moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, put the Question thereupon forthwith:

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

Tellers for the [Dr. Chapple,]
Yea: 
(219)
Noes, 
[Captain Berkeley :]
176:

Tellers for the [Mr. Lamb,]
Mr. Hogge,
Yea: 
(Sir Douglas Newton :)
184:
Noes, 
(Mr. Broad :)
158:

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Children, Second Reading of the Children, Young Persons, &c., Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Union Ballot Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Judicial Reports) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, being then eighteen minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

Name of Bill. Standing Committee.

Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill. A.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. William Graham 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 the Year ending on the 31st day of March 1923.

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

Mr. Secretary Walsh presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum relating to the claim to Officers' Retired Pay of certain Army pensioners, who received temporary commissions in the Army during the war.

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

Mr. Ponsoby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Czechoslovakia respecting the accession of a certain British Dominions and India to the Agreement between Great Britain and the Czechoslovak Republic, of 31st January 1923, relative to Commercial Travellers' Samples. London, 19th December 1923 and 2nd January 1924 (in continuation of Treaty Series (No. 19, 1923).

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

Mr. Morgan Jones reported from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant March a Resolution; which was read, and was allotted Day:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924–25 (Vote on Account).

That a sum not exceeding £114,733,000 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 1925, viz.:

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Mr. Nicholson from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Captain Wedgwood Benn and Colonel Sir Frederick Hall; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Wilberforce Allen and Major Colfax.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Class II.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution which was then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of February last;

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 21st day of February last;

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 25th day of February last;

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 3rd day of this instant March;

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.

Ways and Means.

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

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

Trade Facilities Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trade Facilities Bill;

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

Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill;

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

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

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

Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords];

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

Moveable Dwellings Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Moveable Dwellings Bill;

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

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Tuesday, 11th March 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

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, have been complied with, viz.:

- Chatham and District Light Railways Company Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in respect of the following Bills, introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with viz.:

- Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill (substituted Bill).
- Lanarkshire Hydro-Electric Power Bill (substituted Bill).

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

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

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended 31st March 1923, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon the Store Accounts of the Air Force.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for 1922-23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon the Store Accounts of the Army.

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

Ordered, That the said appropriation Accounts be printed.

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for 1922-23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon the Store Accounts of the Army.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Fleets of the British Empire, United States of America, Japan, France, Italy, Russia, and Germany, on the 1st day of February 1924, omitting obsolete ships of all classes, and distinguishing, both built and building, Battleships, Battle Cruisers, Cruisers, Light Cruisers, Cruiser Mine-layers, Armoured Coast Defence Vessels and Monitors, Aircraft Carriers, Flotilla Leaders, Torpedo-boat Destroyers, Torpedo Boats, Submarines, Sloops, Coastal Motor Boats, Gunboats and Despatch Vessels, and River Gunboats:

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

Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Urban District of Tottenham.

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

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the Universities and Cambridge Acts, 1877 and 1923, by the Governing Body of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, on 8th May 1923, and sealed by the University of Cambridge Commissioners on the 13th December 1923, amending Chapters XIII. and XIX. of the College Statutes.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson 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 of State for the Home Department:

Urban District of Tottenham.

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

Ordered, That the said Appropriation Accounts be printed.

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for 1922-23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon the Store Accounts of the Army.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday the 21st day of this instant March, the Registration of Theatrical Employers Bill was read, and discharged. 

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill):—Mr. Gates, Percy Harris, Sir William Joyson-Hicks, Mr. Keens, Mr. Lausbury, Miss Lawrence, Lord Eustace Percy, Mr. Trevorlyan Thomson, Mr. Wheatsley, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Mr. Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment Bill):—Mr. William Murdock Johnson, Mr. Amery, Sir William Bull, Sir Geoffrey Butler, Lord Hugh Cecil, Mr. Rhys Davies, Mr. Foot, Mr. Arthur Henderson (Cardiff), Mr. Geoffrey Howard, Miss Jesson, Sir William Joyson-Hicks, Mr. Philip Oliver, Mr. Annesley Somerville, Mr. Turner, and Mrs. Winteringham. 

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hartshorn presented a Bill to extend the time for the completion of works under the Post Office (London) Railway Act, 1913: 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable persons to sell to the public Ice Cream and Mineral Waters between the hours of 9.30 p.m. and midnight, both on and off the premises.—(Mr. Becker);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Becker accordingly presented a Bill to enable persons to sell to the public Ice Cream and Mineral Waters between the hours of 9.30 p.m. and midnight, both on and off the premises: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Air Estimates)—(Mr. Leach):—

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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 national interests it is essential that the Air Force should be administered in such a way as to ensure adequate protection against air attacks by the strongest air force within striking distance of our shores, and to foster and assist civil aviation, and to secure economy and increased efficiency in regard to construction, equipment, personnel, research, and routine"—(Mr. Penny), 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; Mr. Clynes 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:—

Tellers for the [Mr. Snoor, Yes, 269, 195, Mr. Frederick Hall;]

Tellers for the [Mr. Penny, Noes, Major Windsor Clive:]

So 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 Supply, the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Air Estimates, 1924–25.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Air Forces, not exceeding 35,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925:—

And it being after a quarter past Eight of the clock, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Proposed, That this House views with concern the continued depression in the Fishing Industry of Great Britain and urges upon His Majesty's Government the desirability of assisting the industry by taking such steps as may be practicable to provide the maximum amount of employment for British fishermen, to ensure an adequate supply of British-caught fish for Home consumption, to secure the immediate opening up of all Foreign markets, to obtain international agreement on the division of territorial waters, and to promote the scientific development and general interests of the Fishing Industry—(Mr. Rentoul):—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Rentoul rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, as he thought that the House was willing to come to a decision without that Motion.

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House views with concern the continued depression in the Fishing Industry of Great Britain and urges upon His Majesty’s Government the desirability of assisting the industry by taking such steps as may be practicable to provide the maximum amount of employment for British fishermen, to ensure an adequate supply of British-caught fish for Home consumption, to obtain international agreement on the question of territorial waters, and to promote the scientific development and general interests of the Fishing Industry.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regulation of Railways Bill:

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

Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a number of Air Forces, not exceeding 35,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925, resumed.

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 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That this House do now adjourn to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Resolution which was then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of February last;

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 21st day of February last;

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 25th day of February last;

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 25th day of February last;

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 3rd 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 Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (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 Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Board of Second Reading of the Board of Education Scheme (Female Orphan Asylum, &c.) Confirmation Bill;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Frederick Hall);

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.

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEE.


J. H. Whitley,
Speaker.

11th March 1924.
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[No. 31.]

Wednesday, 12th March 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Post Office (London) Railway Bill with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 29th February 1924:

(1) The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 32).

(2) Authorising the landing of two blackbucks in the port of Southampton.

(3) Amending the Foreign Animals Order of 1910 to read and have effect as if the United States of America were included in the prohibited countries and parts of countries specified in the First Schedule to the Foreign Animals Order of 1910.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Licence granted to a Convict under the Penal Servitude Acts, discharging her from Liverpool Convict Prison on condition that she enters a home.

Copy of Form of Annual Accounts and Statement to be made by a Society under the Penal Servitude Acts, as amended by the Penal Servitude Acts, 1874-94, prescribed for general use by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

Mr. Webb presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return showing all claims made on any Government department on or before 11th March 1924 additional to those enumerated in the Return entitled “War Charges (Validity) Bill,” dated 7th June 1923.

Mr. Webb also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report on an application by the Grantham Gas Company to the Board of Trade under the Public Utility Companies (Capital Issues) Act, 1920.

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

Sir Arthur Shirley Bean reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills: That the parties opposing the Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries) Bill had stated that the evidence of Claude Cresland Taylor, of Crane House, Chester, was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Claude Cresland Taylor do attend the said Committee this day, at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That Claude Cresland Taylor do attend the Committee on Group A of Private Bills this day, at Three of the clock.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Queen’s Ferry Bridge Bill.

Bridge 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 Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

Ordered, That after conferring with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Bills introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, should be first considered, they had determined that the following Bills should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:

Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill (substituted Bill).

Lanarkshire Hydro-Electric Power Bill (substituted Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Nicholson reported from the Committee Selection of Committees: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Major Colfax and Major Kindersley.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords:

Standing Joint Committee on Indian Affairs:

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House with the following:

The Lords concur in the Resolution communicated by this House; That it is expedient that a Select Committee of the Commons be appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords to consider the desirability of altering the customary period of the Parliamentary Session and the incidental changes necessary thereto.

The Lords have come to the following Indian Affairs Resolution, viz., That it is desirable that a Standing Joint Committee on Indian Affairs of both Houses of Parliament be appointed to examine and report on any Bill or matter referred to them specifically by either House of Parliament, and to consider, with a view to reporting, if necessary, thereon any matter relating to Indian Affairs brought to the notice of the Committee by the Secretary of State for India.
Protection of Animals.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the operation of the Protection of Animals Act, 1911, in respect of animals kept in captivity or confinement and released for the purpose of being hunted or crouse.<ref>(Mr. Foot.)</ref>

Mr. Speaker puts Question (pursuant to S.O. No. 11.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who 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 Mr. Foot, Mr. Edmund Harvey, Mr. Bohouse, Miss Jevon, Mr. Lansbury, Sir Robert Nevan, Mr. Pellick-Lawrence, Sir Philip Richardson, Sir Leslie Scott, Mr. Skeyngour, Mr. Vivian, and Mrs. Wintringham do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Foot accordingly presented a Bill to extend the operation of the Protection of Animals Act, 1911, in respect of animals kept in captivity or confinement and released for the purpose of being hunted or crouse. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Trade Facilities Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Facilities Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Increase of amount of loans which may be guaranteed under 11 & 12 Geo. 5. c. 65, and extension of period for giving of guarantees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words "and of this amount guarantees to the extent of ten million pounds shall be allocated exclusively to capital undertakings for agricultural districts such as light railways, reclamation of land, drainage, co-operative storage facilities, depôts, co-operative factories, roads, and such other agricultural purposes as shall be determined."—(Mr. Mond.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising.

Mr. Clynes 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 <ref>[Mr. Frederick Hall, 254.]
Mr. Griffiths : 263.</ref>

Tellers for the <ref>[Sir Frederick Hall, 114.]
Mr. Arthur Michael, Samuel : 134.</ref>

Question, That those words be there inserted, put accordingly, and negatived;

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words "subject to the proviso that at least seven million five hundred thousand pounds of the aggregate capital amount of the loans to be guaranteed shall be made available for the guarantee of loans not exceeding ten thousand pounds each."—(Mr. Franklin.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising;

Mr. William Graham rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put (pursuant to S.O. Closure of Debate.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the <ref>[Mr. Frederick Hall, 254.]
Mr. Griffiths : 263.</ref>

Tellers for the <ref>[Sir Frederick Hall, 114.]
Mr. Arthur Michael, Samuel : 134.</ref>

Question, That those words be there inserted, put accordingly, and negatived;

And it being a quarter-past 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 Thames Second Reading of the Thames Conservancy Bill;

And a Motion was 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. Herbert Morrison.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Gilbert rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House adjourned.

Mr. Gilbert rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:—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 <ref>[Mr. Gilbert, 240.]
Sir Herbert Nield : 61.</ref>

Tellers for the <ref>[Captain Terrell, 260.]
Mr. Gray : 61.</ref>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Bill; Shipping Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Motor Cycle Second Reading of the Motor Cycle Races Bill; Races 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 Fairs 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 Health Acts (Amendment) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Removal of Disqualification) (No. 2) 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 Moveable Dwellings 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 Adoption of Children 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 Union Ballot Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Postponed Proceeding on the Trade Facilities Bill resumed; 
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.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution which was then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of February last; 
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 25th day of February last; 
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 3rd day of this instant March; 
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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Board of Education Scheme (Female Board of Orphan Asylum, &c.) Confirmation 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. Morgan Jones.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Frederick Hall); 

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.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz. —

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this morning.

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. —

Lancashire Asylums Board [Lords].

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

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the City of London (Various 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 Southern Railway Bill,

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

A Bill to confer further powers upon the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway 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. James Stewart, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, presented a Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the said Paper to be true; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Richards presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, copy of Amendments to Rules of the General Nursing Council for Scotland under the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919.

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

Mr. Ammon presented, — Return to an Order, FLEETS (British Empire and Foreign Countries) dated the 11th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Fleets (British Empire and Foreign Countries).

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

Mr. Wheatley, by His Majesty’s Command, presented the Seventy-first Commission to�p the prices of Building Materials.

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

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the Order Gas House of the 4th day of this instant March, for a Return to an Order, FLEETS (British Empire and Foreign Countries).

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Charity Commissioners, London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company, the London and North Eastern Railway Company, the Great Central and Midland Joint Committee, and the Great Central and North Staffordshire Railway Committee, to the Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Marple Urban District Council.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Select Committee on the Special Order.

Mr. Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Birkenhead Corporation Corporation (Ferries) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, 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.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That, (Group A) for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Nicholson reported from the Committee Selection Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That, (Group A) for the convenience of parties, the Committee had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A Standing Committee on the Representation of the Committee A. People Act (1918) Amendment Bill; — Mr. Arthur Henderson (Cardiff); and had appointed in substitution : Mr. Secretary Henderson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
And the Question being put:

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1924-25.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces not exceeding 161,600, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925:

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 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 resuming Supply [20th February] the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of February last:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [21st February] the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [25th] the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [3rd March] the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant March:

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (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 Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Board of Education Scheme (Female Orphan Asylum, &c.) Confirmation 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 Post Office (London) Railway 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 Trade Facilities Bill;
Resolved, 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 Amendment which, upon the 15th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Temperance (Wales) 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 Hours of Employment (No. 2) 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 Education (Employment of Young Persons) 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 Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment 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 Fairs Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
17th March.

[No. 34.]

Monday, 17th March 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

London and North Eastern Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

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, introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1889, the Standing Orders applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Grampian Electricity Supply Bill (substituted Bill).

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of March, That in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Post Office (London) Railway Bill.

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 on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

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

The Chatham and District Light Railways Company Bill [ Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

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

Mr. Webb, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Charges to which the proposed Ways and Means Resolution relative to War Charges (Validity) is intended to apply.

Mr. Webb also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Account of the Sums received and paid by the Board of Trade in respect of the Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen from 1st April 1922 to 31st March 1923.

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

Mr. Buxton, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts,—

(1) Authorising the landing of four Reindeer at the Port of Hull, dated 5th March 1924;
(2) The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 34), dated 7th March 1924.

Copy of Agricultural Councils (Provincial) Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Regulations, 1924, dated 11th March 1924, made under the Ministry of Agriculture and Act, 1919.

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

Mr. Goulmy, presented, by His Majesty's Electric Lighting Command,—Copy of Special Report by the (Supply) Acts, Electricity Commissioners under Section 1 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, on the Burgess Hill and District Electricity Special Order, 1924, dispensing with the consent of the Chailey Rural District Council.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Halifax Standing Order 175,—Copy of Report by the Corporation Attorney General on the Halifax Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Wheatley, presented, pursuant to the Consent directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Census of England and Wales, 1921, County of Cardigan.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Unemployment Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics relat- ing to Financial Provision for Relief of Unemployment (including Post-War Resettle- ment of ex-Members of His Majesty's Forces) from the Armistice.

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

The Duchess of Atholl, supported by Mr. Adoption of Children Frederick Thomson, Colonel Sir John Gilmour, Mrs. Philipson, Earl of Dalkieth, Mr. Andrew Bi Young, and Sir Murdoch MacDonald, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the adoption of Children in Scotland by suitable persons: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That notwithstanding anything in Business of Standing Order No. 15, the Proceedings of the House, Committee of Supply and Proceedings on Reports of Supply may be taken this day after Eleven of the clock, and the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—

(Mr. Clynes.)

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Ordered, That until the end of the financial year, Government Business do have precedence at every sitting.—(Mr. Clynes.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1924-25.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces not exceeding 161,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty’s Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number, not exceeding 11,600, be maintained for the said Service—(Mr. Ayles) —Debate arising;

Mr. Secretary Walsh rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That a number, not exceeding 11,600, be maintained for the Service.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Thurtle : ) 13. Tellers for the Nays, (Mr. Kennedy: ) 347.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. That a sum not exceeding £18,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account, for defraying the charges for Army Services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925, viz.:

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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.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply [20th February Report. the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution which was then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of February last:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [21st the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [25th the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [3d the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means; Committee of Supply, 1924-25.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Board of Education Scheme (Female Orphan Asylum, &c.) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Board of Scheme (Female Orphan Asylum, &c.) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office (London Railway Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Facilities Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
14 Geo. V. 17th—18th March, 1924.

Indian Affairs. Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message of the 12th day of this instant March as communicates the Resolution, That it is desirable that a Standing Joint Committee on Indian Affairs of both Houses of Parliament be appointed to examine and report on any Bill or matter referred to them specifically by either House of Parliament, and to consider, with a view to reporting, if necessary, thereon any matters relating to Indian Affairs brought to the notice of the Committee by the Secretary of State for India, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Griffiths.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the Lords' Message into consideration.

Ordered, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(Mr. Griffiths.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Parliamentary Elections (Alternative Vote) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Alternative Vote) Bill;

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

British Museum Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Museum Bill;

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

Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill;

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

Merchant Shipping Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Bill;

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

Motor Cycle Races Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Cycle Races Bill;

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

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill;

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

Moveable Dwellings Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Moveable Dwellings Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of April next.

Adoption of Children Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adoption of Children Bill;

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

Trade Union Ballot Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union Ballot Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Temperance (Wales) Bill, which, upon the 13th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Temperance (Wales) 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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of Children (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Temperance (Wales) Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be restored to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Question, Which, upon the 15th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Temperance (Wales) Bill be read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Frederick Hall);

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.

[No. 35.]

Tuesday, 18th March 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The following Member took and subscribed Member takes the Oath:—

Harper Parker, Esquire, for the Borough of Stoke-on-Trent (Hanley Division).

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Grampian Electricity Supply Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts, 1877 and 1923, by the Governing Body of Clare College, Cambridge, on 13th November 1923, and approved by the University of Cambridge Commissioners on 13th January 1924, altering Statute 25 of the College.

Copy of Statutes made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts, 1877 and 1923, by the Governing Body of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, on 28th November 1923, and approved by the University of Cambridge Commissioners on 13th January 1924, amending Statutes 31 and 40 of the College.

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

Mr. Powney presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Spain further renewing the Arbitration Agreement between the United Kingdom and Spain of 27th February 1904, London, 9th February 1924 [in continuation of Treaty Series No. 2, 1919].

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Rule proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prison Acts, 1877 and 1898, with respect to the constitution of the Visiting Committee of Bedford Prison.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws in Session 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Rendall reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment Bill)—Mr. Abery; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Leslie Scott.

Mr. Rendall further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee B:—Sir Vansittart Bouverie and Lord Hunsingford.

Mr. Rendall further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Sir Henry Buckingham; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Everskine.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, supported by Mr. Keens and Mr. Pringle, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Bankruptcy: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. John Robertson : 304.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Hugh Seely, Mr. Harcourt Johnstone : 114.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply Committee of Supply.

(November.)

Navy Estimates, 1924-25.

Temporary Laws.

No. 42.

Standing Committee B.

Standing Committee B.

Bankruptcy Bill.

Bill 76.
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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 21st day of February last;  
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 25th day of February last;  
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 3rd day of this instant March;  
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 17th day of this instant March;  
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.

Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Board of Education Scheme (Female Orphan Asylum, &c.) Continuance Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Post Office (London) Railway Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Trade Facilities Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trade Facilities Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Ice Cream, Second Reading of the Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Removal of Disqualification) (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Alternative Vote) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Second Reading of the Small Landholders Acts (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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 ten minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 36.]

Wednesday, 19th March 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE House proceeded to take into con-  

sideration the Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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

Mr. Wheatley presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Watford: 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. Secretary Henderson 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 of State for the Home Department:—

County Borough of Southport.

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

Mr. Turtown reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Sir George McCrae to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr Speaker acquainted the House, That the Lords have agreed to the Whitehills Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Leith Harbour and Docks Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

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

The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:—

Cahir Healy, Esquire, for the County of Fermanagh and Tyrone.

Mr. William Adams, supported by Mr. James Stewart, presented a Bill to amend the Law of Scotland relating to payment by instalments of sums decreed for in small debt courts, and to the arrestment of wages: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Harris, supported by Mr. Atholl Robertson, Mr. Lansbury, Sir Robert Newman, Mr. Percy Harris, Mr. Ayles, Dr. Chaplin, Mr. Edward Harvey, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Mills, presented a Bill to remove the disqualification of Clerks in Holy Orders and other Ministers of Religion as Members of the House of Commons and as Municipal Councillors: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove doubt as to the legality of certain payments by the Councils of Boroughs, including Metropolitan Boroughs: And that

Sir Douglas Newton, Mr. Snell, Sir John Harwood-Bannister, Mr. George Thorne, and Sir Charles Wilson do prepare and bring it in.

Sir Douglas Newton accordingly presented a Bill to remove doubt as to the legality of certain payments by the Councils of Boroughs, including Metropolitan Boroughs: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Business of Supply be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Supplementary Estimates, 1923-24.

Class VI.

1. £100,000, Supplementary, for the payment of Old Age Pensions, for certain Administrative Expenses in connection therewith, and for Pensions under the Blind Persons Act, 1920.

2. £10, Supplementary, for Expenditure in connection with Ex-Service Officers and Men in Ireland, including Grants for Education and Resettlement, Pensions Appeal Tribunals, and a Grant in Aid to the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust.

3. £118,000, for Expenditure in connection with a British Government Exhibit and Sundry Displays at the British Empire Exhibition, 1924.

Unclassified Services.

4. £10, Supplementary, for the payment of Compensation for Criminal Injuries, Medical and Nursing Expenses of Crown Employees who have been maliciously injured, Advances in respect of prospective Awards of Compensation for Criminal Injuries and of Arrears of Rent and other sums payable under the Land Act, 1923, of the Irish Free State, and Grants to Refugees for the Relief of Distress.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £543,336 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 1924 for Grants in Aid of Northern Ireland, including Compensation for Damage arising out of the disturbed condition of Ireland and Provision of Buildings and Assignment of Assets under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £543,336 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Pringle.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pringle, Yeas, Mr. Harbison : 81.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Hall, Noes, Mr. Warne : 240.]

Original Question put, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of (Supply)
Accounts Special Orders made by the Electricity Com-
misstoners, and confirmed by the Minister of
Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of—

(1) Parts of the Borough of Andover and of
the Rural District of Andover, in the
County of Southampton.

(2) The Urban District of Maesteg, in the
County of Glamorgan.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to High Court of
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual (Northern)
Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the (Ireland)
Probate Division of the High Court of Justice, Probate
Northern Ireland, for the year 1925.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Supreme
a Copy of Account of Receipts and Payments Court (Prize, Court
of the Accounting Officer of the Vote for the (Northern)
Supreme Court on behalf of the Admiralty 1922-23.)
Division in Prize for the year ended the 31st
day of March 1923 and for the period 4th day
of August 1914 to 31st day of March 1923,
together with Copy of the Correspondence
with the Comptroller and Auditor General
thereon.—(Mr. William Graham.)

Sir George McCroie reported from Standing Standing
Committee B, to whom the Local Authorities Local
Committee, (Emergency Provisions) Bill was referred:
That they had gone through the Bill, and had
directed him to report the same, without
Amendment, to the House.

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, not amended in the
Standing Committee, be taken into con-
sideration to-morrow.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Local
Legislation Committee; That in the case of
the Rawtenstall Corporation Bill 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 Amend-
ments thereunto.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Conveyancing Wednesday next, the Conveyancing (Scotland) (Scotland)
Amendment Bill was read, and discharged ; Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of April next.
Ordered, That notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, the Proceedings of the Committee of Supply may be taken this day after Eleven of the clock, and the Proceedings of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means be exempted at this day’s Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Air Estimates, 1924–25.

1. That a number of Air Forces not exceeding 35,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925.

2. £2,941,000 for Pay, &c., of His Majesty’s Air Force at Home and Abroad.

3. £2,127,000 for Works, Buildings, Repairs, and Lands of the Air Force, including Civilian Staff and other charges connected therewith.

4. £1,452,000 for Quartering, Stores (except Technical), Supplies, and Transport of the Air Force.

5. £5,700,000 for Technical and Warlike Stores of the Air Force (including Experimental and Research Services).


6. That 100,500 Officers, Seamen, Boys, and Royal Marines be employed for the Sea Service, together with 287 for the Marine Police, borne on the books of His Majesty’s Ships and at the Royal Marine Divisions for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925;

Friday, 21st March 1924:

7. £14,245,000 for Wages, &c., of Officers, Seamen, Boys, and Royal Marines.

8. £3,080,000 for Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other charges connected therewith.

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 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 ended on the 31st day of March 1923, the sum of £10 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. William Graham.)

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 1924, the sum of £5,765,728 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. William Graham.)

3. Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925, the sum of £102,278,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. William Graham.)

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 receiving Supply [17th March] the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 17th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply [20th February] the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [February Report.]

upon the 25th day of February last, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution which was then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [21st March] the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [25th February] the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [3rd March] the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [19th March] the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency
Provisions Continuance (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 Administration of
Justice 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 Treaty of Peace (Turkey)
Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved
itself into a Committee on the Board of
Education Scheme (Female Orphan Asylum, 
&c.) Confirmation 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 Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Post Office (London)
Railway 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 Trade Facilities 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 Hours of Employment
(No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Education (Employment
of Young Persons) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks
Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment 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 Merchant Shipping Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Trade Union Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Adoption of Children Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Local Government Acts (Removal of Disqualification) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
Bill upon Wednesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the
Marriage Degrees of Relationship Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to
1919) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

Mr. William Graham presented,—Return to Supreme
Court (Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1922–23. 
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon
No. 44. the Table: and be printed.

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 eleven minutes after Twelve
of the clock on Friday morning, till this
day.
21st March. 1924.

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 1924 for Expenditure in connection with Ex-Service Officers and Men in Ireland, including Grants for Education and Resettlement, Pensions Appeal Tribunals, and a Grant in Aid to the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust.

3. That a sum not exceeding £118,000 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 1924 for Expenditure in connection with a British Empire Exhibit and Sundry Displays at the British Empire Exhibition, 1924.

Unclassified Services.

4. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £543,336 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 1924 for the payment of Compensation for Criminal Injuries, Medical and Nursing Expenses of Crown Employees who have been maliciously injured, Advances in respect of prospective Awards of Compensation for Criminal Injuries and of Arrears of Rent and other sums payable under the Land Act, 1923, of the Irish Free State, and Grants to Refugees for the Relief of Distress.

5. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £89,100 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 1924 for Expenditure in connection with the British Empire Exhibition.

Class II.

6. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £569 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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Lord Privy Seal.

Class III.

7. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £104,200 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 1924 for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses, for the Salaries and Expenses of Arbitrators, &c., under the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919, for the Salaries and Expenses of the War Compensation Court, under the Indemnity Act, 1920, for the payment of Compensation and Legal, &c., Expenses under the Restoration of Order in Ireland (Indemnity) Act, 1923, and for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Incorporated Law Society of England.

Civil Services (Excess), 1922–23.

8. That a sum not exceeding £10 be granted to His Majesty, to make good an excess on the Grant for the Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1923.
The First Two Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Third Resolution being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by leaving out "£118,000," and inserting "£117,900"—(Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£118,000" stand part of the Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Fourth and Fifth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Sixth Resolution being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by leaving out "£529," and inserting "£469"—(Sir Kingsley Wood),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£569" stand part of the Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Kennedy reported from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments
Supplementary Estimates, 1923–24.

Class I.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £34,500 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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Health, including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, &c., sundry Contributions and Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1922, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Special Services arising out of the War.

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

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £168,460 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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Scottish Board of Health, including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, &c., sundry Contributions and Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1922, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Special Services arising out of the War.

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

3. 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 1924 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Scottish Board of Health, including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, &c., sundry Contributions and Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1922, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Special Services arising out of the War.

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

Mr. Kennedy reported from the Committee Supply [25th February] Report.

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Civil Services and Revenue Departments
Supplementary Estimates, 1923–24.

Class V.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £5,006,504 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 1924 for the Expenses in connection with His Majesty's Embassies, Missions, and Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable to the Consular Vote, including the transport and relief of refugees in the Near East, and the relief of distress in Japan.

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

Mr. Kennedy reported from the Committee Supply [3rd Supply of the 3rd day of this instant March] Report.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments
Supplementary Estimates, 1923–24.

Class V.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £5,006,504 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 1924 for the Expenses in connection with His Majesty's Embassies, Missions, and Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable to the Consular Vote, including the transport and relief of refugees in the Near East, and the relief of distress in Japan.

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 Supply of the 17th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Kennedy.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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Monday, 24th March 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries) 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 Queen's Ferry Bridge Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Resolutions relating to Imperial Preference passed at the Imperial Economic Conference, 1917, and the Imperial Economic Conference, 1923, together with detailed statements of the proposals laid before the Imperial Economic Conference, 1923, and of the Preference in force from 1919 to 1924.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Home Secretary by the Departmental Committee appointed to inquire and consider respecting the arrangements for dealing with large crowds at athletic grounds and on other special occasions.

Copy of Report of the Committee appointed Police Service to consider possible readjustment in the standard conditions of the service of the Police Forces in Great Britain.

Mr. Secretary Henderson also presented, Shops Act, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1912, of the Shop Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

County of Buckingham.

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

Mr. Buxton presented pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts:

(1) The Foreign Animals Order of 1924, dated 14th March 1924.

(2) Authorising the landing of a consignment of Sheep and Goats at the Port of Southampton, dated 17th March 1924.

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

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Interim Report by a Committee:

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command, Report of the Committee appointed to inquire and consider possible readjustment in the standard conditions of the service of the Police Forces in Great Britain.

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

Mr. Webb presented, by His Majesty's Industrial Court Act, 1919, concerning the Stoppage of the London Tramway and Omnibus Services, 1924, of 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 Second Schedule containing a List of Public And Particulars of certain classes of Documents existing in the Ministry of Pensions, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Ministry of Pensions.

Brigadier-General Cockrell, supported by the Performing Duchess of Atholl, Captain Bower, Mr. Foot, Sir Sydney Henn, Miss Jesson, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Sir Robert Newman, Colonel Asheton-Pownall, Lady Terrington,
Mr. Wignall, and Mrs. Winningham, presented a Bill to regulate the exhibition and training of performing animals: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wheatley, supported by Mr. William Adamson, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, and Mr. James Stewart, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the cost of medical benefit and to the expenses of the administration of benefits under the Acts relating to National Health Insurance, and to amend section twenty-nine of the National Health Insurance Act, 1918, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, the Proceedings on Reports of Supply may be taken this day after Eleven of the clock, and be exempted at this day’s Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

Mr. Lunn reported from the Committee of Supply of the 17th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Head of Cost. | Amount required.
--- | ---
Head I. - Maintenance of Standing Army | £10,000,000
Head II. - Territorial Army and Reserve Forces | £2,000,000
Head III. - Educational, &c., Establishments and Working Expenses of Hospitals, Depots, &c. | £2,000,000
Head IV. - War Office, Staff of Commands, &c. | £500,000
Head V. - Capital Accounts | £800,000
Head VI. - Terminal and Miscellaneous Charges, &c. | £700,000
Head VII. - Half-pay, Retired pay, Pensions, &c. | £2,000,000
Total to be voted | £18,000,000

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

Mr. Leach reported from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Air Estimates, 1924–25.
1. That a number of Air Forces not exceeding 35,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925.

2. That a sum not exceeding £2,941,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Pay, &c., of His Majesty’s Air Force at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925.

3. That a sum not exceeding £2,127,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Works, Buildings, Repairs, and Lands of the Air Force, including Civilian Staff and other charges connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925.

4. That a sum not exceeding £1,432,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Quartering, Stores (except Technical), Supplies, and Transport of the Air Force, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925.

5. That a sum not exceeding £5,790,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Technical and Warlike Stores of the Air Force (including Experimental and Research Services), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925.

6. That 100,500 Officers, Seamen, Boys, and Royal Marines be employed for the Sea Service, together with 297 for the Marine Police borne on the books of His Majesty’s Ships and at the Royal Marine Divisions, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925.

7. That a sum not exceeding £14,245,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Wages, &c., of Officers, Seamen, Boys, and Royal Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925.

8. That a sum not exceeding £3,080,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other charges connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army and Air Force: And that Mr. Secretary Walsh and Mr. Leach do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Ammon accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army and Air Force: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

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

The Eighth Resolution being read a second time;
Ordered, That further consideration of the Resolution be now adjourned.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

Ordered, That the Resolution be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 20th day of this instant March; 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.

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 taking into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (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 Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trade Facilities 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 Small Debt (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message of the 12th day of this instant March, as relates to the appointment of a Joint Committee on the Sittings of Parliament, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Nine Members be appointed, to join with a Committee to be appointed by the Lords, to consider the desirability of altering the customary period of the Parliamentary Session and the incidental changes necessary thereto.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Acland, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Fisher, Captain Fitzroy, Colonel Gretton, Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Neil Maclean, Colonel Lambert Ward, and Mr. Wignall were nominated Members of the Select Committee.

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

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Frederick Hall); A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Frederick Hall);

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House Mr. Speaker to the continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Black, Member for Leicestershire (Harborough Division), and directed the Honourable Member to discontinue his speech.

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

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

[No. 40.]

Tuesday, 25th March 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously being complied with.)

From one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

The Brighton Corporation Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts, 1877 and 1923,
by the Governing Body of Exeter College, Oxford, on 27th February 1923, and approved by the University of Oxford on 21st January 1924, amending Statute 11. and VII. of the College.

Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts, 1877 and 1923, by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on 30th May 1923, and approved by the University of Oxford on 21st January 1924, amending Statute VII. of the House.

Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts, 1877 and 1923, by the University of Oxford on 26th June 1923, and approved by the University of Oxford Commissioners on 21st January 1924, amending Statute 11. of the University Statutes.

Copy of Returns of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom for the year 1923.

Copy of Returns of the Receipts and Expenditure of the General Medical Council and of the Branch Councils for the year 1923.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Negotiations between His Majesty's Government and the German Government as to the Rate of Levy under the German Reparation (Recovery) Act, 1921, together with the Decree, dated 3rd March 1924, issued in pursuance thereof by the German Government.

Copy of Statement showing the Staffs employed in Government Departments on 1st March 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders of the Ministry of Health confirming Orders made by the County Councils of Flint, Leicester, Norfolk, and Worcesters, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888.

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 passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make better provision for the health, local government, and finance of the Borough of Haslingden; to consolidate the local rates leviable in the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Haslingden Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Chairman's Panel:—Mr. Dennis Herbert.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Groves; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Attorney General.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee B, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment Bill):—Sir Leslie Scott; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Waddington.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee B, That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Legitimacy Bill and the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill):—Viscountess Astor, Captain Bowyer, Captain Viscount Curzon, Mr. Foot, Mr. Hayes, Sir Gerald Holdre, Miss Lawrence, Sir Robert Neuman, Mr. Raceison, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. Sexton, Lady Terrington, Mr. Tillet, Mr. Willson, and Mrs. Waddington.

Mr. Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Sir Leonard Lyle; and had appointed in substitution: Captain Brass.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore reported the Southampton Harbour Bill, with Amendments.

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

Otho William Nicholson, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Westminster (Abbay Division) was sworn.

Mr. Gosling, supported by Mr. Clynes, London Mr. Secretary Henderson, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to make provision for the control and regulation of traffic in and near London, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question Peerses. being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Peerses in their own right to sit and vote in the House of Lords.—(Mr. Briant.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Briant, 313.
Yea
Mrs. Wintringham :

Tellers for the
Mr. John Jones, 45.
Noo
Mr. Scrymgeour:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Briant, Viscountess Astor, Miss Jeeves, Sir Robert Neenan, Mr. Wignall, and Mrs. Wintringham do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Briant accordingly presented a Bill to enable Peeresses in their own right to sit and vote in the House of Lords: And the same 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 consideration of Supply [20th March] Report be excepted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Eighth of the Resolutions which, upon the 24th day of this instant March, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of this instant March, That a sum not exceeding £3,080,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other charges connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by leaving out "£3,080,000," and inserting "£3,079,900"—(Sir Robert Horne), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£3,080,000" stand part of the Resolution; The House divided.

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

Tellers for the
Mr. Spoor, 287.
Yea
Mr. Frederick Hall :

Tellers for the
Commander Eger-
Noo
Monnell, 211.
Colonel Gibbs :

So it was resolved in the Affirmative, and the Resolution was agreed to.

Mr. William Graham reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 20th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1923, the sum of £10 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 1924, the sum of £5,765,729 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

3. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, year ending on the 31st day of March 1925, the sum of £192,278,000 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 be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five; 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 taking Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not 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 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;

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 Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the National Health Insurance (Cost of Medical Benefit) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Animals Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Association of Municipal Corporations (Expenses) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fairs 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 British Museum 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 Temperance (Wales) 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 Illegitimacy 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 Bankruptcy 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 Regulation of Railways 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 Parliamentary Elections (Alternative Vote) 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 Motor Cycle Races Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) 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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) 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 Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Land Values 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 Registration of Theatrical Employers (No. 2) 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 Union Ballot Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Theatrical Employers (No. 2) Bill.

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

Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant Universities to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of University Court Ordinances, No. 127 (Ordinances) (Aberdeen, No. 18) (Composition of the Faculties, Amendment of Ordinance No. 31; Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, No. 1), and No. 128 (Aberdeen, No. 19) (Honorary Degrees, Amendment of Ordinance No. 41: General, No. 13), made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the Diseases of directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Animals Acts an Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts authorising the landing of four Reindeer at the Port of Hull, dated 26th March 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Walã presents, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army.

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

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee: That in the case of the Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill 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 Ministry of Health: Provisional Orders (No. 1) 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 an Amendment, 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 Ministry of Health: Provisional Orders (No. 2) 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health: Provisional Orders (No. 2) 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.

Mr. Secretary Walsh presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army.

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

Sir George Crayford Marks reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That in the case of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Superannuation Fund), Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—(Superannuation Fund.) That the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Boyce to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Legitimacy Bill and in respect of the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Standing Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (in respect of the Legitimacy Bill and the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill):—Mr. Tillett; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Rhys Davies.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law relating to children born out of wedlock; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Prevention of Bill to prevent unreasonable eviction of tenants:—Evictions.

And that Mr. Simon, Captain Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, Mr. Foot, Mr. Masterman, and Mr. Tremewan Thomson do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Simon accordingly presented a Bill to prevent unreasonable eviction of tenants:—Evictions, Bill 87.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Safeguarding proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Prevention of Bill to amend the Safeguarding of Industries Act (1921) in respect of goods imported into this country manufactured under conditions contrary to the Washington Labour Conference proposals—(Mr. Remer);
Mr. Speaker puts Question (pursuant to S.O. No. 11.)

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Remer, Mr. Lorimer]

122.

Tellers for the [Mr. Spencer, Mr. Philip Oliver]

241.

So it passed in the Negative.

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Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill;

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

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.

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

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

Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords];

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

Trade Facilities Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trade Facilities Bill;

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

Small Debt (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Debt (Scotland) Bill;

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

Adoption of Children (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adoption of Children (No. 2) Bill;

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

House of Commons and Municipal Corporations (Qualification of Clergymen) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons and Municipal Corporations (Qualification of Clergymen) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Hours of Second Reading of the Hours of Employment (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Employment of Young Persons) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of Second Reading of the Adoption of Children Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government (Removal of Disqualification) (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Fairs Bill. Second Reading of the Fairs Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) 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 two minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
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Mr. Secretary Thomas presented, pursuant to a Message from the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Bill (Lords) was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole House for consideration, and that when the Committee has reported the Bill to the House the Report be referred to a Committee of Select Standing

Mr. Ormsby-Gore reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 8th day of April next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law with respect to the imprisonment of Habitual Criminals, and to make certain amendments thereto, pursuant to the Commons' Message of Tuesday last.

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

Mr. Ormsby-Gore reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 5th day of March last, the Committee had struck out of the Bill so much of the Tramway No. 2 as is within the Metropolitan Borough of Camberwell.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore further reported from the Committee: 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday next, at Eleven of the clock.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Admission to the Army 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; and had amended the Title of the Bill as follows: "A Bill to empower the London County Council to construct and work Tramways, to make a Street Widening, and for other purposes."

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

Mr. Ormsby-Gore reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 5th day of March last, the Committee had struck out of the Bill so much of the Tramway No. 2 as is within the Metropolitan Borough of Camberwell.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by the Lords, and the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title of the Bill as follows: "A Bill to empower the London County Council to construct and work Tramways, to make a Street Widening, and for other purposes."

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

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

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

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

Mr. Ormsby-Gore reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 5th day of March last, the Committee had struck out of the Bill so much of the Tramway No. 2 as is within the Metropolitan Borough of Camberwell.

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

Sir James Agy-Gordon reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms); That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Special Report thereof to the House.

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

Mr. Speaker directs Member to withdraw.

Mr. John Jones, Member for Silvertown, having conducted himself in a grossly disorderly manner, Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 20, relating to disorderly conduct, ordered Mr. Jones to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's sitting: And the Honourable Member withdrew accordingly.

Mr. Middleton, supported by Mr. Charleton, Mr. Loth, and Mr. Boneril, presented a Bill to make provision for voting by absent voters at local government elections: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of April next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister.)

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time and passed.

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.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

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.

JOHN HENRY WHITLEY,
Speaker.)

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.

Supply.

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.

Ways and Means.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill;

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Spoor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until twenty-two minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time and passed.

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

The Ministry of Health 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.

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to Army the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of Account of the gross and net expenditure of the Ordnance Factories, the cost of the productions of which has been charged to the Army, Navy, and Indian and Colonial Governments, &c., for the year ended 31st March 1923, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

Copy of Manufacturing Accounts of the Army Ordnance Factories for the year 1922–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.
Copy of Annual Accounts of Shipbuilding and Dockyard Transactions, &c., including Manufactures, for the year 1922–23, 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 Army (Ordnance Factories) (Account) and Army (Ordinance Factories), be printed.

Mr. Pansley presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report by Lord Parmoor, British Representative, on the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Council of the League of Nations.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Traffic 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 words "That this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which, in contravention of the principles of local government, confers on a bureaucratic authority power to restrict travelling facilities in and near London, and which will tend to create vested interests, and declares that no solution of the traffic problem will be satisfactory which does not vest control in a democratic authority"—(Mr. Percy Harris), 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 
Mr. Spoor,
Yea, Mr. John Robertson : 211.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Percy Harris,
Noes, Mr. Gilbert : 112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was 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—(Colonel Lambert Ward); the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Colonel Lambert Ward,
Yea, Colonel Asheton : 124.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Spoor,
Noes, Mr. John Robertson : 187.

So it was passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Employment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation 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 Offences against the Person Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping 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 Public Health Acts (Amendment) 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 Performing Animals Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Regulation of Railways Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant (Falmouth) Ocean Wharves and Railways Bill;

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords' Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the law with respect to the administration of criminal justice in England, and otherwise to amend the criminal law; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the abandonment of the works authorised by the St. Just (Falmouth) Ocean Wharves and Railways Act, 1910, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the St. Just (Falmouth) Ocean Wharves and Railways (Abandonment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Rendall to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the London Traffic Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Gentleman 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, 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:

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1924.
2. Whitehills Harbour Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
3. Leith Harbour and Docks Order Confirmation Act, 1924.

And it being after half-past Four of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then twenty-three minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Grampian Electricity Supply Bill was, Grampian according to Order, read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 29th March 1924, under Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1923, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1923-24 to meet Excesses on other Navy Votes for the same year.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to Government, according to Order, read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Ninth Report, Act, 1914, with Appendix, of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales, 1923, under the Welsh Church Act, 1914.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Account of all Moneys received on account of Annuities, Contracts for the grant of deferred Life Annuities and for Payments on Death and of the disposal thereof, and of the Contracts made for the year 1923.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Welsh Church Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report, Act, 1914, with Appendix, of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales, 1923, under the Welsh Church Act, 1914.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, entitled the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 44), dated 21st March 1924.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to City of London Powers) Bill. ORDERED, That the Reports be referred to the Committees on the Bills.

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Morocco Command,—Copy of Convention regarding the Organisation of the Statute of the Tangier Zone. Signed at Paris, 18th December 1923. Ratification has not yet been effected.

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

Lighthouses, &c. (Local Inspections.)

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Reports to the Board of Trade by the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Commissioners of Irish Lights, of their inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons in 1923.

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

Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance.)

Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 129 (St. Andrew's, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, General No. 6) (Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity), made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

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

Census of England and Wales.)

Mr. Wheelley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Census of England and Wales, 1921, County of Flint.

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

Motor Car Acts.

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Motor Car Acts, dated 14th March 1924, revoking the Motor Cars Regulation (County of Stirling) (No. 1) Order, 1907, so far as it relates to Northend Road and Kersebonny Road.

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

Railway Rates Tribunal.

Copy of Second Annual Report of the Railway Rates Tribunal, for the year 1923.

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

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, with the concurrence of the Secretary for Scotland, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, constituting a Joint Board consisting of the representatives of the County Council of the County of Ayr, the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Ayr, and the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Kilmarnock for the joint exercise of powers under the said Acts.

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

Naval Savings Banks.

Mr. Ammon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Deposits in Naval Savings Banks, and the payments thereof and of interest thereon; of all investments under the Naval Savings Banks Act, 1866, and the application of the interest or dividends accruing in respect thereof; and of the proceeds of any sale of any stocks, annuities, or securities, during the financial year 1922–23.

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

Criminal Justice Bill [Lords.] Bill 92.

The Criminal Justice Bill [Lords.] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

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

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

Mr. Trevelyan, supported by Mr. William Graham, presented a Bill to extend the period during which contributions under the School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1922, are to be payable: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wheatley, supported by Mr. William Adamson, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, and Mr. James Stewart, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Acts, 1920 and 1923, so far as they relate to restriction on the right to possession: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

The National Health Insurance (Cost of Medical Benefit) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Secretary Thomas, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to West Indian Islands (Telegraph) [Money] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71o, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71o, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient for the purpose of providing a system of telegraphic communication in and with the West Indian Islands and British Guiana, by means of submarine cables and wireless telegraph stations, to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums not exceeding £400,000 as may be required for such purpose; to authorise the Treasury for the purposes of such issue to borrow money repayable by means of terminable annuities, the principal and interest of which shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund; and to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the annual expenses of the said system.—(Mr. Secretary Thomas.)

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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Wednesday next.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Debt (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 Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) 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, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Frederick Hall.)

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report [Lords.] 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 inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Haslingden Corporation Bill [Lords.].

Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Bill [Lords.].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

Southern Railway Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report [Lords.] 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 are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Watford Extension) Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Chatham and District Light Railways Company Bill [Lords.], not amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 27th March 1924, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the discontinuance of Carmarthen Prison.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statement relating to the Employment of Ex-Service Men employed in Government Offices on 1st July 1919 and 1st March 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of (Supply) Acts. Special Orders made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of—

(1) the Parish of Cockington, in the Rural District of Newton Abbot, in the County of Devon;
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 proceed with the Second Reading of this Bill until it has received a definite statement from His Majesty's Government as to whether the Dominions and India have been fully informed of the liabilities in which the Empire must be involved by the guarantee of the demilitarised zones on both sides of the Straits contained in Article 18 of the Straits Convention annexed to the Treaty, and as to whether the Dominions and India are prepared to ratify the Treaty with the Straits Convention"—(Sir Edward Grigg)—instead thereof.

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

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Motor proposed, That this House is of opinion that the present system of taxation of mechanically-propelled vehicles is inequitable, in that it bears no relation to the use and consequent wear-and-tear of roads, and recommends that a system of taxation based, in the case of petrol vehicles, on the use of motor spirit, and, in the case of steam and electric vehicles, on the weight of the vehicle, shall be substituted therefor—(Colonel Assheton Pownall) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

Colonel Assheton Pownall rose in his place Closure and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker witheld his assent, as he thought that the House was prepared to come to a decision without that Motion.

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House is of opinion that the present system of taxation of mechanically-propelled vehicles is inequitable, in that it bears no relation to the use and consequent wear-and-tear of roads, and recommends that a system of taxation based, in the case of petrol vehicles, on the use of motor spirit, and, in the case of steam and electric vehicles, on the weight of the vehicle, should be substituted therefor.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Temperance (Wales) 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 Adoption of Children (No. 2) Bill, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Theatrical Employers (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of Children (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Animals (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Removal of Disqualification) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Theatre Employers (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of Children Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Theatrical Employers Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Bankruptcy Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Removal of Disqualification) Bill.
Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords].

Resolved, That the Order of the day being read, for the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time, was resumed.

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

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

West Indian Islands (Telegraph) [Money].

Mr. William Graham reported from the Committee on West Indian Islands (Telegraph) [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient for the purpose of providing a system of telegraphic communication in and with the West Indian Islands and British Guiana, by means of submarine cables and wireless telegraph stations, to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums not exceeding £400,000 as may be required for such purpose; to authorise the Treasury for the purposes of such issue to borrow money repayable by means of terminable annuities, the principal and interest of which shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund; and to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the annual expenses of the said system.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Secretary Thomas and Mr. William Graham do prepare and bring it in.

West Indian Islands (Telegraph) Bill 94.

Mr. William Graham accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the establishment and working of a system of submarine cables and wireless telegraph stations in the West Indian Islands and British Guiana: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill;

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

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

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

Trade Facilities Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trade Facilities Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Debt (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Railway 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.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Parishes of Eastwood and Mearns, in the County of Renfrew, and parts of the Parishes of Carmunnock and East Kilbride, in the County of Lanark, which was presented on the 21st day of February 1924, be approved. — (Mr. Gosling).

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Eastleigh and Bishopstoke, in the County of Southampton, which was presented on the 12th day of February 1924, be approved. — (Mr. Gosling).

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn — (Mr. Kennedy);

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 45, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

Name of Bill. Standing Committee.

National Health Insurance (Cost of Medical Benefit) Bill. C.
THE Rawtenstall Corporation Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Watford Extension) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Buxton, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, entitled the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 45), dated 25th March 1924.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report and Accounts of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty for the year 1923.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made by the Treasury under Sections 12 (3) and 14 (3) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will 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 in Great Britain during the year ended the 31st day of December 1923 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 41, of Session 1923).—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee B:—That they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee C:—Captain Ainworth, Mr. Alstead, Major Astor, Mr. Barclay, Sir Gervase Bennet, Mr. Blandell, Sir Thomas Bramston, Sir Charles Cayzer, Mr. Clarry, Colonial Courtship, Lord Cluny, Crickton-Stuart, Colonel Sir Henry Page Craft, Mr. Darbishire, Major George Davies, Major Edmondson, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. George Edwards, Mr. David Geraint, Sir Robert Hamilton, Mr. Harbison, Mr. Harbord, Marquess of Hartington, Dr. Hastings, Captain Sidney Herbert, Mr. Leif Jones, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Lee, Sir John Leigh, Brigadier-General Makins, Sir Courtenay Manuel, Mr. Montague, Sir Clive Morrison-Bell, Mr. Morse, Mr. Murrell, Mr. George Oliver, Mr. John O'Neill, Mr. Perring, Mrs. Philipson, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Raffan, Mr. Rawson, Major Roper, Mr. Shepperson, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Tillett, Mr. Viant, Mr. Welsh, Colonel Thomas Williams, and Colonel Woodwork.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C:—That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the National Health Insurance (Cost of Medical Benefit) Bill):—Sir Henry Cautley, Dr. Chapple, Mr. Falconer, Colonel Freemantle, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Edmund Harvey, Sir Gerald Hodler, Captain Howard, Sir William Joyson-Hicks, Mr. Masters, Mr. Perry, Mr. Baynes, Mr. Wheatley, Dr. John Williams, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Provisional Order (Marriages) Validity Act, 1902; to which the Lords desire the Orders Bill (Lords.)

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Sunderland Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Secretary Thomas, supported by Mr. Pacific Cable Board, Mr. Walter Graham, presented a Bill to extend the powers of the Pacific Cable Board: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. County Courts Bill. Mr. William Graham, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to officers of County Courts, and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. County Courts Bill. Mr. George Miller, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to officers of County Courts, and to be printed.
Mr. Banks accordingly presented a Bill to consolidate the enactments relating to the Poor Rate in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Matrimonial Causes Acts, 1857 to 1923, by providing that a petition for the dissolution of marriage can be brought on the grounds of separation for a period of five years and upwards under an order granted by the court, or under the terms of a mutual deed of separation, and also that the fact that any husband or wife has been absent from their home for seven years and upwards and nothing heard of them shall be reasonable grounds for presenting a petition to the court praying that the marriage may be dissolved.—(Dr. Spero.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Walter Guinness, Sir John Pennefather: 325.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pethick Lawrence: 160.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House is of opinion that what is needed is not the destruction of enterprise but its encouragement, not the frightening away of capital but its fruitful use, and that a Capital Levy would therefore prove disastrous to employment.—(Mr. Guinness):

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 3, by leaving out from the word "Levy" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "by reducing the disastrous burden of the National Debt and thereby relieving the load of annual taxation, would stimulate industry and promote employment"—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence), instead thereof.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of Children Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Moveable Dwellings Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Marks Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Cycle Races 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 Fairs 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 Protection of Animals Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) Bill; 

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to No. 11 agreed to.

Awarded, That the Clause be read a second time.

Thursday, 3rd April 1924:

Question put, and agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of Army Act, s. 4)—(Mr. Thurtle)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Debate arising:

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Mr. Secretary Walsh rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put (pursuant to S.O., Closure of Debate.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Spoor,

Yea, Mr. Frederick Hall : 239.

Tellers for the Colonel Meyler,

Noes, Mr. Thurtle : 120.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Colonel Meyler,

Yea, Mr. Thurtle : 136.

Tellers for the Mr. Spoor,

Noes, Mr. Frederick Hall : 207.

Another Clause (Court-martial right of appeal)—(Mr. Maxton)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(General Seely) :—Debate arising;

Major Coffin rose in his place and claimed Closure claimed, but the Chairman witheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.—Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Balfour,

Yea, Sir Clive Morrison Bell : 117.

Tellers for the Mr. Spoor,

Noes, Mr. Frederick Hall : 206.

Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Hardey,

Yea, Mr. Thurtle : 120.

Tellers for the Mr. Spoor,

Noes, Mr. Frederick Hall : 193.

Another Clause (Proceedings for enlistment)—(Mr. Lansbury)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Lansbury,

Yea, Mr. Kirkwood : 67.

Tellers for the Mr. Spoor,

Noes, Mr. Frederick Hall : 236.

Another Clause (Period of Service)—(Mr. Ayles)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Drunkenness)—(Colonel Meyler)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Colonel Meyler and Mr. Thurtle were appointed Tellers for the Yeas, and Mr. Spoor and Mr. Frederick Hall were appointed Tellers for the Noes; but, one of the Tellers for the
Yeas failing to act as Teller, the Chairman declared that the Noes had it.

Another Clause (Attendance at church parade)—(Mr. Ernest Brown)—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 
  Mr. Ernest Brown, 
  Major Moulton: 114.
Tellers for the 
  Mr. Spoor, 
  Mr. Frederick Hall: 164.

Another Clause (Amendment of Army Act, s. 180 (2)—(Colonel Sir Charles Tate)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Disgraceful conduct)—(Colonel Meyler)—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 
  Colonel Meyler, 
  Mr. Willison: 75.
Tellers for the 
  Mr. Spoor, 
  Mr. Frederick Hall: 196.

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 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.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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[No. 47.]

Thursday, 3rd April 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of the Manchester Ship Canal Company under their Common Seal, praying that provision may be made in the Manchester Ship Canal Bill to enable the
Company to acquire additional lands with power to erect offices on such lands and for the extension of enactments relating to development of lands and the increase of the amount which may be borrowed by bonds, was presented and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Trenchan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Annual Report of the Governors of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau.

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

Exlosion at Slades Green.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department upon the explosion and fire which occurred on the 18th February 1924 at the works of Messrs. W. Villa Gilbert and Company, Limited, Slades Green, Kent.

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

Private Bills (Group A.)

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Chairmen's Panel.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Short to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the National Health Insurance (Cost of Medical Benefit) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Sir Malcolm Macnaghten reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills; That in respect of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], now pending in the Lords, the Committee had considered the Bill and had taken evidence thereon.

Sir Malcolm Macnaghten further reported from the Select Committee; That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House.

Ordered, That the Report and Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have appointed a Committee Indian Affairs, consisting of Eleven Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to examine and report on any Bill or matter referred to them specifically by either House of Parliament, and to consider with a view to reporting, if necessary, thereon any matter relating to Indian affairs brought to the notice of the Committee by the Secretary of State for India; and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Mr. Viant, supported by Mr. Bonarlaw, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the pawning of tools, instruments, or appliances used in connection with any trade or handicraft; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Henderson, supported by Mr. Lead Paint Rhys Davies, presented a Bill to make better provision for the protection against Lead Poisoning of Persons employed in painting Bill. And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Shaw, supported by Mr. Chancellor of Unemployment, the Exchequer, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Attorney General, and Miss Bondfield, (No. 2) Bill presented a Bill to amend the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 to 1924; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Supply be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Clynes):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Spooner, Mr. Frederick Hall: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Commander Egresson, Colonel Gibbs: 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Civil Service and Revenue Departments Estimates)—(Mr. Spooner):

An Amendment was proposed to be made to Food the Question, by leaving out from the word production, "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House views with alarm the danger of diminished food production in this country and the accompanying prospect of further unemployment and lower wages in arable districts, and calls upon the Government to declare without delay what action it would take to prevent such a calamity."
proposes to take to deal with the situation” —(Mr. Wardlaw-Milne)—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 were voted for as follows:

Tellers for the[f] Mr. Frederick Hall,

Yeas, 160.

Tellers for the[f] Mr. Wardlaw-Milne,

Nees, 79.

So 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 of Supply.

The Committee divided.

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(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924-25.

Class I.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £786,970 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, and certain Post Offices Abroad:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £786,970 be granted for the said Service.—(Sir William Mitchell-Thomson) :—Debate arising;

Friday, 4th April, 1924:

Mr. Joest 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[f] Mr. Frederick Hall,

Yeas, 112

Tellers for the[f] Viscount Ednam,

Nees, 53.

Question put accordingly, That a sum not exceeding £786,970 be granted for the said Service.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the[f] Viscount Ednam,

Yeas, 52.

Tellers for the[f] Mr. Frederick Hall,

Nees, 113.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £139,180 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

Debate arising;

Colonel Wedgwood 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.

Colonel Wedgwood 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[f] Mr. Frederick Hall,

Yeas, 110.

Tellers for the[f] Mr. Daniel Somerville,

Nees, 36.

Question, That a sum not exceeding £139,180 be granted for the said Service, put accordingly, and agreed to.

3. £1,199,180, for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, including Historic Buildings, Ancient Monuments, and Brompton Cemetery.

4. £210,930, for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

5. £303,490, for Expenditure in respect of Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain (including Ministries of Labour and Health).

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £80,140 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Ireland:

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 come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also 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 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 taking Local Authorities Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) 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 West Indian Islands (Telegraph) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pacific Cable Board Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Debt (Scotland) 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 Post Office (London) Railway Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 1st day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords] 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 Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 2nd day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Bill be now read a second time.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Gauncy be discharged from the Select Committee of Public Accounts:
Ordered, That Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel be added to the Committee—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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War Charges (Validity.) Mr. Webb presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing claims made on any Government Department on or before 31st March 1924, arising out of the charges to which the Resolution proposed to be moved in Committee of Ways and Means relating to War Charges (Validity) is intended to apply.

Seamen's Savings Banks (Money Orders and Transmission of Wages.) Mr. Webb 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, 1894, during the year ended 30th November 1922, and of the interest thereon: also Statement showing the number and amount of Seamen's Money Orders issued and paid at Ports in the United Kingdom and at Ports abroad during the year ended 31st March 1923; also Statement showing the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Transmission of Seamen's Wages during the year ended 31st March 1923.

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

Treaty Series (No. 18, 1924.) Mr. Pensonaby presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Treaty regulating the Status of Spitzbergen and conferring the Sovereignty on Norway. Signed at Paris, 9th February 1920 [with Map].

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

National Health Insurance (Joint Committee) (Regulations.) Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd April 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army and Air Force) Amendment Regulations 1924.

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

Harrogate Corporation Bill. The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Harrogate Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

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

Unemployment Insurance (No. 3) BILL. Mr. Shaw, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Webb, Mr. Attorney-General, and Miss Beaufield, presented a Bill to extend the period for which the receipt of unemployment benefit during the current benefit year may be authorised under section two of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1923: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill. The Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Guardianship, &c., of Infants Bill. The Guardianship, &c., of Infants Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

THE ORDER OF THE DAY
The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southampton Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stroud Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Haslingden Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read for the Abolition of Second Reading of the Abolition of Capital Punishment 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;

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Clynes):

And it being half an hour after Four of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, till Monday next.

[No. 49.]

Monday, 7th April 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Private Bills, referred on the Second Reading thereof, inspired into the Standing Orders not previously referred to, and into which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Grampian Electricity Supply Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southampton Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stroud Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Haslingden Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.
Mr. Wheatley presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Felixstowe, Folkestone, Sheffield, Stourbridge, Wrexham, and Wolverhampton: 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.

The following Paper, presented by His Majesty’s Command during the Adjournment, was delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95:—

Copy of Memorandum on the National Health Insurance (Cost of Medical Benefit) Bill.

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

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Four Orders in Council, dated 21st March 1924, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of Orders in Council under the Merchant Shipping Acts, dated 21st March 1924—

(1) approving new Rules for the safe navigation of the River Mensey; and

(2) exempting on certain conditions Japanese ships from the requirements of the Merchant Shipping Acts.

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

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, constituting the East Midlands Electricity District and establishing the East Midland Electricity Advisory Board.

Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Hitchin, in the County of Hertford.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1), Supreme Court (Rules), 1924, dated 2nd April 1924.

Accounts of the Commissioners for the Irish Land Purchase Fund in the year ended 31st March 1923, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported the Staffordshire Potters Water Board Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application—

(1) of the Penryn Gas Company, Limited;

(2) of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Mansfield.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented,—Return Street to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 2nd April 1924, caused by day of this instant April, for a Return relative Vehicles to Street Accidents caused by Vehicles.

No. 53.

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

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday next, at a quarter-past Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Charles Edwards; and had Committee C appointed in substitution: Mr. Mills.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Dickson, supported by Mr. Maxton and Mr. Clark, presented a Bill to establish a Court of Criminal Appeal in Scotland and to amend the Scottish Law relating to Appeals in Criminal Cases, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of May next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 2nd day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Bill be now read a second time:

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word " That " to the end of the Question, and add the words, " this House, while prepared to give further protection to tenants and to extend the discretion of the courts for this purpose in proper cases, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which inflicts a great injustice by seeking to throw the burden of the relief of unemployment upon a particular section of the community and, by giving retrospective effect to new legislation, must seriously prejudice the building of houses for the working classes,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—The House divided.

The Yeas were:

Mr. Kennedy : 212
Mr. Spoor : 212
Commander Eyres-Monsell: 221
Colonel Gibbs : 221

So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

War Charges (Validity).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to give legal validity to the imposition and levying of certain charges which during the late war certain Government departments, purporting to act in the execution of duties imposed or in pursuance of powers conferred by the Defence of the Realm Regulations or otherwise, imposed by way of payments required to be made either on, or in connection with, the grant of licences or permits issued, or purporting to be issued, in pursuance of the said powers, or in connection with the control of supplies or of the prices of certain commodities, or for services rendered—(Mr. Webb):—Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Baldein) :—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Amendment proposed, in l. 1, after the word " That," to insert the words " save and except in those cases where judgment of any court has been delivered or entered against the Crown. —(Mr. Graves-Lord.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Harvey : 83.
Sir Robert Aske : 270.
Tellers for the Mr. Spoor, Mr. Frederick Hall :
Noes, Mr. Frederick Hall : 207.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 7, after the word " commodities," to insert the words " other than milk."—(Sir Douglas Hogg.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Debate arising;

Mr. Webb rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Thomas Inskip, Sir Kingsley Wood :
Yea's, 207.
Tellers for the Mr. Spoor, Mr. Frederick Hall :
Noes, 170.

Mr. Webb claimed, That the Main Question, as amended, be now put.

Main Question, as amended, put accordingly, and agreed to.

Resolved, That it is expedient to give legal validity to the imposition and levying of certain charges which during the late war certain Government departments, purporting to act in the execution of duties imposed or in pursuance of powers conferred by the Defence of the Realm Regulations or otherwise, imposed by way of payments required to be made either on, or in connection with, the grant of licences or permits issued, or purporting to be issued, in pursuance of the said powers, or in connection with the control of supplies or of the prices of certain commodities other than milk or for services rendered.

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 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 Trade Facilities Committee on the Trade Facilities Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
14 Geo. V. 7th April.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

School Teachers’ Superannuation Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Temperance (Wales) Bill.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Trade Union Ballot Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

House of Commons and Municipal Corporations (Qualification of Clergymen) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Hours of Employment (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

British Museum Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children, Young Persons, &c., Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Cycle Races Bill;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Frederick Hall):

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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Tuesday, 8th April 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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 the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Southern Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

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, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Southern Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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 Additional Provision in the following Bill the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Manchester Ship Canal Bill.

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

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Rotherham under their corporate seal, praying that provision may be made in the Rotherham Corporation Bill to enable the Corporation to construct an addition to their existing reservoir partly outside the limits of deviation authorised by their present statutory powers, was presented and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation 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 City of London (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 Sunderland Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to Bankruptcy the directions of several Acts of Parliament, an Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy Proceedings during the year ended 31st March 1924 under the Bankruptcy Act, 1914.

Account, showing Receipts and Expenditure on account of Proceedings in connection with the Winding-up of Companies under the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, during the year ended 31st March 1924.

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

Mr. Richards presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—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 1924, 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 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.

Mr. Trevorlyn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Regulations made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, dated 21st March 1924, entitled the Training of Teachers (Amending) Regulations (No. 1), 1924.

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

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulations Act, 1920, on the application of the—
(1) Birstall Urban District Council; 
(2) Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Newbury.

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

Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of University Court Ordinances No. 130 (Glasgow, No. 36) (Foundation of the Stevenson Chair of Italian): No. 131 (Glasgow, No. 37) (Foundation of the Stevenson Chair of Spanish) made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1920.

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

Mr. Wheatley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report for the month of March 1924 of the Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committee appointed to survey the Prices of Building Materials.

Mr. Wheatley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations made by the Minister of Health, dated 7th April 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations 1924.

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

Mr. Shaw further reported from the Committee on the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill and London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill consolidated into London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill, that they had, pursuant to the Instruction of the House of the 27th March, consolidated the said Bills into one Bill to empower the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company and the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee to construct works and acquire lands: to extend the time for the completion of certain works and to revive the powers for the compulsory purchase of certain lands; to authorise the abandonment of certain railways, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee: That in the case of the Morecambe Corporation Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same 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. Short reported from Standing Committee Standing Committee C to whom the National Health Insurance (Cost of Medical Benefit) Bill was referred; that they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

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, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Look-outs and proposed, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to make illegal sympathetic Look-outs and Strikes.—(Mr. Hall Caine.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief Mr. Speaker explanatory statement from the Member who put Question (Mr. Hall Caine.) made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; 
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas. (Mr. Renier:)
Tellers for the Noses. (Mr. Turner:)

So it passed in the Negative.

The Unemployment Insurance (No. 3) Bill Unemploy- 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. Shaw.)

The West Indian Islands (Telegraph) Bill West Indian Islands 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. Secretary Thomas.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pacific Cable Board 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 Rating of Land Values 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 Protection of Animals 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 Registration of Theatrical Employers (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) 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 Motor Cycle Races Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Young Persons Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Moveable Dwellings Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fairs Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Peeresses Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of Capital Punishment Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon the 4th day of this instant April, that the adjourned debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Postponed Proceeding on the Question, that the Pacific Cable Board Bill be now read a second time, was resumed. and the question being again proposed:— and a debate arising thereupon;
And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

Mr. Parkinson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant April, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924–25.

Class I.

1. That a sum not exceeding £796,970 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 1925, for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, and certain Post Offices Abroad.

Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

2. That a sum not exceeding £139,180 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

3. That a sum not exceeding £1,199,180 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, including Historic Buildings, Ancient Monuments, and Brompton Cemetery.

Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

4. That a sum not exceeding £210,930 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain.

5. That a sum not exceeding £363,490 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain (including Ministries of Labour and Health).

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

Mr. Parkinson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 7th day of this instant April a Resolution; which was read, as follow:

War Charges (Validity).

That it is expedient to give legal validity to the imposition and levying of certain charges which during the late war certain Government departments, purporting to act in the execution of duties imposed or in pursuance of powers conferred by the Defence of the Realm Regulations or otherwise, imposed by way of payments required to be made either on, or in connection with, the grant of licences or permits issued, or purporting to be issued, in pursuance of the said powers, or in connection with the control of supplies or of the prices of certain commodities other than milk or for services rendered.

Ordered, that a Bill be brought in upon the War Charges said Resolution: And that Mr. Webb, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Albert Alexander do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Webb accordingly presented a Bill to make valid certain charges imposed and levies made during the late war: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Committee on the Trade Facilities Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the School Second Reading of the School Teachers (Superannuation) 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 County Courts Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) 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 Post Office (London) Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 Means Committee of Ways and Means;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Frederick Hall);

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.
STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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Wednesday, 9th April 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Estimate of further sum required to be voted for the Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1925.


Copy of Reports of the Expert Committees appointed by the Reparation Commission.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Shaw presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report on the present position in the Building Industry with regard to the Housing Proposals of the Government, having particular reference to the means of providing an adequate supply of labour and materials for the carrying out of a full Housing Programme.

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

Mr. Ammon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Capital and Income of Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year 1922-23.

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

The Chairmen of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Watford Extension) 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 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 the Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments.

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

Sir William Bull reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 21st and 25th days of February last, the 13th, and 31st days of March last, and the 1st day of this instant April, and had directed him to make a report thereof to the House.

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill intituled An Act to amend the Law with respect to the carriage of goods by sea: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Aberdare Canal Bill [Lords.] to confer further powers on the King's Docks and Railway Company with reference to the leasing of warehouses and other premises, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An King's Lynn Dock and Railway Bill [Lords.] to confer further powers on the King's Lynn Docks and Railway Company with reference to the leasing of warehouses and other premises, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee, to consider the desirability of altering the customary period of the Parliamentary Session and the incidental changes necessary thereto, do meet in Committee Room A, on Thursday the 8th day of May next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Aberdare Canal Bill [Lords] was read the Aberdare Canal Bill first time.

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

The King's Lynn Docks and Railway Bill King's Lynn [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The House proceeded to take into considera- Sittings of Parliament.

The Lords have passed a Bill intituled An Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords.] to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House do carry the said Message.
The House, according to Order, resolved that the Unemployment Insurance (No. 3) Bill be itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance (No. 3) Bill.

In the Committee.

Clause No. 1 (Amendment of s. 2 of 13 & 14 Geo. 5, c. 2).

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(The Prime Minister)—put, and agreed to.

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 that the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords] be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 1st day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time.

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and add the words "this House declines to proceed with the Second Reading of this Bill until it has received a definite statement from His Majesty's Government as to whether the Dominions and India are prepared to ratify the Treaty with the Straits Convention,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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 to-morrow.—(The Prime Minister).

The Prime Minister, by His Majesty's Treaty of Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Treaty of Peace (Turkey) [Expenses] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71a in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71a, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

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 that the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords] be itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance (No. 3) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Amendment of s. 2 of 13 & 14 Geo. 5, c. 2).

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(The Prime Minister)—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.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise (Telegraph) 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 8th day of this instant April. That the Pacific Cable Board Bill be now 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 Criminal Justice 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 Criminal Justice 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 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with alarm the large number of evictions of small holders in Scotland owing to the resumption of their holdings by purchasers, and calls upon the Government to take immediate steps to assure to small holders that security of tenure which it was the object of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts to confer.—(Major McKenzie Wood)—And a Debate arising thereupon:
Major McKenzie Wood rose in his place and claimed to move. That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and gave a reason.

And the Question being put,
Resolved, That this House views with alarm the large number of evictions of small holders in Scotland owing to the resumption of their holdings by purchasers, and calls upon the Government to take immediate steps to assure to small holders that security of tenure which it was the object of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts to confer.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Offences against the Person 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 Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That the Southampton Harbour Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Shaw, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Stroud Water Bill be 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 Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Watford Extension) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend Sections one, sixty-two, and sixty-five of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Prevention of Eviction Bill)—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Colonel Fremantle, Colonel Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Masterman, Lord Eustace Percy, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Ernest Simon, Mr. James Stewart, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, Mr. Turner-Samuels, Mr. Windsor, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C:—Sir Gercase Beckett, Colonel Courthope, Mr. Darbishire, Mr. Harbord, Mr. Perring, and Colonel Woodcock: and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Ernest Brown, Captain Bullock, Mr. Foot, Mr. William Robinson, Mr. Samuel Roberts, and Mr. Sandeman.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Adoption of Children (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Rating of Land Values Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Unemployment Insurance (No. 3) Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords] be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance (No. 3) 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 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 Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Supplementary Estimate, 1924–25.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £70,000 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses of the House of Commons:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Commander Eyres-Monell, 133.

Colonel Gibbs : 131.

Tellers for the

Mr. Hoppe : 271.

Mr. Thomas Johnston : 271.

Original Question again proposed :

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £50,000 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Hobhouse, 73.

Mr. Trevelyan Thomson : 73.

Tellers for the

Mr. Mills : 281.

Colonel John Ward : 281.

Original Question again proposed :

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a sum not exceeding £63,000 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Leif Jones),—put, and negatived.

Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Colonel John Ward : 245.

Mr. Toole : 245.

Tellers for the

Mr. Harmsworth, 112.

Major Colfox : 112.

Resolution to be reported.

The Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.
Mr. Lawson reported from the Committee on Treaty of Peace (Turkey) [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 under any Act of the present Session to carry into effect the Treaty of Peace between His Majesty and certain other Powers, and certain Conventions, Protocols, and Declarations connected therewith.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power of His Majesty to give effect to Peace Treaty, &c.). An Amendment made.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

The Prime Minister rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put accordingly, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

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, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock upon Friday morning:

Friday, 11th April 1924:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly 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.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not 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 Second Reading of the Small Debt (Scotland) Bill;

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Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the 3rd day of this instant April relating to the appointment of a Committee on Indian Affairs, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Eleven Members be appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the Lords, as mentioned in their Lordships' Message, as a Standing Joint Committee on Indian Affairs.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Committee was nominated of Mr. Clarke, Sir Henry Craik, Colonel Meyler, Mr. Wardlaw-Milne, Mr. Ramsay Muir, Mr. Scarr, Mr. Hope Simpson, Mr. Snell, Mr. Wallhead, Earl Winterton, and Colonel Sir Charles Yate.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Twelve of the clock upon Friday morning, adjourned till this day.


10th—11th April 1924.

Mr. Wheatley presented, by His Majesty's County Courts Command.—Copy of Return showing numbers of proceedings in the period 1st August 1923 to 31st March 1924 in actions for possession of tenements or ejectment under Sections 58, 138 or 139 of the County Courts Act, 1888.

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 one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment of a Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to give effect to certain Draft Conventions adopted by the International Labour Conference relating respectively to an unemployment indemnity for seamen in the case of loss or foundering of their ship, the minimum age for the admission of young persons to employment as trimmers and stokers, and the compulsory medical examination of children and young persons employed at sea; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to give effect to a Protocol on arbitration clauses signed on behalf of His Majesty at a meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations held on the twenty-fourth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-three; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law relating to the sale by retail of excisable liquors; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) 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 Second Reading of the Summer Time 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
Order, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hours of Employment (No. 2) Bill.

Order, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Pawning of Industrial Tools Bill.

Order, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant April.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation of the People (Local Elections) Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant April.

Order, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Distressed Tenants Bill;

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

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

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

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then eleven minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.
THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The St. Just (Falmouth) Ocean Wharves and Railways (Abandonment) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Frederick Roberts presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 17th March 1924, made by the Minister of Pensions under the War Pensions Act, 1921, entitled the Winchester and Reading Minister of Pensions under the War Pensions Committees) Orders Amendment Order, 1924.

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

Mr. Webb presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th April 1924, made by the Board of Trade under the Copyright Act, 1911, entitled the National Library of Wales (Delivery of Books) Regulations, 1924.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 8th April 1924, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Celluloid and Cinematograph Film Act, 1922, with respect to the use of cinematograph or similar apparatus upon any premises used for any purpose to which the Act applies.

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

Mr. Skinnell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Summary of Output, and of the costs of production, proceeds, and profits of the Coal-mining Industry for the quarter ended 31st December 1923.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts:—

(1) The Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 49), dated 1st April 1924;

(2) The Foot and Mouth Disease (Cheshire District) Order of 1924 (No. 3), dated 2nd April 1924;

(3) Authorising the landing of one Yak at the Port of Leith, dated 2nd April 1924;

(4) Amending the Foreign Animals Order of 1916, dated 2nd April 1924.

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

Mr. Shaw presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 11th April 1924, made by the Minister of Labour under Section 11 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, with respect to the constitution and proceedings of the Trade Boards for the—

(1) Grocery and Provisions Trade (England and Wales); and

(2) Grocery and Provisions Trade (Scotland).

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

Mr. Leach presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, amending His Majesty’s Order of 3rd October 1921, relative to the payment of Pensions and Gratuities to widows and of allowances to children and dependent relatives of officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and other airmen of the Royal Air Force.

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

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the Board of Trade, 1924, authorising the landing of one Yak at the Port of Leith, dated 2nd April 1924; and

(1) The Foot and Mouth Disease (Cheshire District) Order of 1924 (No. 3), dated 2nd April 1924;

(2) Authorising the landing of one Yak at the Port of Leith, dated 2nd April 1924;

(3) Amending the Foreign Animals Order of 1916, dated 2nd April 1924.

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:—

(1) Account showing the nature and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at 31st December 1923, (a) as investments for moneys, forming part of the National Health Insurance Funds and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at 31st December 1923, (a) as investments for moneys, forming part of the National Health Insurance Funds for England, Wales, and Scotland, respectively, paid over to them under Section 54 (3) of the National Insurance Act, 1911; and (b) as investments for moneys, forming part of the Central Fund established pursuant to Section 4 (1) of the National Health Insurance Act, 1918; (2) Account showing the nature and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at 31st March 1924 as investments for moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of Labour under Sections 14 (3) and 46 (2) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1929.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
April Report.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put. That the Proceedings on Report of Supply, on the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill and on the Trade Facilities Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Spoor, Mr. Parkinson:
239.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harmsworth, Colonel Wheler:
146.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Buxton, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Walter Smith, presented a Bill to provide for the regulation of wages of workers in agriculture, and for purposes incidental thereto:

And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put. That the Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being accordingly put, That “£70,000” stand part of the Resolution:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Spoor, Mr. Parkinson:
222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harmsworth, Colonel Wheler:
141.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Resolution, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by leaving out “£70,000,” and inserting “£20,000”—(Mr. Harmsworth), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That “£70,000” stand part of the Resolution:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. William Graham rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question put (pursuant to S.O. Closure of Debate.)

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Spoor, Mr. Parkinson:
239.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harmsworth, Colonel Wheler:
146.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Teachers (Superannuation) 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. Cowan).

And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Facilities Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Increase of amount of loans which may be guaranteed under 11 & 12 Geo. 5, c. 65, and extension of period for giving of guarantees).

Another Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words "the additional fifteen million pounds to be used exclusively for such capital undertakings as are not able without guarantees to secure the necessary loans on the financial market."—(Sir Bedloe Rees.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment in l. 2, after the word "such" to insert the word "new."—(Commander Burney.)

Question, That the word "new" be there inserted in the proposed Amendment put and negatived.

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

Another Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 16, at the end, to add the words "subject to the proviso that the Treasury shall require, in the case of guarantees in respect of loans raised by limited liability companies, an annual independent audit of the accounts during the period of the guarantee."—(Mr. Graham White.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Clynes)—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 taking into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve 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 Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) 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 Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords];

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

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Awre, Coleford, Nailsworth, Newnham, and Westbury-on-Severn, the Rural Districts of West Dean, East Dean and united parishes, Wheatenhurst, Dursley, and Strong, and parts of the Rural Districts of Thornbury and Lydney, all in the County of Gloucester, and for other purposes, which was presented on the 1st day of April 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Parishes or Townships of East Saltney, Higher Kinnerton, Hope, Llanwynnydd, Sealand, and Tryderyn, and part of the Parish of Hawarden, all in the Rural District of Hawarden, in the County of Flint, and for the amendment of the Hawarden Rural District Council Electric Lighting Order, 1914, which was presented on the 28th day of February 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the County Council of the County of Ayr, the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Kilmarnock, and the Urban Districts of Awre, Coleford, Nailsworth, Newnham, and Westbury-on-Severn, the Rural Districts of East Dean and united parishes, Wheatenhurst, Dursley, and Strong, and parts of the Rural Districts of Thornbury and Lydney, all in the County of Gloucester, and for other purposes, which was presented on the 31st day of March 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, with the concurrence of the Secretary for Scotland, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, constituting a joint board consisting of representatives of the County Council of the County of Ayr, the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Ayr, and the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Kilmarnock, for the joint exercise of powers under the said Acts, which was presented on the 1st day of April 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Adjoining Town of the Building Act, 1923, which was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Tempeance (Wales) Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Museum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.
Regulation of Railways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Regulation of Railways Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon the 5th day of May next.

Adoption of Children Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Adoption of Children Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon the 5th day of May next.

Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant April.

Parliamentary Elections (Alternative Vote) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Alternative Vote) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 5th day of May next.

Registration of Theatrical Employers (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Registration of Theatrical Employers (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

Peeresses Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Peeresses Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

Fairs Bill.

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

Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 4th day of this instant April. That the
Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill be
now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further
adjourned till Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

Motor Cycle Races Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Motor Cycle Races Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

Motorways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Motorways Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

Hours of Employment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Hours of Employment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

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The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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.:—

King's Lynn Docks and Railway Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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 additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Rotherham Corporation Bill.

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

The City of London (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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Harrogate Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Wheatley presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Bridlington, Brighton and Hove, Halifax, Oldham, and Pembroke: 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. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report on an application by the Littlehampton Gas Company to the Board of Trade under the Public Utility Companies (Capital Issues) Act, 1920.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Statement containing the amounts paid during the period 1st April 1923 to 31st March 1924, into the Special Account under Section 1 (3) of the German Reparation (Recovery) Act, 1921, and the application thereof.

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

Mr. Shaw presented, by His Majesty's Industrial Command, Copy of Report of a Court of Inquiry under the Industrial Courts Act, 1919, concerning Railway Shopmen on the Great Northern Section of the London and North Eastern Railway.

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

Mr. Ponsoby presented, by His Majesty's Nepal Command,—Copy of Treaty between the (Miscellaneous, United Kingdom and Nepal, together with Note respecting the Importation of Arms and Ammunition into Nepal. Signed at Katmandu, 21st December 1923 (Ratification has not yet been effected).

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

Mr. Richards presented, pursuant to the East India directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy (Constitutional Reforms.) of Amendment of the Indian Legislative Rules made by the Governor General of India in Council under Section 67 (1), read with Section 129a, of the Government of India Act.

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 (Board of Trade, Emergency Departments.) of Fifth Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of the Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Prevention of Eviction 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 29th day of this instant April; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Unemployment Insurance (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to unite the Hackney College Foundation and the New College, London, Foundation, in one corporation to be called Hackney and New College, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Wakefield with regard to the construction of works and the consolidation of Parishes, and to make further provision with regard to their electricity undertaking and the health, improvement, and good government of the City; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Leeds Corporation Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the amalgamation of the Unions wholly or partly in the City of Leeds and of the Parishes in that City; to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City in relation to their water and tramways undertakings and the construction of street improvements, and to make further provision for the health, local government, and improvement of the City, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Hackney and New College Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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The Leeds Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Sir George Croydon Marks reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions, which were read as follows:

1. That in the case of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Superannuation Fund.) 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 Manchester Ship Canal Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

3. That in the case of the Lancashire Asylums Board [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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

Major Steel reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 6th day of May next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, supported by Mr. Masterman, Captain Wemyss Benn, Mr. Ernest Simon, Mr. Foot, Mr. Ernest Brown, and Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, presented a Bill to amend the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restriction Acts, 1920 and 1923, in regard to permitted increases of rent in respect of rates:

Bill 115.

Mr. William Adamson, supported by Mr. James Stewart, presented a Bill to extend the powers of Local Authorities under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897; And the same was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April; and to be printed:

Bill 116.

Mr. William Adamson, supported by Mr. Town Councils James Stewart, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to D disqualified for the office of town councillor in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time tomorrow; and to be printed:

Bill 117.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Guardianship Bill to amend the Law of Scotland as to the rights and responsibilities of parents with respect to the guardianship, custody, and maintenance of their legitimate children; And that Mr. Murray, the Duchess of Atholl, Mr. Thomas Johnston, Mr. Raffan, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Frederick Martin, Mr. William Watson, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Dickson do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Murray accordingly presented a Bill to Guardianship of Children (Scotland) Bill.

Bill 119.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, it was ordered to be read a second time on Monday the 29th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

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Bill 117.
15th April. 1924.

Order, That the Proceedings on the Trade Facilities Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do meet to-morrow at Eleven of the clock; that no Questions shall be taken after Twelve of the clock; and that at Five of the clock Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without Question put.—(Mr. Clynes.)

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Gentleman 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, 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. Unemployment Insurance (No. 3) Act, 1924.
3. Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Act, 1924.
4. Chatham and District Light Railways Company Act, 1924.
5. Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries) Act, 1924.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do meet to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock; that no Questions shall be taken after Twelve of the clock; and that at Five of the clock Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without Question put.

And the Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock; that no Questions shall be taken after Twelve of the clock; and that at Five of the clock Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without Question put.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Facilities Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Increase of amount of loans which may be guaranteed under 11 & 12 Geo. 5, c. 65, and extension of period for giving of guarantees).

Another Amendment [proposed 14th April], in p. 1, l. 16, at the end to add the words "subject to the proviso that the Treasury shall require, in the case of guarantees in respect of loans raised by limited liability companies, an annual independent audit of the accounts during the period of the guarantee."

Question again proposed, That those words be there added.

Question put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, at the end, to add the words "subject to the proviso that a company or individual who obtains a Government credit makes a Return to the Treasury of the business position every six months."—(Sir Fredric Wise.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, at the end, to add the words "providing that no guarantee shall be given for the erection of cotton mills or the provision of cotton machinery outside the United Kingdom."—(Mr. Renwick.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, at the end, to add the words,—

"(3) To all guaranteed loans under this section there shall be attached conditions (in such form and terms as may be drawn up by the Treasury) providing that there shall be added to the rate of interest payable on such loans an additional one-half per cent. per annum so as to provide a reserve fund to meet any possible losses under subsection (1) of section one of the Trade Facilities Act, 1921, as amended by the Trade Facilities and Loans Guarantee Act, 1922 (Session 2) and this Act."—(Sir Beddoes Rees.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, at the end, to add the words,—

"(3) To all guarantees given under this section there shall be a condition limiting the dividends payable in any one year in connection with the capital undertaking concerned to a maximum of eight per cent. during the continuance of the guarantee."—(Sir Beddoes Rees.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, at the end, to add the words,—

"(3) No guarantee under this Act shall be given for the purpose of building mercantile sea-going vessels other than passenger or fishing vessels, or tankers, or ferries, or icebreakers, and this restriction shall not apply to river craft capable of undertaking sea voyages."—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

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

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"(3) No guarantee under this Act shall be given for the purpose of building mercantile sea-going vessels other than passenger or fishing vessels, or tankers, or ferries, or icebreakers, and this restriction shall not apply to river craft capable of undertaking sea voyages."—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Power of Treasury to contribute towards interest payable on certain loans).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 19, to leave out from the word "loan" to the word "so" in l. 21.—(Mr. Foxen.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;
And it being a quarter-past Eight of the clock, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, viewing with anxiety recent events in India, regrets the lack of a clear statement of policy with regard thereto by His Majesty's Ministers.—(Captain Viscount Curzon):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Association of Municipal Corporations (Expenses) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of May next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children, Young Persons, &c., Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of May next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Cycle Races Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity the Electricity Commissioners under the Elec- (Supply) Acts., tricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Hitchin, in the County of Hertford, which was presented on the 7th day of April 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gaoling.)

Postponed Proceeding on Amendment proposed on consideration of Clause 2 of the Trade Facilities Bill, resumed.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

And objection being taken that the proposed Amendment would involve an increased charge, the Chairman declined to put the Question thereon to the Committee.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 24, at the end, to insert the words,—

" Provided that any interest remitted under this section shall be funded as a capital obligation against the said Government and shall be redeemed in London at par on the same date as that on which the original loan is redeemed, and till so redeemed shall bear interest at the same rate per cent. per annum as the original loan, such interest to begin as the original loan, such interest to begin five years after the date upon which each remission of interest was granted."—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 5, after the word "communications," to insert the words "(including harbours, docks and wharves)."—(Sir Malcolm Macnaghten.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 6, after the word "water," to insert the words "or an undertaking of a co-operative society or trade union to advance deposits for house purchase for its members."—(Mr. Sunlight.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

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Question put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Chauses No. 3 to No. 5 agreed to.

A Clause (Provisions as to Advisory Committee)—(Sir Beddoes Rees)—brought up, and read the first time.
The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Courts Second Reading of the County Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lead Paint Second Reading of the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Charges (Validity) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the National Health Insurance (Cost of Medical Benefit) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Charges (Validity) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April.
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 Tuesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then ten minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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

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Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Conveyancing (Scotland) Amendment Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 2nd April 1924, made by the Secretary for Scotland under the Celluloid and Cinematograph Film Act, 1922, with respect to the use of Cinematograph or similar apparatus in Cinematograph Film Stores.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Walsh presented, by His Army Majesty's command,—Copy of General Annual Report on the British Army for the year ended 30th September 1922, with which is incorporated the Annual Report on Recruiting.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn until Tuesday 29th April,——(Master.)
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Trade Facilities Bill was, according to Trade 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 take into consideration the National Health Insurance (Cost of Medical Benefit) Bill, not amended in the Standing 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 29th day of this instant April, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

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The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A BILL to establish a Superannuation Fund for the salaried officers and servants of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time: And ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 2nd April 1924, made by the Secretary for Scotland under the Celluloid and Cinematograph Film Act, 1922, with respect to the use of Cinematograph or similar apparatus in Cinematograph Film Stores.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Order, 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 in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Corporations (Bridge).

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

The Harrogate Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway 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 Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Morecambe Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

King’s Lynn Docks and Railway Bill (Lords) was read a second time, and committed.

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment.)

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

Coal (Prices and Qualities.)

Copy of Correspondence between the Mines Department and the Coal Merchants’ Federation of Great Britain, together with the Report of a Conference between the Secretary for Mines and the Federation, relative to the Retail Prices and Qualities of Household Coal.

Country Courts (England and Wales.)

Copy of Return of Proceedings in actions for possession or ejectment in County Courts of England and Wales.

Imperial Economic Conference.

Copy of Statement of the position of His Majesty’s Government in regard to the Resolutions of the Imperial Economic Conference, 1923, and the proposals laid before the Conference by His Majesty’s late Government.

East India (Education.)


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

Mr. Witley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the National Health Insurance (Joint Committee) (Regulations.) Reports, 1924.


Copy of Regulations, dated 16th April 1924, National Health Insurance (Central Index Committee) Amendment Regulations (Wales), 1924.

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

Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, 1912—

—Copy of Order made under the Acts, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed, with Amendments, by the Secretary for Scotland:—

City and Royal Burgh of Dunure.

Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education on Education in Scotland, dated 29th April 1924, providing for the payment of Grants from the Education (Scotland) Fund under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918, entitled the Education Authorities (Scotland) Grant Regulations, 1924.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the Diseases of Animals Acts, Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 8th April 1924, entitled the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 55).

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Police (Accounts.)—Accounts showing the sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police and Police Courts between 1st April 1923 and 31st March 1924.

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

Copies of Licences granted, under the Penal Servitude Acts, to two Convicts, discharging them from Liverpool Convict Prison on condition that they enter a home.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Treen presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Act, 1911. Copy of Order in Council, under the Copyright Act, 1911, dated 16th April 1924, entitled the Copyright Act, 1911 (Extension to the Tanganyika Territory), Order, 1924.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 16th April 1924, entitled the Merchant Shipping, Passenger Act, 1894.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898.

Copy of Order in Council under the Merchant Shipping (Light Tons) Order, 1924.
Copies of Orders in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 16th April, 1924, approving Admiralty memorials praying sanction to—

1. the payment of certain allowances to Flag Officers of the Engineer branch undergoing instructional courses in engineering subjects; and

2. the payment of pensions, &c., to officers and men of the Coastguard selected for discharge from the Naval Service.


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

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Staffs employed in Government Departments on 1st April 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account up to 31st March 1924, of the total sums issued from the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of guarantees given under Section 1 of the Trade Facilities Act, 1921, and of the sums paid in or towards the repayment of any sum so issued.

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

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to Standing Order 1586,—Copy of Report of the Ministry of Transport relative to the Southern Railway Bill.

Mr. Gosling also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Third Annual Report of the Minister of Transport on the Caledonian and Crinan Canals for the year ended 31st March 1923.

Ordered, That the Report relative to the Southern Railway Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill, and that the Paper relative to Caledonian and Crinan Canals 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 Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1923. Part A. General Report.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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.—(Mr. William Graham.)

Mr. William Graham accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tenants Bill, Friday next, the Tenants Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Sir Harry Brittain, supported by Sir Douglas Newton, Sir Philip Sassoon, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Foot, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Wiggall, presented a Bill to provide for the further protection of birds: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means be exempted, the House, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) was ordered to be printed:

((In the Committee.)

CUSTOMS AND excise.

Tea.

1. Resolved, That in lieu of the existing customs duty on teas, &c., there shall, on and after the fifth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, be charged the following reduced duty, that is to say:

Tea - - - the pound - - - fourpence.

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.)

Cocoa.

2. Resolved, That in lieu of the existing customs duties on cocoa, there shall, on and after the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, be charged the following reduced duties, that is to say:

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Provided that as respects any duty charged on manufactured or prepared goods under section seven of the Finance Act, 1901, the aforesaid reduction of duty shall not take effect until the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

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.)
Coffee, Chicory, and Coffee Substitutes.

3. Resolved, That there shall, on and after the fifth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-four—

(a) In lieu of the existing customs duties on coffee and chicory, be charged the following reduced duties, that is to say:

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(b) In lieu of the existing excise duty on chicory, be charged the following reduced duty, that is to say:

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and so in proportion for any less quantity.

(c) In lieu of the existing excise duty on coffee substitutes, be charged the following reduced duty, that is to say:

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Provided that—

(i) in the case of the drawback on chicory and on mixtures of coffee and chicory, the rate thereof shall, if the duty paid on the chicory, or on the chicory or any part of the chicory contained in the mixture, as the case may be, was either the customs duty at the reduced rate payable under section eight of the Finance Act, 1919, or the excise duty, be nine shillings instead of eleven shillings; and

(ii) the aforesaid reduction in the rates of drawback shall not have effect in relation to any goods as respects which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty was paid at the rates in force before the fifth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

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.)

Sugar.

4. Resolved, That—

(a) In lieu of the existing customs duties on sugar, there shall, on and after the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, be charged the following reduced duties:

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And intermediate duties varying between 1s. 8d. and 3s. 7d. on sugar of a polarisation not exceeding ninety-eight degrees and exceeding seventy-six degrees.

Molasses (including all sugar and extracts from sugar which cannot be tested by the polariscope):—

If containing 70 per cent. or more of sweetening matter | the cwt. | 7  | 5
If containing less than 70 per cent. but more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter | the cwt. | 5  | 4
If containing not more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter | the cwt. | 2  | 7

Glucose:

Solid | the cwt. | 7  | 5
Liquid | the cwt. | 5  | 4
Saccharin (including substances of a like nature or use) | the oz. | 3  | 9

Provided that as respects any duty charged on manufactured or prepared goods under section seven of the Finance Act, 1901, the aforesaid reduction of duty shall not take effect until the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-four;

(b) In lieu of the existing excise duties on sugar made in Great Britain or Northern Ireland there shall, on and after the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, be charged the following reduced duties:

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A duty equal to five-sixths of the full customs duty charged on imported sugar or molasses of the same class.

Glucose:

Solid | the cwt. | 6  | 2
Liquid | the cwt. | 4  | 5
Saccharin (including substances of a like nature or use) | the oz. | 3  | 1

and so in proportion for any less quantity.

(c) The following drawbacks and allowances shall be allowed and made at the reduced

- The ounce
- The cwt.
respects which it is shown to the satisfaction
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.
statutory effect under the provisions of the
public interest that this Resolution shall have
and twenty-four.
the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred
that duty was paid at the rates in force before
the Commissioners of Customs and Excise
not have effect in relation to any goods as
the aforesaid drawbacks and allowances shall
In the case of molasses pro-
duced in Great Britain or Northern
In the case of molasses pro-
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nineteen hundred and twenty-four, en-
continuation of New Import Duties.
7. Resolved, That the new import duties
which were imposed by Part I. of the Finance
(No. 2) Act, 1913, and continued by section six of the Finance Act, 1923, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, shall continue to be charged as from that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

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 New Import Duties.

6. Resolved, That the additional duties of excise on medicines imposed by section seven of the Finance Act, 1923, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, shall continue to be charged as from that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

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 Additional Medicine Duties (Excise).

5. Resolved, That—
(a) As from the second day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, entertainments duty shall cease to be charged on payments for admission to an entertainment where the amount of the payment for admission does not exceed sixpence, and where the amount of the payment for admission, excluding the amount of the duty, exceeds sixpence and does not exceed one shilling and threepence, the duty shall be charged at the following reduced rates, that is to say:—

Where the payment—
Exceeds 6d. and does not exceed 7d. - - - one penny.
Exceeds 7d. and does not exceed 8d. - - - three halfpence.

Entertainments Duty.

(a) Income tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, at the rate of four shillings and sixpence in the pound, and the same super-tax shall be charged for that year as was charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three; and
(b) The annual value of any property which has been adopted for the purpose of income tax under Schedules A and B for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, shall be taken as the annual

INCOME TAX.

Charge of Income Tax.

8. Resolved, That—
(a) Income tax shall be charged for the
year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, at
the rate of four shillings and sixpence in
the pound, and the same super-tax shall be charged for that year as was
charged for the year beginning the
sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three; and
(b) The annual value of any property which has been adopted for the purpose of income tax under Schedules A and B for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, shall be taken as the annual
where relief is given in respect of Dominion
in respect of the reduction of the rate of tax
be a repayment of the whole amount of the
for any year, any repayment to be made shall
which he is entitled he has no taxable income
proves that by reason of the deductions to
income tax:
half that rate, as the case may be, but subject
on the first two hundred and twenty-five
taining the amount of his taxable income or
deduction allowed for the purpose of ascer-
in nineteen hundred and twenty-four, to which
before or after the thirtieth day of April,
tax for any year of assessment, whether ending
and twenty-four, or at the standard rate of tax for that year, or at
pounds of his taxable income, shall be made
nine, and thirty-one of the Finance Act, 1923.
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.)
Resolutions to be reported.
Amendment of Law.
Motion made, and Question proposed, 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.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):
Whereupon Motion made, and Question,
that the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. William Graham),
—put, and agreed to.

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 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.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment.
(Mr. Clynes.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before eight of the clock, adjourned 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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Wednesday, 30th April 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Standing Orders.

So much of Standing Order 91 as fixes Five as the quorum of the Select Committee on Standing Orders was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That, for the remainder of the Session, Three be the quorum of the Committee.

—(Sir George Croydon Marks.)

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committted.

Mr. Wheatley presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Kingston-upon-Hull, Kingston-upon-Thames, Liverpool, Loughborough, Rochdale, and Uxbridge: 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. Wheatley presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Bradfield Water, Burnham and District Water, and Portishead District 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.

A Bill to regulate the expenditure on capital account and lending of money by the London County Council during the financial period from the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, to the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of a further sum required to be voted for the Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1925.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Egyptian Guaranteed Loan of 1885 up to 31st March 1924.

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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 1924, together with the Balances in the Exchequer on the 1st April 1923; the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended 31st March 1924; and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; that the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Public Income and Expenditure be printed.

Mr. Secretary Thomas presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Protocol of 30th April 1923 and the Agreements subsidiary to the Treaty with King Feisal of Iraq. Signed 10th October 1922.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the Diseases of Animals Acts,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts.—

(1) The Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 58), dated 11th April 1924;

(2) The Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 65), dated 22nd April 1924;

(3) The Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 67), dated 23rd April 1924;


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

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for the year 1923.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Street and Road Tramways and Light Railways authorised by Act or Order, showing the amount of capital authorised, paid up, and expended; the length of line authorised and the length open for public traffic down to the 31st day of December 1923 in respect of companies, and the 31st day of March 1924 in respect of Local Authorities; the gross receipts, working expenditure, net receipts, and appropriations; the number of passengers conveyed; the number of miles run by cars; the quantity of electrical energy used; the estimated population served; the number of cars in stock and in use; the average speed per hour; and the average distances for which passengers are conveyed for each fare, for the year ended on the foregoing dates, respectively (in continuation of Return to an Order of the House, dated the 13th June 1923); also similar particulars relating to Trackless Trolley Undertakings.—(Mr. Gosling.)
The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill was read and discharged.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.) Amendment of Law.

Question again proposed, 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:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. William Graham),—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 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 the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 29th day of this instant April:

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the West Indian Islands (Telegraph) 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 8th day of this instant April, That the Pacific Cable Board Bill be now 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 War Charges (Validity) (No. 2) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the County Court (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Debt (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice (Lords) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice (Lords) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office (London) Railway Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Auxiliary Air Force Reserve Bill (Lords);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill (Lords);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill (Lords);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill (Lords);

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 Second Reading of the Friendly Societies 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 Agricultural Wages 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 Health (Scotland) 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 Town Councils (Scotland) Bill;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, there is no justification for depriving the retired Naval Officer of his pension, which is deferred pay, during the period of a war in which he was called up, kept on, or volunteered, and served, such retired Naval Officer being the only officer or man in the three services who was so deprived of pension while serving. —(Sir Bertram Falle);—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House views with serious concern the state of agriculture and the continued reduction of the acreage of land in Great Britain under cultivation for the growing of cereals, and especially under wheat, and the consequent reduction of the number of agricultural workers, and urges the Government to state its policy for dealing with this problem.

—(Colonel Walter.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pawning of Industrial Tools 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 Leasehold Enfranchisement 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 House of Commons and Municipal Corporations (Qualification of Clergymen) 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 Hours of Employment (No. 2) Bill;

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

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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Motorways Bill.

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

Hours of Employment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Employment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Trade union Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Distressed Tenants Bill.

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

Rent and Mortgage Interest Restriction Acts (1920 and 1923) Amendment Bill.

The Rent and Mortgage Interest Restriction Acts (1920 and 1923) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Prevention of Eviction Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Prevention of Eviction Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill.

The Guardianship of Children (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Fairs Bill.

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

Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Trade Union Ballot Bill.

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

Motor Cycle Races Bill.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Orders Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 0) Bill.

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

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

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 29th February 1924, relative to the Ceylon War Contribution.

Copy of Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in Scotland, in the year 1923, in the administration of Estates and List of Estates.

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

Mr. C. Maclean presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 26th June 1923, relative to the Ceylon War Contribution.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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

Mr. C. Maclean presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 26th June 1923, relative to the Ceylon War Contribution.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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:

General Report and Accounts of the Conservators of the River Thames for 1923. No. 66.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Wandsworth Borough Council (Superannuation) Bill, with Amendments. Vide Second Report.

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

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means have precedence this day of the House of Supply.—(Mr. Clynes.)
Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

Question again proposed, 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:—Debate arising;

Mr. Spoor rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Question put accordingly, 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 upon Tuesday 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 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 Ways and Means of the 29th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the West Indian Islands (Telegraph) Bill;

Resolved, 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 8th day of April last, That the Pacific Cable Board 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 War Charges (Validity) (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Advertisements Regulation 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 Distressed Tenants Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Frederick Hall):

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.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

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

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[No. 60.]

**Friday, 2nd May 1924.**

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

A MOTION being made, That the Morecambe Corporation Bill be now read the third time:

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. Secretary Henderson, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk to carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment (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 the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Duchess of Atholl.)
And the Question being 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 [Mr. Rendall, Yeas, Mr. Samuel Roberts: 144.
Tellers for the [Duchess of Atholl, Noes, Mr. Herbert Morrison: 238.
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dock and Waterside Labour (Decasualisation) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of June next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bonâ Fide Travellers Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time the following Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time the following Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Illegitimacy Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time the following Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children, Young Persons, &c., Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time the following Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time the following Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Cycle Races Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time the following Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then twelve minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Hackney and New College Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Leeds Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Mr. William Adamson, presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Report of the Ex-Ranker Officers.  
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buxton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on the Claims of Professional Ex-Ranker Officers.  
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-eighth Annual Report of His Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives, for 1923.  
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson also presented, Shops Act, 1912, 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 of State for the Home Department:—

Urban District of Ripley (Derbyshire).
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Godley presented, pursuant to Standing Order 1386,—Copy of Report of the Minister of Transport on the St. Just (Falmouth) Ocean Wharves and Railways (Abandonment) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Boyce to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill); Sir Cyril Cobb (in respect of the Local Government (Removal of Disqualification) (No. 2) Bill); and Sir George McEwan (in respect of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill and of the Conveyancing (Scotland) Amendment Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill):—Mr. Acland, Mr. George Barker, Mr. Coven, Sir Henry Crark, Mr. Morgan Jones, Mr. Routh, Mr. Rowlands, Colonel Speeder-Clay, Mr. Trevethyn, and Mr. Edward Wood.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Local Government (Removal of Disqualification) (No. 2) Bill):—Mr. Rhys Davies, Mr. John Guest, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Mr. Lorimer, Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Mr. Pilkington, Colonel Spender-Clay, Mr. Trevelyan, and Mr. Graham White.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C—Sir Thomas Inskip and Mr. Samuel Roberts; and had appointed in substitution: Sir George Beckett and Sir Clive Morrison-Bell.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That the following Members representing Scottish Constituencies are appointed to serve on the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a Standing Committee:—Mr. William Adams, Sir William Alexander, Mr. Asquith, the Duchess of Atholl, Sir John Baird, Sir Charles Barrie, Captain Wedgwood Benn, Sir George Berry, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Sir Samuel Chapman, Dr. Chapple, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Climie, Sir Godfrey Collins, Mr. Dugald Cowan, Sir Henry Crark, the Earl of Dalkeith, Mr. Dickson, Captain Wedgwood Benn, Sir George Berry, of Atholl, Sir John Baird, Sir Charles Barrie, Lieutenant-General Sir Aylmer Hunger-Weldon, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Livingstone, Sir George McEwan, Sir Murdoch Macdonald, Mr. Robert Macdonald, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Frederick Martin, Mr. William Martin, Mr. Maxim, Mr. Millar, Robert Mitchell, Mr. Morel, Mr. John Muir, Mr. Robert Murray, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Philipps, Mr. Raffan, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Scrymgour, Mr. Shinwell, Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stephen, Mr. James Stewart, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Sterrock, Mr. Sullivan, Sir William Sutherland, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. William Watson, Mr. Weir, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Westwood, Mr. Wheatley, Major McKenzie Wood, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Andrew Young.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Scottish Standing Committee: That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill and the Conveyancing (Scotland) Amendment Bill) —Mr. Butey, Major Burnie, Mr. Hayes, Mr. William Henderson, Sir William Lane Mitchell, Sir Pilkington, Mr. Atholl Robertson, Mr. Russell, Major Steel, and Sir William Mitchell-Thomson.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Prevention of Eviction Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 14, by leaving out the words "the landlord," and inserting the words "a landlord who became a landlord before the passing of this Act"—(Mr. Simon), 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 an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 17, by leaving out from the word "case," to the word "that," in l. 18.—(Lord Eustace Percy.)

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 p. 1, l. 18, by inserting after the word "available," the words "or which may have been available since service of the notice to quit."—(Mr. Allen.)

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. 1, l. 21, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided that in the case of a dwelling-house of which either the tenant or the landlord was an alien who is not a British citizen and did not serve in the great war, if the court is of opinion that equal hardship would be caused to the tenant by granting as to the landlord by refusing to grant an order, the landlord or the tenant, as the case may be, who is a British subject shall be preferred by the court."—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)
And the Question being proposed, "That those words be there inserted in the Bill":—
The proposed Amendment was amended, in l. 2, by inserting, after the word "serve," the words "the British Empire or its Allies."—(Colonel Gretton.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words, as amended, be there inserted in the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Sir Kingsley Wood 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 those words, as amended, be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Sir Kingsley Wood,
Mr. Parkinson,
Mr. Hudson Guest:
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Leif Jones,
Sir Herbert Nield:

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So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second 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 West Indian Islands (Telegraph) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 to No. 6 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of April last, That the Pacific Cable Board Bill be now read a second 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 a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Charges (Validity) (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; 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 give a Second Reading to a Bill which seeks to validate the illegal and unconstitutional action of certain Government Departments in imposing and levying charges on His Majesty's subjects, without parliamentary sanction, after the cessation of hostilities, and to deprive those who suffered these exactions of the redress which they have either secured by judgments of the Courts or are seeking to secure by claims already lodged"—(Mr. Leif Jones),—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
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Leif Jones,
Sir Herbert Nield:

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Local into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration 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 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 SMALL DEBT:

Second Reading of the Small Debt (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Scotland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the ADMINISTRATION of JUSTICE (Scotland) Bill:

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

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Wages Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regulation of Railways Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of Second Reading of the Adoption of Children 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 Parliamentary Elections (Alternative Vote) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 19th day of this instant May.

The Protection of Birds Bill was, according Protection of to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) 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 Pawning of Industrial Tools 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 House of Commons and Municipal Corporations (Qualification of Clergymen) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Enfranchisement 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 House of Commons and Municipal Corporations (Qualification of Clergymen) 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 British Museum Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration Second Reading of the Registration of Theatrical Employers (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.
Tuesday, 6th May 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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.:—

Aberdare Canal Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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 additional Provision in the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords].

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

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

No. 62.

Copy of the Disestablishment of the Church of England Assembly Act, 1919.

No. 67.

Copy of the Disestablishment of the Church of England Assembly Act, 1919.

No. 68.

Copy of the Disestablishment of the Church of England Assembly Act, 1919.

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No. 73.

Copy of the Disestablishment of the Church of England Assembly Act, 1919.

No. 74.
Copy of the Benefices Act, 1888 (Amendment), Measure, 1923, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.


Copy of the Diocese of Winchester (Division) Measure, 1923, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Sir Joseph Hood reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That the Committee could not proceed to business in consequence of the absence of Mr. Sutcliffe and Mr. William Jenkins (Neath), Members of the said Committee, and had therefore adjourned till to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 29th of April last several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Tea.

1. That in lieu of the existing customs duty on tea, there shall, on and after the fifth day of May, one hundred and twenty-four, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, be charged the following reduced duty, 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.

Coffee, Chicory, and Coffee Substitutes.

3. That there shall, on and after the fifth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-four —

(a) In lieu of the existing customs duties on coffee and chicory, be charged the following reduced duties, that is to say:—

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and so in proportion for any less quantity.

(b) In lieu of the existing excise duty on chicory, be charged the following reduced duty, that is to say:—

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and so in proportion for any less quantity.

(c) In lieu of the existing excise duty on coffee substitutes, be charged the following reduced duty, that is to say:—

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(d) Be substituted for the rates of drawback on coffee and chicory and mixtures of coffee and chicory authorised by section three of the Finance Act, 1922, the following reduced rates, that is to say:—

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Provided that—

(i) in the case of the drawback on chicory and on mixtures of coffee and chicory, the rate thereof shall, if the duty paid on the chicory, or on any part of the chicory contained in the mixture, as the case may be, is either the customs duty at the reduced rate payable under section eight of the Finance Act, 1919, or the excise duty, be nine shillings instead of eleven shillings; and

(ii) the aforesaid reduction in the rates of drawback shall not have effect in relation to any goods as respects which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty was paid at the rates in force before the fifth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

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.

Sugar.

4. That—

(a) In lieu of the existing customs duties on sugar, there shall, on and after the
thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, be charged the following reduced duties:

- Sugar of a polarisation exceeding ninety-eight degrees - the cwt. 11
- Sugar of a polarisation not exceeding seventy-six degrees - the cwt. 5
- Molasses (including all sugar and extracts from sugar which cannot be tested by the polariscope):
  - If containing 70 per cent. or more of sweetening matter - the cwt. 7
  - If containing less than 70 per cent. but more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter - the cwt. 5
  - If containing not more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter - the cwt. 2
- Glucose:
  - Solid - the cwt. 7
  - Liquid - the cwt. 5
- Saccharin (including substances of a like nature or use) - the oz. 3

Provided that as respects any duty charged on manufactured or prepared goods under section seven of the Finance Act, 1901, the aforesaid reduction of duties shall not take effect until the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-four;

(b) In lieu of the existing excise duties on sugar made in Great Britain or Northern Ireland there shall, on and after the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, be charged the following reduced duties:

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- Glucose:
  - Solid - the cwt. 6
  - Liquid - the cwt. 4
- Saccharin (including substances of a like nature or use) - the ounce 3

and so in proportion for any less quantity.

The excise drawback to be allowed to a refiner on molasses produced in Great Britain or Northern Ireland from imported sugar and delivered by him to a licensed distiller for use in the manufacture of spirits - the cwt. 2

The excise drawback to be allowed on molasses produced in Great Britain or Northern Ireland from sugar which the excise duty has been paid and delivered to a licensed distiller for use in the manufacture of spirits - the cwt. 2

The allowances to refiners on molasses used solely for the purpose of food for stock -

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- Glucose:
  - Solid - the cwt. 6
  - Liquid - the cwt. 4
- Saccharin (including substances of a like nature or use) - the ounce 3

Provided that the reduction of the rates of the aforesaid drawbacks and allowances shall not have effect in relation to any goods as respects which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty was paid at the rates in force before the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

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.

Entertainments Duty.

5. That -

(a) As from the second day of June, Duty. nineteen hundred and twenty-four, entertainments duty shall cease to be charged on payments for admission to an entertainment where the amount of the payment for admission does not exceed sixpence, and where the amount of the payment for admission, excluding the amount of the duty, exceeds sixpence and does not exceed one shilling and threepence, the duty shall be charged at the following reduced rates, that is to say:

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<td>Exceeds 1s. 1d. and does not exceed 1s. 3d.</td>
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(h) Where a person who has made a payment for admission to an entertainment subsequently on being admitted to another part of the place of entertainment makes a further payment of admission in respect of the same entertainment there shall for the purposes of entertainments duty be deemed to have been one payment of an amount equal to the aggregate amount of the several payments.

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.

Continuation of Additional Medicine Duties (Excise).

Continuation of New Import Duties.

6. That the additional duties of excise on medicines imposed by section eleven of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section seven of the Finance Act, 1923, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, shall continue to be charged as from that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

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.

Continuation of New Import Duties.

7. That the new import Duties which were imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section six of the Finance Act, 1923, until the first day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, shall continue to be charged as from that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

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.

Income Tax on War Bonus, &c.

9. That for the purposes of any assessment for income tax for any year in which income tax was made on or after, or has not become final and conclusive before, the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, any increase of or addition to any salary, remuneration, pension, annuity, or stipend by way of war bonus, and any other like temporary increase or addition granted in order to meet the rise in the cost of living, shall be, and shall be deemed always to have been, chargeable to tax as salary, remuneration, pension, annuity, or stipend, as the case may be, and not as perquisites.

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.

Rate of Income Tax to be repaid in respect of Deduction or Allowance under Part II. of Finance Act, 1920.

10. That any repayment of income tax to be repaid in respect of the deduction or allowance in the case of any person for any year of assessment whether ending before or after the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, to which any person may be entitled in respect of any deduction allowed for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of his taxable income or in respect of the reduction of the rate of tax on the first two hundred and twenty-five pounds of his taxable income, shall be made at the standard rate of tax for that year, or at half that rate, as the case may be, but subject to such adjustments as may be proper in cases where relief is given in respect of Dominion income tax:

Provided that, in the case of any person who proved that by reason of the deductions to which he is entitled he has no taxable income for any year, any repayment to be made shall be a repayment of the whole amount of the tax paid by him, whether by deduction or otherwise, in respect of his income for that year.

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.

The First Resolution, being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in I. 5, by inserting, after
the word "fourpence," the words "but on all tea imported from the British Empire the duty be twopence."—(Colonel Sir Henry Croft.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Resolution;

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Colonel Sir Henry Croft, Lieutenant-Commander Burney: 155.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Spoon, Mr. Kennedy: 245.

So it passed in the Negative.
And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Second Resolution, being read a second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in 1. 3, by inserting, after the word "duties," the words "except that all cocoa imported from the British Empire shall be free of duty."—(Mr. Lumley.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Resolution;

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Lumley, Colonel Sir Henry Croft: 177.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Parkinson: 267.

So it passed in the Negative.
And the Resolution was agreed to.

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

The Fourth Resolution, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in 1. 2, by inserting, after the word "sugar," the words "made in Foreign countries."—(Sir William Mitchell-Thomson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Resolution;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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 those words be there inserted in the Resolution;

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Commander Egges, Monsell, Colonel Giles: 182.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Spoon, Mr. Frederick Hall: 243.

So it passed in the Negative.
And the Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the consideration of the remaining Resolutions be now adjourned.—(Mr. Clynes.)

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means, it was moved, That it be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Report be read to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage Validity (Provisional Orders) 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 Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government and Government Other Officers Superannuation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Bill;

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

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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 Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) 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 Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill.

Motor Cycle Races Bill.

Hours of Employment Bill.

Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill.

Poor Rate Laws Consolidation Bill.

Protection of Animals Bill.

Trade Union Ballot Bill.

Motor Cycle Races Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Cycle Races 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 Second Reading of the Association of Municipal Corporations (Expenses) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals 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 Trade Union Ballot 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 Motor Cycle Races Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And it being half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, 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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The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Wandsworth Borough Council (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. William Adams presented, by His Agriculture Majesty's Command, — Copy of Twelfth Report (Scotland.) of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland for 1923.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir George Creighton Marks reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Orders; which were read as follow:
1. That in the case of the Rotherham Corporation Bill, Petition for additional Provision in regard to the water and electricity undertakings of the Corporation; to consolidate the Parishes and rates of the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Twelfth Report (Scotland.) of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, were laid upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Orders; which were read as follow:
1. That in the case of the Rotherham Corporation Bill, Petition for additional Provision in regard to the water and electricity undertakings of the Corporation; to consolidate the Parishes and rates of the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Twelfth Report (Scotland.) of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, were laid upon the Table.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Hastings to construct additional waterworks and to execute street improvements; to make further provision in regard to the water and electricity undertakings of the Corporation; to make further provision for the improvement, health, and good government of the Borough; to consolidate the Parishes and rates of the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Hastings Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Act, 1922: And that Mr. William Adamson and Mr. James Stewart do prepare and bring it in.

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.

JOHN HENRY WHITLEY,
Speaker.

The County Courts Bill was, according to County Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Small Debt (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Charges Committee on the War Charges (Validity) (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords],

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice 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 Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) 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 Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) 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 War Charges Reserve 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 Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve 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 Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Ordered, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Maesteg, in the County of Glamorgan, which was presented on the 20th day of March 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Maesteg, in the County of Glamorgan, which was presented on the 20th day of March 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with apprehension the growth of National Expenditure on Public Assistance, and in particular the extent to which the several services overlap, and urges upon His Majesty's Government the necessity for the adoption of the recommendations of the Betterton Committee on Public Assistance Administration—(Sir John Marriott):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Distressed Tenants 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 Moveable Dwellings Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fairs 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 Protection of Animals 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 Protection of Animals 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 Motor Cycle Races Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Parkinson):
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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

No. 64.

Thursday, 8th May 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Bill [Lords], was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Parkinson presented, by His Majesty's Secretaries, a Return showing (a) Particulars of all Aliens to whom Certificates of Naturalisation have been issued and whose Oaths of Allegiance have, during the year ended the 31st day of December 1923, been registered at the Home Office; (b) Information as to any Aliens who have during the year...
The Bristol Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Malvern Hills Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [7th allotted Day.]


1. £7,943,000 for Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., at Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad.

2. £5,307,900 for Material for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., at Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad.

3. £5,820,300 for Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c.

4. £3,975,500 for Naval Armanent.

5. £4,258,100 for Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, including the cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad.

6. £462,500 for Medical Services, including the cost of Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad.

7. £181,200 for Civilians employed on Fleet Services.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £341,800 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of Educational Services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925:—Debate arising;

Mr. Ammon rose in his place and claimed to closure claimed, but Chairman withholds his assent.

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 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 the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not 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 Second Reading of the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) 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 Rating of Land Values (No. 2) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regulation of Railways Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adoption of Children Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Employment of Young Persons) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Distressed Tenants 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 Fairs Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals 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 Motor Cycle Races Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till four minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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 for effecting an union of the Benefices of Templeton and Loxbeare with a portion of the Benefice of Withleigh, in the County of Devon and the Diocese of Exeter.

Sir Joseph Hood reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills: That the parties promoting the Manchester Ship Canal Bill had stated that the evidence of Thomas Monk Newell, Engineer-in-Chief of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Thomas Monk Newell do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Thomas Monk Newell do attend the Committee on Group D of Private Bills on Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of Scotland 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."—(Sir John Basil.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Buchanan rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put: but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Macpherson rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put: but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Maxton rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put: but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Neil Maclean rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put: but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate;

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rabbits and Rooks 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 Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment (No. 3) Bill;

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

Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that grave disorder had arisen in the House, adjourned the House without Question No. 21 put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 21 (Grave Disorder.)

Then the House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

The House met at three o'clock, till Monday next.

Standing Committees.

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

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Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

Monday, 12th May 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into con-consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Queen's Ferry Bridge 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.
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Ordering, That the London County Council (General Powers) Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Wandsworth Borough Council (Supernumeration) 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 St. Just (Falmouth) Ocean Wharves and Railways (Abandonment) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Aberdare Canal Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Account of the Unemployment Fund established pursuant to Section 14 (1) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, showing the Receipts and Payments during the period 3rd July 1922 to 1st July 1923, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor-General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to inquire into the working of the provisions of the Factory and Workshop Acts for the medical examination of young persons as to their fitness for employment in factories.

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

Mr. Secretary Thomas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the President of the Overseas Settlement Committee from the delegation appointed to inquire into conditions affecting British settlers in Australia.

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

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Special Orders made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of—

(1) the Borough of Tenterden and the Rural District of Tenterden (except certain detached portions), in the County of Kent;

(2) the Urban District of Brownhills and the Parishes of Hammerwich and Ogley Hay Rural and part of the Parish of Burntwood Edial and Woodhouses, in the Rural District of Lichfield, all in the County of Stafford.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 11, by leaving out the word “twenty-six,” and inserting the word “twenty-five.”—(Sir Kingsley Wood),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word “twenty-six” 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 desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill not amended in the Standing 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 House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924–25.)

(3) that part of the City of Wakefield which was formerly part of the Township of Lupset, in the West Riding of the County of York.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill.
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 Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Bill [Lords];

Complaint made to the House by Sir Kingsley Wood, Member for Woolwich West, of certain passages in the Daily Herald newspaper, of Saturday last, reflecting on an Honourable Member of this House, namely: “Thanks to the antiquated and lumbering procedure of the House of Commons and to the partiality of a Tory Chairman of the Committee to which the Bill was referred, they have so far been successful.”

“... Their deliberate wasting of time ought to be reported to the Speaker and the conduct of the Chairman should call down upon him the censure of the House.”

“He has tolerated, even encouraged, the wreckers. He has allowed them, for example, to submit frivolous Amendments, scribbled down during the proceedings. Things have come to such a pass that we doubt whether it is worth while to go on with the Bill,” and submitted that the said passages constituted a breach of the Privileges of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put;—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the statement in the Daily Herald of Saturday last is a gross libel on the Honourable Member for St. Pancras, North, Chairman of Standing Committee A, and is a grave infringement of the Privileges of this House. (Sir Kingsley Wood.)

The Question was amended by leaving out from the word “last,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “be referred to the Committee of Privileges.”—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—instead thereof.

And the Question, so amended, being put;—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the statement in the Daily Herald of Saturday last is a gross libel on the Honourable Member for St. Pancras, North, Chairman of Standing Committee A, and is a grave infringement of the Privileges of this House. (Sir Kingsley Wood.)

The Question was amended by leaving out from the word “last,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “be referred to the Committee of Privileges.”—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—instead thereof.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of Privileges.

The Friendly Societies Bill [Lords] was read a second time.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords];

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. Rawlinson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Ways and Means Report.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords];

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. Rawlinson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Ways and Means Report.

The Question, and adding the words “be referred from the word “ last,”

Ordered, That the statement in the Daily Herald of Saturday last is a gross libel on the Honourable Member for St. Pancras, North, Chairman of Standing Committee A, and is a grave infringement of the Privileges of this House. (Sir Kingsley Wood.)

The Question was amended by leaving out from the word “last,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “be referred to the Committee of Privileges.”—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—instead thereof.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred, they have so far been successful:—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the statement in the Daily Herald of Saturday last is a gross libel on the Honourable Member for St. Pancras, North, Chairman of Standing Committee A, and is a grave infringement of the Privileges of this House. (Sir Kingsley Wood.)

The Question was amended by leaving out from the word “last,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “be referred to the Committee of Privileges.”—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—instead thereof.

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 School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill, not amended in the Standing 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 Second Reading of the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords];

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. Rawlinson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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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 Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords];

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. Rawlinson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Ways and Means Report.

The Question, and adding the words “be referred from the word “ last,”

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The Question was amended by leaving out from the word “last,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “be referred to the Committee of Privileges.”—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—instead thereof.

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 Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords];

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. Rawlinson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Ways and Means Report.

The Question, and adding the words “be referred from the word “ last,”

Ordered, That the statement in the Daily Herald of Saturday last is a gross libel on the Honourable Member for St. Pancras, North, Chairman of Standing Committee A, and is a grave infringement of the Privileges of this House. (Sir Kingsley Wood.)

The Question was amended by leaving out from the word “last,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “be referred to the Committee of Privileges.”—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—instead thereof.

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The Question was amended by leaving out from the word “last,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “be referred to the Committee of Privileges.”—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—instead thereof.

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.
And the Question being put, That the Main Question be now put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the "Mr. Spoon

Mr. Warne:

Mr. Wise:

Yeas, 282.

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the "Sir F. E.

Yeas, 157.

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 Resolution:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the "Mr. Spoon

Mr. Warne:

Mr. Wise:

Yeas, 282.

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the "Sir F. E.

Yeas, 157.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Sixth Resolution, being read a second time, as followeth:

Continuation of Additional Medicine Duties (Excise).

That the additional duties of excise on medicines imposed by section eleven of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section seven of the Finance Act, 1923, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, shall continue to be charged as from that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

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:—

was agreed to.

The Seventh Resolution, being read a second time, as followeth:

Continuation of New Import Duties.

That the new import duties which were imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section six of the Finance Act, 1923, until the first day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, shall continue to be charged as from that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

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:—

was agreed to.

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The Eighth Resolution, being read a second time, as followeth:

INCOME TAX.

Charge of Income Tax.

That—

(a) Income tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, at the rate of four shillings and sixpence in the pound, and the same super-tax shall be charged for that year as was charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three; and

(b) The annual value of any property which has been adopted for the purpose of income tax under Schedules A and B for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, shall be taken as the annual value of that property for the same purpose for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four:

Provided that the foregoing provision relating to annual value shall not apply to lands, tenements, and hereditaments in the administrative County of London with respect to which the valuation list under the Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869, is by that Act made conclusive for the purposes of income tax: and

(c) The like provisions shall have effect with respect to the income tax and super-tax charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, as had effect with respect thereto for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, other than sections twenty, twenty-two, twenty-seven, and thirty-one of the Finance Act, 1923.

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.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in l. 3, by leaving out the words "and sixpence."—(Sir Beddoe Rees.)

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

And the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock upon Monday evening:

Tuesday, 13th May 1924:

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

The Ninth Resolution, being read a second time, as followeth:

Income Tax on War Bonus, &c.

That for the purposes of any assessment to income tax for any year which is made on or after, or has not become final and conclusive before, the thirtieth day of
April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, or of any deduction on account of income tax for any year, any increase of or addition to any salary, remuneration, pension, annuity, or stipend by way of war bonus, and any other like temporary increase or addition granted in order to meet the rise in the cost of living, shall be, and shall be deemed always to have been, chargeable to tax as salary, remuneration, pension, annuity, or stipend, as the case may be, and not as perquisites.

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.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in 1. 2, by leaving out from the word “after,” to the word “the.”—(Mr. Keens.)

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Frederick Hall, 100.
Mr. Kennedy; 90.

Tellers for the Sir Thomas Inskip.
Mr. Galbraith.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Tenth Resolution, being read a second time, as followeth:

Rate of Income Tax to be repaid in respect of Deduction or Allowance under Part II. of Finance Act, 1920.

That any repayment of income tax for any year of assessment, whether ending before or after the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, to which any person may be entitled in respect of any deduction allowed for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of his taxable income or in respect of the reduction of the rate of tax on the first two hundred and twenty-five pounds of his taxable income, shall be made at the standard rate of tax for that year, or at half that rate, as the case may be, but subject to such adjustments as may be proper in cases where relief is given in respect of Dominion income tax:

Provided that, in the case of any person who proves that by reason of the deductions to which he is entitled he has no taxable income for any year, any repayment to be made shall be a repayment of the whole amount of the tax paid by him, whether by deduction or otherwise, in respect of his income for that year.

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—was agreed to.

Mr. Frederick Hall reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 1st 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 to grant certain duties of Customs and Inland Revenue (including Excise), to alter other duties, and to amend the Law relating to Customs and Inland Revenue (including Excise), and the National Debt, and to make further provision in connection with Finance:

And the same 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 Ways and Means 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 War Charges Committee on the War Charges (Validity) Bill (No. 2):

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords]:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Railway Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Auxiliary Air Force Reserve Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Wages Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant May;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Mansfield, which was presented on the 7th April and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Newbury, which was presented on the 9th April and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Penryn, which was presented on the 8th April and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Birstall, which was presented on the 8th April and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Newmill, which was presented on the 8th April and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Hours of Employment Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Theatrical Employers (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of April last, That the Abolition of Capital Punishment 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 Hours of Employment Act (No. 2) 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 Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation 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 Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) 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 Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales 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 Motorways 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 Trade Union Ballot 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 Distressed Tenants 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 Protection of Animals 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 Motor Cycle Races 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 Children, Young Persons, &c., Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Monday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then five minutes after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report

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applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:—

Bristol Water Bill [Lords].

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

A Motion being made, That the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill be now read the third time;

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. Frederick Roberts, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then 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 proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time;

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London County Council (General Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Mines Department on the causes of and circumstances attending the inrush of Water which occurred at the Redding Colliery, Falkirk, Stirlingshire, on 25th September 1923, by Sir Thomas H. Mottram, C.B.E., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines.

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

Mr. Ormsby-Gore reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday 21st May, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed him to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Pacific Cable Board Bill) and Sir Cyril Cobb (in respect of the County Courts Bill); and Sir George MacCrab as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Small Debt (Scotland) Bill and of the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put That it is inexpedient, in the midst of the present distresses, to remove the new Import Duties imposed by the Finance Act of 1915, by which much employment has been preserved—(Mr. Balneir)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Commander Eyres: 252.

Tellers for the Mr. Spoon, Mr. Frederick Hall: 317.

So it passed in the Negative.

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.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Friendly Societies Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Friendly Societies Bill [Lords];

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

Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;

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

Hours of Employment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Employment Bill;

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

Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;

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

Poor Rate Laws Consolidation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Rate Laws Consolidation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Wednesday, 14th May 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to prevent the payment out of public funds Expenditure.

Mr. Leif Jones, supported by Mr. Foot, Liquor Traffic Local Option (England and Wales) Bill.

Mr. Ayles, Mr. Mills, Rear-Admiral Kenworthy; Mr. Raffan, and Mrs. Wintringham, presented a Bill to promote temperance by conferring Wales) Bill.

Mr. Thomas Johnston, Mr. Millar, Mr. Morris, Traffic Local Control over Moneys for Experiments on Living Animals Bill.

Mr. R. A. Thomson, Mr. Scryne, Mr. Trevor L. Thomson, Mr. Ayles, Mr. Mills, Rear-Admiral Sueter, Mr. Wignall, Sir Philip Richardson, and Mr. Hodgson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Secretary Thomson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Governor and Executive Council of Trinidad on 13th March 1924, substituting the dietary scale in Schedule Vol. 179.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the publication of reports in cases of indictable offences.—(Captain Berkeley);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Captain Berkeley, Major Fletcher Moulton;
Sir Kingsley Wood, Sir Ellis Hume-Williams;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Captain Berkeley, Major Fletcher Moulton, Mr. Hope Simpson, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Captain Viscount Curzon, and Mr. John Harris do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Captain Berkeley accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the publication of reports in cases of indictable offences: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Clynes, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to County Courts [Salaries and Allowances] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71A, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71A, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to increase from one hundred thousand pounds to six hundred thousand pounds the amount up to which guarantees may be given under the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Act, 1920, as amended by the British Empire Exhibition (Amendment) Act, 1922.—(Mr. Lunn.)

Amendment proposed, in 1. 2, to leave out the word “six,” in order to insert the word “two.”—(Mr. Darbishire.)

Question proposed, That the word “six” stand part of the Question:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in 1. 4, at the end, to add the words “provided that satisfactory arrangements are made by the Exhibition Authorities to provide free sanitary accommodation and mess-room accommodation for the exhibitors’ assistants.”—(Mr. Edmund Harvey.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in 1. 4, at the end, to add the words “provided that among the police required for the purposes of the Exhibition the Authorities undertake to employ a proportion of women police.”—(Mrs. Wintringham.)

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

Main 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 House, according to Order, resolved War Charges Validity (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Validity of certain War Charges and Levies).

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Sir Herbert Nield).—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.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the conditions and wages of labour in India are so serious as to call for such changes in the Indian constitution as shall secure votes for and representation of the workers and peasants of India both in the Assembly and in the various Legislative Councils. —(Mr. Grundy): —And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Acts (1887 to 1911) 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 Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) 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 Merchant Shipping 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 Rating of Land Values (No. 2) 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 Adoption of Children Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Employment of Young Persons) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bonâ Fide Travellers Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) 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 Protection of Animals 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords] on the 12th day of this instant May, That the Orders Bill Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Friendly Societies Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned—

(Mr. Frederick Hall); 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.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, with,) which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. —

Hastings Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The St. Just (Falmouth) Ocean Wharves St. Just and Railways (Abandonment) 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Mr. Gallring presented a Bill to confirm Pier and certain Provisional Orders made by the Minister of Transport under the General Pier and Harbour (Provisional Orders No. 1) Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Blackpool Bill. (South Shore), Helensburgh, Montrose, Pen- arth, and Whitehaven: 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. Shinwell presented, by His Majesty’s Mines Command,—Copy of Report on the causes of Department and circumstances attending the accident which occurred at the Gartshore Colliery, Dumbartonshire, on 28th July 1923, by Henry Walker, c.r.e., His Majesty’s Deputy Chief Inspector of Mines.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 6th day of May 1924, on the subject of commuting the pension of three hundred and sixty pounds per annum, being the remaining portion of the pension originally granted to the first Duke of Schomberg, now payable to Major W. S. Gosling from the Consolidated Fund under the Acts 1 Geo. I., c. 78, and 19 & 20 Vict., c. 59. (Mr. William Graham.)

Sir Joseph Hood reported the Brighton Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

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

Sir Joseph Hood reported from the Committee on the Manchester Ship Canal Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 15th day of April last, the additional provision referred to in such Resolution had been inserted in the Bill.

Sir Joseph Hood further reported from the Committee; 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. William Nicholson reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Pacific Cable Board Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

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, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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 Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

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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, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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

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Best and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Bill.

Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Sir Robert Kay, Mr. Trevorlymen Thomson, Mr. Foot, Mr. Ernest Simon, Mr. Loverseed, Mr. Graham White, Mr. Edmund Harvey, Mr. Hinde, Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher, Mr. Mills and Mr. Frederick Gould, presented a Bill to extend the period of control of rents: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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 several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Trade Facilities Act, 1924.
4. Queen's Ferry Bridge Act, 1924.

The House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

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

CIVIL SERVICES AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

Estimates, 1924-25.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £206,072 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices, including Liquidation Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Contributions towards the Expenses of a System of Probation:

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Frederick Gould, presented a Bill to extend the period of control of rents: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £206,072 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices, including Liquidation Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Contributions towards the Expenses of a System of Probation:

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—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Class III.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924-25.

Class II.

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—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Class III.
for the Metropolitan Police District, Bonus to Metropolitan Police Magistrates, the Contribution towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police, the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary, and other Grants in respect of Police Expenditure, including Places of Detention, and a Grant in Aid of the Police Federation:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £3,065,236 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Hayes):

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 as 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 the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant May:
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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Kennedy reported from the Committee on County Courts [Salaries and Allowances], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of all salaries, allowances, and other sums which, under any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to officers of County Courts in England and of district registries of the High Court in England, and to make further provision with respect to such County Courts and proceedings therein, and for purposes connected therewith, are payable to registrars, high bailiffs, assistant registrars, clerks, bailiffs, ushers, or messengers of County Courts, to the registrars and clerks of district registries of the High Court, and to certain officers in the department of the Lord Chancellor.

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

Mr. Kennedy reported from the Committee on British Empire Exhibition [Guarantee], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to increase from one hundred thousand pounds to six hundred thousand pounds the amount up to which guarantees may be given under the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Act, 1920, as amended by the British Empire Exhibition (Amendment) Act, 1922.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Act, 1920: And the same was read the first time, Bill 133, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Charges Committee on the War Charges (Validity) [Lords] (No. 2) Bill.
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 12th day of this instant May, That the Marriage Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords.], 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 Friendly Societies Bill [Lords.];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Pawning of Industrial Tools Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Museum Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Theatrical Employers (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motorways Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Children, Second Reading of the Children, Young Persons, &c., Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Access to Second Reading of the Access to Mountains 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 Vivisection (Provision of Public Expenditure) 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 Indictable Offences (Regulation of Reports) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 70.]

Friday, 16th May 1924.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the London and North Eastern Railway Bill be now read the third time;
And Notice being taken, That the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;
Colonel Wedgwood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.
Then 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway 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.

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to St. Andrews Links Order Confirmation Bill.
Mr. James Stewart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy (Scotland) of Regulations, dated 21st March 1924, made by the Scottish Board of Health with the approval of the Treasury, entitled the County Councils and District Boards of Control (Assisted Schemes for Housing of Employees) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1924.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham presented,—Return to Perpetual Pensions. No. 84.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy (Scotland) of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Urban District Council of Poulton-le-Fylde.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Richardson presented a Bill to Elizabeth Fry Refuge and Refuge for the Charities in the County of London called or Destitute known as the Elizabeth Fry Refuge and the St. Andrews Links Order Confirmation Bill.
Mr. Webb, supported by Mr. William Adamson and Mr. Albert Alexander, presented a Bill to provide for the better protection of the public in relation to the sale of Bread; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nationalisation of Mines and Minerals 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. Samuel Roberts.)

And the Question being 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 Yeas—Mr. George Hall, Mr. Varley: 168.

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Samuel Roberts, Sir Bedloe Bee: 264.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rabbits and Rooks 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 British Museum 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 Access to Mountains 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 Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) 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 Indictable Offences (Regulation of Reports) Bill;

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

Sir Joseph Hood reported from the Committee on the Grampian Electricity Supply 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.

Sir Joseph Hood reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Attorney General; and had appointed in substitution: Miss Lawrence.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D:—Mr. George Spencer.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then ten minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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[No. 71.]

Monday, 19th May 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the London County Council (Money) Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Annual Reports as to the Statistics and state of the Finances of the Universities of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and St. Andrews, for 1922-23, made to the Secretary for Scotland under the provisions of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

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

Mr. Leach presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917.—

(1) amending His Majesty's Order of 26th January 1921, relative to Airmen's emoluments;

(2) amending His Majesty's Order of 9th December 1922, relative to the conditions of service and the rates and conditions of pay, allowances, and other emoluments of members of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force nursing service.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts—

(1) The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 70), dated 29th April 1924;

(2) The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Cheshire District) Order of 1924 (No. 5), dated 30th April 1924;

(3) The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 74), dated 3rd May 1924;

(4) Authorising the landing of one Eland at the Port of London, dated 5th May 1924;

(5) The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1924 (No. 77), dated 7th May 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 1924.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Standing Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Sir Philip Pilkhit.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee D:—Sir William Davison.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received the following Certificate and Report from the Judges appointed to try the Election of C.C. 2

Orders under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917—

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table:

Copy of International Convention relating to the Simplification of Customs Formalities, and Protocol of Signature (Ratification has not yet been effected).

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

Mr. Richards presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Indian Finance Act, 1924.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Revenue and Expenditure for County Courts in England and Wales in each of the three financial years 1921-22, 1922-23, 1923-24, and the estimated Revenue and Expenditure in the first year if the County Courts Bill passes into Law.

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

Mr. Hartshorn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Foreign and Colonial Post Amendment (No. 5) Warrant, 1924, dated 31st March 1924.

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

Mr. Passowby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Act of the Second General Conference on Communications and Transit, Geneva, 15th November to 9th December 1923.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received the following Certificate and Report from the Judges appointed to try the Election of C.C. 2
Election Petition relating to the Election for the Borough of Oxford:—

IN THE HIGH COURTS OF JUSTICE,

(King's Bench Division.)

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, the
Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883, and the Representation of the
People Acts, 1918 to 1927.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTION PETITION
FOR THE BOROUGH OF OXFORD.

Between

HUGH HALL and JAMES HERBERT
MORRELL — — — Petitioners.

and

FRANK GRAY — — — Respondent.

To the Right Honourable
The Speaker of the

House of Commons.

We, Sir John Sankey, Knight, G.B.E., and
Sir Rigby Philip Watson Swift, Knight, Judges
of the High Court of Justice and two of the
Judges on the rota for the time being for the
trial of Election Petitions in England and
Wales, do hereby certify, in pursuance of the
said Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, and
the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Prac-
tices Act, 1879, That upon the 7th, 8th, 9th,
12th, 13th, and 14th days of May 1924, we
duly held a Court at the County Hall, in the
Borough of Oxford, for the trial of, and did
try, the Election Petition for the Borough of
Oxford, wherein Hugh Hall and James Herbert
Morrell were the Petitioners and Frank Gray
was the Respondent.

And in further pursuance of the said Acts
we certify that at the conclusion of the said
trial we determined that the said Frank Gray
was not duly elected and returned, and that
his election was void.

And whereas charges were made in the said
Petition of corrupt and illegal practices having
been committed at the said election, we, in
further pursuance of the said Acts report:

I. As to Corrupt Practices.

1. That no corrupt practice was committed
by or with the knowledge or consent of the
Respondent at the said election.

2. That the said Respondent was guilty by
his election agent of the corrupt practice of
having knowingly made the declaration re-
specting election expenses required by Sec-
tion 35 of the Corrupt and Illegal Practices
Prevention Act, 1883, falsely.

3. That James Charles Johnstone, the Re-
spondent's election agent, was proved to have
been guilty of the corrupt practice of having
as election agent for the Respondent knowingly
made the declaration respecting election ex-
penses required by Section 33 of the Corrupt
and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883,
falsely.

II. As to Illegal Practices.

1. That the said Respondent was guilty of
the following illegal practices:—

(a) Incurring expenses in excess of the
maximum allowed by Law in contraven-
tion of Section 8 of the Corrupt and
Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883;

(b) Knowingly providing money for pay-
ments in contravention of Section 13 of
the said Act;

(c) Making payments in respect of the con-
duct or management of the said election
otherwise than by or through his election
agent in contravention of Section 28 of
the said Act.

2. That the said James Charles Johnstone
was guilty of the following illegal practices:—

(a) Incurring expenses in excess of the
maximum allowed by Law in contraven-
tion of Section 8 of the said Act;

(b) Knowingly providing money for pay-
ments in contravention of Section 13 of
the said Act;

(c) Satisfying claims barred by Section 29 of
the said Act;

(d) Failing to transmit a true return respect-
ing his expenses at the said election in
contravention of Section 33 of the said Act.

3. That Eveline Reine Gray, the wife of the
Respondent, Percy Linaker, and Joseph Cole-
grove were each of them guilty of the following
illegal practices:—

(a) Knowingly providing money for illegal
payments in contravention of Section 13 of
the said Act;

(b) Making payments in respect of the con-
duct or management of the said election
otherwise than by or through the Re-
spondent's election agent in contravention
of Section 28 of the said Act.

4. That there is no reason to believe that
corrupt or illegal practices have extensively
prevailed at the said election.

5. That certificates of indemnity have been
furnished to the persons found guilty of the
above-mentioned corrupt and illegal practices
in pursuance of Section 59 of the Corrupt and
Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883.

A copy of the evidence and of our Judgment,
taken by the deputies of the Shorthand Writer
of the House of Commons, accompanies this
our certificate.

JOHN SANKEY.
RIGBY SWIFT.

Dated this 14th day of May 1924.

And the said Certificate and Report were
ordered to be entered in the Journals of this
House.

A Copy of the Shorthand Writer's Notes was
laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. William Adamson, by His Majesty's Com-
mand, acquainted the House, That His Majesty,
having been informed of the subject matter of
the Motion relating to Education (Scotland) [Superannuation] (Payments) proposed to be
moved, under Standing Order No. 71A, in
Committee of the whole House, recommends it
to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order
No. 71A, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That
it is expedient, in pursuance of any Act of the
present Session, to amend the Education
(Scotland) [Superannuation] Act, 1922, to
authorise the payment, into the Education...
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice 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 from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fails to restore the right of trial by jury as it was before the war"—(Sir Kingsley Wood)—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, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pacific Cable Board Bill, not amended in the Standing 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant May, That the (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords] be now read a second 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 a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill;

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The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Wages Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

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.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Hastings Corporation Hastings Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Corporation Thursday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Railway Companies on Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. — Adjournment. (Mr. Parkinson.)
Mr. Beazley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Report of the Agricultural Tribunal of Investigation.

Mr. Beazley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries upon an application for a Provisional Order for the regulation of Old Hills Common, in the County of Worcester.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson 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 of State for the Home Department:—

Borough of Watford.

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

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Harpenden District Gas Company.

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

Mr. Rendall reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the London Traffic Bill was referred:—That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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.

Bill 136.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Sir Cyril Cobb reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the County Courts Bill was referred:—That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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.

Bill 137.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Barnes, Sir Henry Comyn, Mr. Franklin, Mr. James Gardiner, Mr. Percy Harris, Colonel Horlick, Mr. Laversack, Mr. March, Mr. Neubert, Sir Herbert Nobel, and Colonel Murrough Wilson.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee B:—Mr. Dennis Herbert.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

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the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Act, 1922, as amended by the said Act of the present Session.

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

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.

Association of Municipal Corporations (Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Association of Municipal Corporations (Expenses) Bill;

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

Licensing Act (1921) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act (1921) Amendment Bill;

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

Representation of the People (Local Elections) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Local Elections) Bill;

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

Temperance (Wales) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Temperance (Wales) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Moveable Dwellings Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Moveable Dwellings Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant May.

Trade Union Ballot Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union Ballot Bill;

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

Adoption of Children Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adoption of Children Bill;

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

Education (Employment of Young Persons) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Employment of Young Persons) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant May.

Fairs Bill.

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

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

Second Reading of the Bank Fide Travellers Bill.

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

Second Reading of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Pawning of Industrial Tools Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Alternative Vote) Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Hours of Employment (No. 2) Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Local Government and other Officers’ Superannuation Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Amendment Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales Bill;

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

Merchant

Merchandise

'No. 2) Bill.

Rating of

'No. 2) Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Employment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Acts (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Rate Laws Consolidation 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 Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment (No. 3) 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 Distressed Tenants 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 Criminal Appeal (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 Distressed Tenants 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 Motor Cycle Races Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Offences against the Person Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Land Values (No. 2) 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 Regulation of Railways 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) 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 Registration of Theatrical Employers (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Protection of Animals Bill was, according Protection of Order to read a second time, and committed to Animals Bill, a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned 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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Wednesday, 21st May 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant Shops Act, to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1912.

-Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the mentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department — City of Sheffield. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Gas Regulation Act, 1920.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Freshwater Gas Company, Limited.

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

Diseases of Animals Acts.

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 1st May 1924, entitled the Canadian Cattle (Marking) Order of 1924.

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

Treaty Series (No. 19, 1924.)

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and Sweden relating to Air Navigation between Sweden and Great Britain and Supplementary Declaration. Signed at Stockholm, 16th February 1921 and 5th March 1924.

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

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Burgess Hill, parts of the Parishes of Wivelsfield and Ditchling, in the Rural District of Chailey, and parts of the Parishes of Cuckfield Rural, Keymer, Clayton, and Hurstpierpoint, in the Rural District of Cuckfield, all in the Administrative County of East Sussex.

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

Forestry Commissioners.

Mr. Acland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fourth Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners for the year ended 30th September 1923.

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

Mr. Ormsby-Gore reported from the Committee on the Thames Conservancy 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.

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 passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the sale of certain pictures bequeathed and settled by the first codicil to the will of the Right Honourable John Peyton, Earl Spencer, deceased, and to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Spencer Settled Chattels Bill [Lords] was read the first time;

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners for Petitions for Private Bills.

Sir George Croydon Marks reported from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That in the case of the Special Report of the Examiners on the Petition for the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill [Lords], they are of opinion that no Standing Orders are applicable.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to the Select Special Committee to make a Special Report.

The said Special Report was brought up, and read as followeth:

Sir George Croydon Marks reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, That in the case of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill [Lords], the Committee had agreed to the following Special Report:

The Select Committee on Standing Orders are of opinion that, in view of the fact that all references to Ireland have been deleted from the existing Standing Orders, they are unable and incompetent to examine into the Petition for the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee A:—Mr. Sandeman.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Pease and Mr. Percy Harris; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Thomas Inskip and Mr. Morse.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Oxford Borough Writ.

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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

War Charges (Validity) (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Charges (Validity) (No. 2) Bill.

(Clause No. 1 (Validity of certain War Charges and Levies).)

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 22, after the word " instituted," to insert the words " after the passing of this Act in respect of any claim not made before the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-two."—(Sir Herbert Nield.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Harney, Yeas, Mr. Leif Jones: 65.

Tellers for the Mr. Spear, Noes, Mr. John Robertson: 188.

And it being a quarter-past Eight of the clock, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

Export Trade.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Committee be appointed to consider the position of the Export Trade and the means to be taken to obtain the necessary markets; that the Committee shall consist of a Judge of the High Court as chairman and six Members of the House of Commons, two of whom to be nominated by the Government, two by the Conservative Party, and two by the Liberal Party; that three of the Members shall be Cabinet or ex-Cabinet Ministers and the other three shall possess business or trade qualifications; and that the Committee be requested to report to the House prior to the Summer Recess—(Sir Arthur Shirley Benn):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Illegitimacy Bill.

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

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons and Municipal Corporations (Qualification of Clergymen) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Motorways Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children, Young Persons, &c., Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regulations of Railways 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;

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 Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill;

Another Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out paragraph (ii), in order to insert the words—

(ii) where any such proceedings were instituted before the first day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, any order made therein for the payment of costs to the person by whom the proceedings were instituted shall continue to have effect and shall be treated as being an order for payment of costs as between solicitor and own client, and where any proceedings so instituted are pending at the date of the passing of this Act, the person by whom the proceedings were instituted shall, unless the court or a judge of the court or the tribunal dealing with the case thinks just to order otherwise, be entitled to an order directing payment of his costs of the proceedings as between solicitor and own client.—(Mr. Webb.)

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.

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Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment in l. 7, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "be," in l. 9.—(Sir Courtenay Mansel.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment, put, and agreed to.

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to:

Thursday, 22nd May, 1924:

Preamble:

Amendment proposed, in l. 16, to leave out the words "certain charges including." (Sir Thomas Inskip.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Spoor, Yeas, Mr. Frederick Hall : 93,
Sir Courtenay Mansel, Noes, Sir Robert Kay : 54.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, 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 in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill:

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

Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords]:

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

Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords]:

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

Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords]:

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

British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill:

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

Criminal Justice Bill, Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Justice 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 Post Office (London) Railway Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Wages Bill; Wages Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Bread 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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Wednesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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Thursday, 22nd May 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further sum required to be voted for the Civil Services, for the year ending 31st March 1925.

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

Mr. Richards presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Government of India for the year 1922-23.

Copy of Home Accounts of the Government of India.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 13th May 1924, authorising the landing of four Canals in the Port of Morocco Wharf, London.

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

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order, dated 13th May 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance (Reserve and Auxiliary Forces) Order, 1924.

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

Mr. Secretary Thomas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence with the Canadian Government on the subject of the Peace Settlement with Turkey.

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

Sir Joseph Hood reported from the Committee on the Southern Railway Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 9th day of April last, the Additional Provision referred to in the said Resolution had been inserted in the Bill.

Sir Joseph Hood further reported from the Committee; 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, vol. 179, 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.

Sir George McCrae reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills to whom the Small Debt (Scotland) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

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, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sir George McCrae reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills to whom the Education (Scotland) Superannuation Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.

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 Monday next; and be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Evidence taken before the Sittings of Select Committee on House of Commons Parliament. (Procedure), of Session 1914, be referred to the Joint Committee on Sittings of Parliament. (Mr. Frederick Hall.)

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee on Scottish Bills to whom the Standing Committee charged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Lady Terrington; and had Committee B appointed in substitution: Mr. Dodds.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Message from the Lords, No. 90, was read; and had gone through

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Aire and Calder Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which Bill the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Rawtenstall Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which Bill the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Aire and Calder Navigation in Bill [Lords.] relation to their undertaking; to extend the time for the completion of certain authorised works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Aire and Calder Navigation Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
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Mr. Deputy Speaker called the attention of Member

to the tedious repetition of his own

arguments on the part of Mr. Short, Member

for Wednesbury, and directed the Honourable

Member to resume his seat.

Mr. Deputy Speaker called the attention of the

House to the tedious repetition of his own

arguments on the part of Mr. Hayday, Member

for West Nottingham, and directed the Honourable

Member to resume his seat.

And the Question being put, That the word

"now" stand part of the Question:—It was

resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Hastings Corporation Bill [Lords] was, Hastings

according to Order, read a second time, and

committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the London,

Second Reading of the London, Midland, and

Scottish Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill; [Railway

Superannu-

ation Fund] Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

upon Monday next, at a quarter of an hour

after Eight of the clock.

Postponed proceeding on Question proposed Supply.

on consideration of Question, That a sum

not exceeding £8,560,339 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 1925 for the Salaries and
Expenses of the Ministry of Labour and Sub-
ordinate Departments, including the Contribu-
tions to the Unemployment Fund, and to Special Schemes and Payments to Associations
and Local Education Authorities for admini-
stration under the Unemployment Insurance Acts;
Expenditure in connection with the Training of Demobilised Officers, Non-Com-
misioned Officers and Men, and Nurses;
Grants for Resettlement in Civil Life; and the Expenses of the Industrial Court; also
Expenses in connection with the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations),
including a Grant in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question

proposed, That Item A (1) be reduced by £100—(Sir William Joynson-Hicks):—Debate

arising;

Sir William Joynson-Hicks 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 Questi-
on:—Debate resumed;

Sir William Joynson-Hicks 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 Questi-
on:—Debate resumed;

And it being a quarter-past 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
Third Reading of the Central London and
Metropolitan District Railway Companies 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 the word "now," and, at the end of the Question,
adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

And the Question being proposed, That the
word "now" stand part of the Question;
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.

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Friday, 23rd May 1924.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Brighton Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Grampian Electricity Supply Bill, as Electricity Supply Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the London County Council (Money) Bill; as amended in the Committee.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented—Return Aliens (Naturalisation). to an Address, dated the 8th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalisation).

No. 92.

Prisons (England and Wales.)

Mr. Secretary Henderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Copy of Order under the Prison Act, 1877, dated 16th May 1924, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the discontinuance of Brecon Prison.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return 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 Stroud Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Southampton Harbour Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Indian Affairs do meet in Committee Room A on Tuesday next, at half-past Twelve of the clock.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords' Message as relates to the time and place of meeting of the Joint Committee on Indian Affairs.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords' Committee as proposed by their Lordships. (Mr. Spoor).

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Blind Persons Act (1920) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men 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. Pielou rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, as he thought that the House was prepared to come to a decision without that Motion:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

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 Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Renewal of Leases 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) 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 Rabbits and Rooks Bill:

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then one minute before Four of the clock, till Monday next.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

Copy of Scheme under the Union of Benefices Acts, for effecting an union of the benefice of River with Guston with a part of the benefice of Temple Ewell and of the residuum of the benefice of Temple Ewell with the benefice of Lydden, all in the County of Kent and the Diocese of Canterbury.

Copy of Scheme under the Union of Benefices Acts, for effecting an union of the benefice of Cotheridge with part of the benefice of Worcester, Saint John Baptist, Bedwardine, in the County of Worcester and the Diocese of Worcester.

Copy of Scheme under the Union of Benefices Acts, for effecting an union of the benefices of Holy Trinity, Plymouth, and Saint Saviour, Plymouth, in the County of Devon and the Diocese of Exeter.

Mr. Ponsonby, supported by the Prime Minister and Mr. William Graham, presented a Bill to make further provision for the application of money paid on account of the China indemnity: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Shinwell, supported by Mr. Webb, presented a Bill to explain subsection (2) of section one of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1908, as amended by any subsequent enactment: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the Standing 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.

Mr. Clynes, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) [Money] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71A, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71A, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to amend the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 to 1924, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) as from the date prescribed by the Minister of Labour under subsection (2) of section four of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1923, as the date on which the reduced rates of contributions by employers and workmen are to come into force, of a contribution towards unemployment benefit and other payments to be made out of the Unemployment Fund at a rate not exceeding one-half of the aggregate amount of the contributions paid in respect of employed persons by themselves and their employers at the rates prescribed under the said section:

(b) of such contributions in respect of employed persons of the age of fourteen or fifteen years as are now or may hereafter be payable out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of persons of the age of sixteen or seventeen years;

(c) of such contributions in respect of men of the Auxiliary Air Force undergoing training as are now or may hereafter be payable out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of men of the Air Force while undergoing training.—(Mr. Shaw.)

Mr. Neil Maclean moved, That the Chairman 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, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Amendment proposed, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Masterman.)

Question proposed, That paragraph (b) stand part of the Question—Debate arising;

Mr. Shaw 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.

Question put accordingly, That paragraph (b) of stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Hogge,
Mr. Fisher:

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Tellers for the Mr. Masterman,
Mr. Fisher:

359.

Main Question, as amended, again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir William Jowson-Hicks):—Debate arising;

Mr. Shaw 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.

Question put accordingly, That the Chairman Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Spoor,
Mr. Kennedy:

233.

Tellers for the Colonel Gibbs,
Sir Harry Barnston:

122.

Question put accordingly, That the Chairman Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Colonel Gibbs,
Sir Harry Barnston:

121.

Tellers for the Mr. Spoor,
Mr. Kennedy:

233.

Original Question, as amended, again proposed :—Debate arising;
Mr. Shaw 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

Mr. Spoon, 230.

Mr. Warne:

Tellers for the

Colonel Gibbs, 128.

Sir Harry Barnston :

Original Question, as amended, put accordingly, and agreed to.

Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to amend the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 to 1924, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) as from the date prescribed by the Minister of Labour under subsection (2) of section four of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1923, as the date on which the reduced rates of contributions by employers and workmen are to come into force, of a contribution towards unemployment benefit and other payments to be made out of the Unemployment Fund at a rate not exceeding one-half of the aggregate amount of the contributions paid in respect of employed persons by themselves and their employers at the rates prescribed under the said section;

(b) of such contributions in respect of men of the Auxiliary Air Force undergoing training as are now or may hereafter be payable out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of men of the Air Force while undergoing training.

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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Superannuation) 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."—(Major Barnett.

And the Question being proposed, That the word " now " stand part of the Question:—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Gosling rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word " now " stand part of the Question:—

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to War Charges taken into consideration the War Charges (Validity) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And Amendments were made to the Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking County Courts into consideration the County Courts Bill, as Bill, amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking London into consideration the London Traffic Bill, as Bill, amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Small Debt (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of 12th May Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords]);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the British Second Reading of the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
Post Office (London) Railway Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Agricultural Wages Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Wages Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Town Councils (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

Sale of Bread Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Bread Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

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.

Supply [8th May] Report. The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant May;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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.

Gas Regulation Act, 1920. Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Freshwater Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 21st May and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1920. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Harpenden District Gas Company, which was presented on the 20th May and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander);—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Urban District Council of Poulton-le-Fylde, which was presented on the 16th May and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Frederick Hall.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned 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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[No. 77.]

Tuesday, 27th May 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Bills, 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.:

Lancashire Asylums Board Bill [Lords].
Aire and Calder Navigation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills 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, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Spencer Settled Chattels Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
Brighton Corporation Water Bill.

The Brighton 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.

Grampian Electricity Supply Bill.

The Grampian Electricity Supply Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Manchester Ship Canal Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Manchester Ship Canal Bill be now read the third time; Mr. William Adamson, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit. And Notice being taken, That the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. William Adamson, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit. Thereafter the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Thames Conservancy Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Thames Conservancy Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Forestry Commission.

The Order made upon the 21st day of this instant May, That the Paper relative to Forestry Commission do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Acland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fourth Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners for the year ended 30th September 1923.

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

Mr. Shaw presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by a Court of Inquiry under the Industrial Courts Act, 1919, concerning the threatened stoppage of work at the Coal Exporting Ports of Great Britain, 1924.

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

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Proceedings of the Ministry of Transport under the Light Railways Acts and Railways Act, 1921, up to the 31st December 1923.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Eighty-fifth Report of the Deputy Keeper of Public Records.

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:

County of Buckingham;

County Borough of West Bromwich.

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

Mr. Royce reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Legitimacy Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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 Friday the 27th day of June next; and be printed.

Mr. Royce reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Summary Jurisdiction Correction Bill (Separation and Maintenance) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

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, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 4th day of July next.

Mr. Nicholas reported from the Chairmen's Panel: That they had appointed

Mr. Short to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords]) and Mr. Readall (in respect of the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Bill [Lords]); Major Barnett to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]); Mr. Turton to act as Chairman of Standing Committee D (in respect of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill); and Mr. Royce to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Adoption of Children (Scotland) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Nicholas reported from the Selection Committee of Selection: That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Marriages Validity Committee B (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Black, Mr. Briant, Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. Rhys Davies, Sir Robert Lynn, Sir Robert Newman, Mr. Perry, Mr. Rawlinson, Mr. Windsor, and Viscount Wolmer.

Mr. Nicholas further reported from Standing Committee B, That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Bill [Lords]):—Captain Wedgwood Benn, Commander Burnay, Major Burnie, Mr. Climie, Mr. Compton, Captain...
Standing Committee C.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; that they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [ Lords]) — Mr. Wilberforce Allen, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Cassels, Sir Henry Cauley, Mr. Harvey, Sir Thomas Ibbetson, Mr. John, Mr. John Jones, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Mr. Madden, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Patrick, Mr. Turner-Samuels, Mr. Willison, and Mr. Kingsley Wood.

Standing Committee D.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; that they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill) — Mr. Betterton, Miss Bondfield, Mr. Hanson, Sir William Jowesson-Hicks, Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame, Mr. Macnamara, Mr. Masterman, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Annesley Somerville, Mr. Luke Thompson, Mr. Tweedytan Thomson, Mr. Tout, Mr. Graham White, and Mr. Tom Williams.

Scottish Standing Committee.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; that they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Adoption of Children (Scotland) Bill) — Mr. Batey, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Hayes, Mr. William Henderson, Sir William Lane Mitchell, Mr. Pilkington, Mr. Ahtoh Robertson, Mr. Russell, Major Steel, and Sir William Mitchell-Thomson.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

New Members sworn.

Joseph Gibbs, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Liverpool (West Toxteth Division) was sworn.

Protection of Leaseholders Bill.

Sir Philip Pilkich, supported by Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Douglas Newton, Mr. Meller, Sir Thomas Bramsdon, and Mr. Murdoch Jones, presented a Bill to protect leaseholders in respect of notices as to internal repairs: and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) Bill.

Mr. Clarry, supported by Sir William Cowan, Mr. Clayton, Colonel Watts Morgan, Mr. George Spencer, Mr. Haydn Jones, and Mr. William Albert Jenkins, presented a Bill to facilitate the supply of electricity by statutory gas companies: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Public Ownership of Natural Resources.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restore to the nation all lands, minerals, rivers, streams, and tributaries (Mr. Turner); And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11; The House divided.

Standing Committee C.

Mr. Parkinson reported from the Committee on Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) [Money.] a Resolution; which was read, as follows:— That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to amend the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 to 1924, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) as from the date prescribed by the Minister of Labour under subsection (2) of Section four of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1923, as the date on which the reduced rates of contributions by employers and workmen are to come into force, of a contribution towards unemployment benefit and other payments to be made out of the Unemployment Fund at a rate not exceeding one-half of the aggregate amount of the contributions paid in respect of employed persons by themselves and their employers at the rates prescribed under the said section; (b) of such contributions in respect of men of the Auxiliary Air Force undergoing training as are now or may hereafter be payable out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of men of the Air Force while undergoing training.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking County Courts into consideration the County Courts Bill, as Bill, amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Small Debt into consideration the Small Debt (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th May; 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 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 China Indemnity (Application) 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 Coal Mines 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 Coal Mines 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 Licensing Act (1921) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Local Elections) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Temperance (Wales) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union Ballot Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of April last, That the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 16th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Employment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motor Cycle Races Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Offences against the Person Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Shipping Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Theatrical Employers (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Bank Fide Travellers Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bank Fide Travellers Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of June next.

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of June next.

Pawning of Industrial Tools Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pawning of Industrial Tools Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of June next.

Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of June next.

Parliamentary Elections (Alternative Vote) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Alternative Vote) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of June next.

Peeresses Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Peeresses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of June next.

Hours of Employment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Employment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of June next.

Poor Rate Laws Consolidation Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Rate Laws Consolidation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of June next.

Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment (No. 3) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment (No. 3) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of June next.

Criminal Appeal (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Appeal (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Distressed Tenants Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating of Land Values (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Elizabeth Fry Refuge and Destitute Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Regulation of Railways Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Museum Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indictable Offences (Regulation of Reports) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rabbits and Rooks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That, in accordance with the Bishopric of Blackburn Measure, 1923, this House do direct that the Bishopric of Blackburn Measure, 1923, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Mr. Masterman.)

Resolved, That, in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Colonel Sir Joseph Nall.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Church of Winchester Measure, 1923, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Viscount Wolmer.)
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 28th May 1924:
And the Question being put; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas.
Mr. Viscount Wolmer, 36.
Mr. William Nicholson, 63.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being after half-past 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.

[No. 78.]

Wednesday, 28th May 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order made upon the 26th day of this instant May, that the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill be committed, was read, and discharged;

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

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st May 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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

Mr. Webb presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Examinations of Candidates for Certificates of Competency in the Mercantile Marine and the Sea-Fishing Service for the year 1923.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 29th May 1924, entitled the Foot-and-Mouth Diseases of Infected Areas Order of 1924 (No. 88).

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

Mr. Gosling presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Special Report by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, on the Kirkheaston and District Electricity Special Order, 1924, disposing with the consents of the Urban District Councils of Kirkheaston, Kirkburton, Lepton, Whitley Upper, and Skelmanthorpe.

Mr. Gosling also presented, pursuant to the Electricity Commissioners' Act, 1910, in respect of—

(1) the Urban Districts of Letchworth and Baldock, the Parish of Willian, and part of the Parish of Radwell, in the Rural District of Hitchin, in the County of Hertford, and the Parish of Stortford, in the Rural District of Biggleswade, in the County of Bedford;

(2) the Urban Districts of Knutsford, Middlewich, and Winsford, and parts of the Rural Districts of Northwich and Bucklow, all in the County of Chester.

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

Sir John Marriott reported from the Select Committee on Estimates; That they had First made Progress in 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Select Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 5) 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 an Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Select Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (Water) Bill; That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders (Water) Bill ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill with an Amendment, to the House.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Select Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (Water) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders (Water) Bill ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill with an Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.
The Deputy-Chairman reported the King's Lynn Docks and Railway Bill [Lords], without Amendment. 

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

Malvern Hills Bill [Lords].

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Malvern Hills Bill [Lords]; 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.

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 passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make provision with respect to leave of absence of India from the Governor-General, Commander-in-Chief, Governors and members of Executive Councils, and with respect to the appointment of Commander-in-Chief; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Cape reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Rotherham Corporation Bill 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.

Standing Orders.

Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords].

Sir George Croydon Marks reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords], Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

2. That in the case of the Yorkshire Electric Power [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 Bristol Water Bill [Lords], the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Penny.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill): Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Mr. Annesley Somerville, and Mr. Luke Thompson; and had appointed in substitution: Captain Brass, Mr. Hall Caine, and Mr. Lloyd.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the licensing of petrol pumps by highway authorities. — (Colonel Howard-Bury.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Colonel Howard-Bury, Captain Curzon:

208.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sullivan:

112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Colonel Howard-Bury, Captain Curzon, Sir William Lane Mitchell, Colonel Assheton Pownall, Mr. Benceck, Mr. John Harris, Mr. Linfield, Mr. Toole, Mr. Benjamin Smith, and Mr. Tillet do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Colonel Howard-Bury accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the licensing of petrol pumps by Highway Authorities: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Supply be exempted, at this day's sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Air Supplementary Estimate, 1924-25.

1. £330,000, Supplementary, for Technical and Warlike Stores of the Air Force (including Experimental and Research Services).

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924-25.

Class II.

2. £150,000, Supplementary, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board for Scotland, and for Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays and of Marine Superintendence, also for Loans to Herring Fishermen for the Purchase of Drift Nets.

Resolutions to be reported.

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 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets that the rate of progress under the Empire Settlement Act, 1922, has been disappointingly slow, and urges the Government to do everything in their power to give the fullest possible effect to the policy embodied in that Act—(Sir John Marriott)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons and Municipal Corporations (Qualification of Clergymen) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children, Young Persons, &c., Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Option (England and Wales) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Mountains Bill;

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

Resolved, That the Order made by the Electricity Commissioners and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under Section 7 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, constituting the East Midlands Electricity District and establishing the East Midlands Electricity Advisory Board, which was presented on the 7th day of April 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the China Indemnity (Application) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the County Courts Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking London into consideration the London Traffic 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 Second Reading of the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking London into consideration the Carriage of Goods by Sea 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 Criminal Justice 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 Post Office (London) Railway 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 Agricultural Wages 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 Health (Scotland) 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 Town Councils (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 Sale of Bread 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 Factories 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 Coal Mines 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 Finance Bill;

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

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the Universities directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of of Oxford and Cambridge Statute made under the Universities Acts, 1877 and 1923, by the Governing Body of Cambridge University on 1st February 1924, and approved by the University of Cambridge Commissioners on 8th March 1924, adding a Chapter (XIa) to Statute B of the University.

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

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the Railways directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Construction and Facilities Draft of the West Sussex Railway Certificate, Act, 1864. under the Railways Construction Facilities Act, 1864.

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

Mr. Wheatley presented, by His Majesty’s Housing Command, Copy of Memorandum explaining the proposed Financial Resolution relative to Housing (Financial Provisions).

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

Mr. Richards presented, pursuant to the East India directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Revised Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure of the Governor-General of India in Council, and of the Local Governments, for the year 1923-24.

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

Mr. Whetley presented, by His Majesty’s Housing Command, Copy of Memorandum explaining the proposed Financial Resolution relative to Housing (Financial Provisions).

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

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

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation (Section A) Corporation they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through Bill 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 had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the St. Andrews Links Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled an Act to make provision as to the rates, dues, tolls, and charges leviable at the harbours, docks, and piers of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled an Act to make provision as to the rates, dues, tolls, and charges leviable at the harbours, docks, and piers of the Great Western Railway Company and at the Fishguard Harbour of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled an Act to make provision as to the rates, dues, tolls, and charges leviable at certain of the harbours, docks, and piers of the London and North Eastern Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled an Act to make provision as to the rates, dues, tolls, and charges leviable at certain of the harbours, docks, and piers of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled an Act to provide for the regulation of the manufacture, sale, and importation of vaccines, sera, and other therapeutic substances; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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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, where a Commission under the Royal Assent, was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply 10th allotted Day.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,306,339 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Labour and Subordinate Departments, including the Contributions to the Unemployment Fund, and to Special Schemes and Payments to Associations and Local Education Authorities for administration under the Unemployment Insurance Acts; Expenditure in connection with the Training of Demobilised Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, and Nurses; Grants for Resettlement in Civil Life; and the Expenses of the Industrial Court; also Expenses in connection with the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations), including a Grant in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (1) be reduced by £100.—(Sir Robert Horne)

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant- General Sir William Pulstoney, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attending the House of Lords:

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:

1. National Health Insurance (Cost of Medical Benefit) Act, 1924.
Supply. The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That Item A (1) be reduced by £100.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs : 252.

Tellers for the

Mr. Spoor, Mr. Frederick Hall : 300.

Original Question again proposed;

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 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.

Supply. The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Supply. The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Supply. The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking Small Debt (Scotland) Bill, not 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 China Indemnity (Application) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking County Courts 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 War Charges (Validity) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Moveable Dwellings Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education (Employment of Young Persons) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Renewal of Leases Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Leaseholders Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Public Expenditure Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
Resolved, That in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Ecclesiastical Dilapidations Measure, 1923, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Major Birchall.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Benefices Measure, 1923, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Mr. Lansbury.)

Colonel Wedgwood acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from His Majesty to signify to the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Motion, had been graciously pleased to place at the disposal of Parliament the rights and privileges of the Crown in respect of the Benefices Act, 1898 (Amendment), Measure, 1923.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Mr. Middleton.)

Colonel Wedgwood acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from His Majesty to signify to the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Motion, had been graciously pleased to place at the disposal of Parliament the rights and privileges of the Crown in respect of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 80.]

Friday, 30th May 1924.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southampton Harbour 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 Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (Money) 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 Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (Water) 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. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Switzerland, respecting the application to the Principality of Liechtenstein of Commercial Agreements in force between Great Britain and Switzerland, London, 28th March and 26th April 1924.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to Sinking the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Funds, No. 97. Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, showing the amount issued from the Exchequer and applied in the year ended 31st March 1924 in respect of the Old Sinking Fund and of the New Sinking Fund (1923).

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

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the direc-Gas tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulation of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1929, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Burton-upon-Trent.

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

The Borough Councillors (Alteration of Borough Number) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

[No. 147.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill;

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then thirteen minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 81.]

Monday, 2nd June 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Southern Railway Bill Southern Railway Bill, be read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into considera- King's Lynn Docks and Railway Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.


was read a second time, and committed.

The Lancashire Asylums Board Bill [Lords] Lancashire Asylums Board Bill [Lords].

was read a second time, and committed.

The Spencer Settled Chattels Bill [Lords] Spencer Settled Chattels Bill [Lords].

was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Richards presented, by His Majesty's East India Command,—Copy of Return showing the results of the Elections in India, 1923. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wheelley presented, by His Majesty's Building Command,—Copy of Report on the month of May 1924 of the Chairman of the Inter- departmental Committee appointed to survey the prices of Building Materials. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the direct- Public Utilities Companies (Capital Issues) Act, Waterworks Company to the Board of Trade 1929, under the Public Utility Companies (Capital Issues) Act, 1929.
Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Walsall.

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

Mr. Leach presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, making further provision for the appointment and promotion of certain officers granted permanent commissions in the Stores Branch of the Royal Air Force, and providing for the rate of half-pay applicable to pilot officers of that branch.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D:—Mr. Pilkington; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Hobhouse.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Wages 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, while willing to establish county wages boards with an independent chairman and statutory powers to fix wages to be paid to agricultural workers in the area for which they are responsible, refuses to give a Second Reading of a Bill which fails to give any but advisory powers to county wages boards, and places the responsibility of fixing wages for the whole of England and Wales on a Central Wages Board and the Minister of Agriculture, neither of whom has the local knowledge to enable them to come to a just decision."—(Sir Henry Cautley),—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.

Mr. Buxton rose in his place and claimed to have discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Bill [Lords]): Colonel Sir Joseph Yall.


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking County Courts into consideration the County Courts Bill, as Bill amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Lead Paint Second Reading of the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the War Charges Third Reading of the War Charges Validity (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the China Second Reading of the China Indemnity Indemnity (Application) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Small Debt into consideration the Small Debt (Scotland) (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [28th May] Report, the 12th day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.
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 taking into consideration the London Traffic Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into considera-
tion upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords];

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 Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords];

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 British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) 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 Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];

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 Post Office (London) Railway 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 Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 Town Councils (Scotland) 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 Sale of Bread 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 Factories Bill;

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upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of Children Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords];

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

The Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government of India (Leave of Absence) Bill of India [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Hours of Employment (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales 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 Local Authorities (Enabling) 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 Motor Cycle Races 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 Offences against the Person 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 Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) 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 Registration of Theatrical Employers (No. 2) 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 Illegitimacy 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 Fairs Bill;

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

The Elizabeth Fry Refuge and Refuge for the Destitute Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of May last, That the Regulation of Railways 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 Second Reading of the Indictable Offences (Regulation of Reports) 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 Rabbits and Rooks 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) 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 Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned 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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[No. 82.]

Tuesday, 3rd June 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—

London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

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 on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—

London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords].

Southern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords].

Great Western Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.
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 on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rotherham Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Southern Railway Bill;

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

Mr. Leach presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, revising the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 27th March 1918, relative to the payment of Gratuities for service to Airmen on discharge from the Royal Air Force or on transfer to the Royal Air Force Reserve.

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

Mr. Short reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords] was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

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, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Major Barnatt reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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 Monday the 16th day of this instant June; and be printed.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Message from the Lords, relating to the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, relating to the Greenock Improvement; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An London Act to empower the London County Council to rebuild Lambeth Bridge, and to make street improvements and other works in connection therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Leach, supported by Mr. Geoffrey Howard, Mr. Acted, Mr. Robert Richardson, and Colonel Watts-Morgan, presented a Bill to enable County Councils to pay travelling expenses incurred by the members of such Councils and committees thereof in connection with the performance of their official duties and also the travelling expenses of delegates to conferences: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Lieutenant-Commander Kerworth, supported by Mr. Thurtle, Sir Philip Richmond, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, and Mr. Food, presented a Bill to prohibit the vivisection of dogs: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon this instant June; and to be printed.

Mr. Romeril, supported by Mr. Hoffman, Major Church, and Mr. Middleton, presented a Bill to regulate offices and the employment of young persons therein, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Children proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Children Act, 1908, in respect of punishments for second or subsequent convictions—(Dr. Spero);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11:—And it was passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for further protection of Government tenants—(Sir Kingsley Wood);
And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who 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 Sir Kingsley Wood, Sir Thomas Inskipp, Mr. Masterman, Sir Fredric Wise, Mr. Keans, Major Monton, Mr. Swell, Mr. Hayes, and Mr. D. G. Somerville do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Sir Kingsley Wood accordingly presented a Bill to provide for further protection of Government tenants; And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Clynes, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Housing (Financial Provisions) [Money] proposed to be moved, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Housing (Financial Provisions) [Money] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71a, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71a, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of contributions towards the expenses incurred in connection with the provision of houses of the type and size mentioned in subsection (2) of section one of the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, which are completed before the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, not exceeding in the case of any house which is subject to special conditions, whether as regards rent or incidence thereto or connected therewith.

(b) to make provision as to such special conditions and, in the case of houses which are subject to special conditions, to provide for the reduction or variation of the contributions in the event of any of the special conditions not being complied with; and

(c) to make provision for the withholding of contributions or the reduction or variation of contributions except in the case of houses completed before certain dates; and

(d) to make provision for the amendment, of the financial provisions of the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, and for other purposes incidental thereto or connected therewith.

—(Mr. Wheatley)

Whereupon Motion made, and Question that the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain), 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 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 taking County into consideration the County Courts Bill, as Court Bill, amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Carriage of Second Reading of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Sea 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 Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the War Charges (Validity) Bill (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 Ways and Means;

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

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Regulation Act, 1920, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Harpenden District Gas Company, which was presented on the 26th May and published, be approved.

—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Regulation Act, 1920, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Urban District Council of Skipton, which was presented on the 26th May and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant June.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Local Elections) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Temperance (Wales) 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 said adjourned Debate;
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 Second Reading of the Trade Union Ballot Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant June.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Kennedy);

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 eleven 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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The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Atherstone and Bedworth Canal Bill [Lords], with an Amendment.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Bill [Lords], with an Amendment.

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

The Public House Improvement Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Sunderland Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Harrogate Corporation Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to increase the rates, dues, and charges leviable by the Sutton Harbour Improvement

Mr. Gosling presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Minister of Transport under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1912, relating to Girvan, Great Yarmouth, and Teignmouth: 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. Gosling presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Keighley Corporation Act, 1912, relating to Keighley Corporation Trolley Vehicles: 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. Gosling presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the St. Helen’s Corporation Act, 1921, relating to St. Helen’s Corporation Trolley Vehicles: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Secretary Thomas presented, by His Majesty’s Command—Copy of Correspondence between His Majesty’s Government and the Governments of the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland relating to Article 12 of the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland:

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


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Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended 31st March 1923.

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

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Special Order, dated 2nd June 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, the Minister of Health, and the Scottish Board of Health, acting jointly, entitled the National Health Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Order, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Southend Water Bill [Lords.]

Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Stratford-upon-Avon Extension) Bill [Lords.]

Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords.]

Sutton Harbour Bill [Lords.]

Southend Water Bill [Lords.]

The Sutton Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Southend Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Stratford-upon-Avon Extension) Bill [Lords.]

Bill 161.

Prevention of Eviction Bill 161.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Prevention of Eviction Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the sale of certain vacant dwelling-houses and to cause the same to be made available for letting:—(Sir Kingsley Wood;)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who 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 the Proceedings in Committee of Business of on Housing (Financial Provisions) [Money] be, and on Report of Supply [12th May], and on Report of Supply [28th May] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Housing (Financial Provisions) [Money].

(Ordered, That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of contributions towards the expenses incurred in connection with the provision of houses of the type and size mentioned in subsection (2) of Section one of the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, which are completed before the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, not exceeding in the case of any house which is subject to special conditions, whether as regards rent or lettings or disposal or otherwise, a sum of twelve pounds ten shillings, payable annually for a period not exceeding twenty years; and

(b) to make provision as to such special conditions and, in the case of houses which are subject to special conditions, to provide for the reduction or variation...

Mr. Speaker put Question (pursuant to S.O. No. 11.)
of the contributions in the event of any of those special conditions not being complied with; and

(e) to make provision for the withholding of contributions or the reduction or variation of contributions except in the case of houses completed before certain dates; and

(d) to make provision for the amendment of the financial provisions of the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, and for other purposes incidental thereto or connected therewith.

Amendment proposed, in l. 4, after the word "houses," to insert the words "with not less than three bedrooms and coming within the limitations."—(Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 6, to leave out the words "thirty-nine," in order to insert the words "twenty-seven."—(Lord Eustace Percy.)

Question proposed. That the words "thirty-nine" stand part of the Question:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 6, after the words "thirty-nine," to insert the words "and which are at the rents which normally obtained for houses of that type on and prior to the fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and fourteen.—(Mr. Neil Maclean.)

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

Main Question amended, in l. 18, after the word "provision," by inserting the words "in the absence of adequate arrangements for the necessary increase in the supply of labour and materials at reasonable prices—(Sir George McCrae), and, as amended, agreed to.

Resolved, That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of contributions towards the expenses incurred in connection with the provision of houses of the type and size mentioned in subsection (2) of Section one of the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, which are completed before the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, not exceeding in the case of any house which is subject to special conditions, whether as regards rent or lettings or disposal or otherwise, a sum of nine pounds, or (if the house is situated in an agricultural parish in England or Wales, or in a rural area in Scotland) a sum of twelve pounds ten shillings, payable annually for a period not exceeding forty years, and in the case of any house which is not subject to such special conditions a sum of six pounds payable annually for a period not exceeding twenty years; and

(b) to make provision as to each special conditions and, in the case of houses which are subject to special conditions, to provide for the reduction or variation of the contributions in the event of any of the special conditions not being complied with; and

(c) to make provision in the absence of adequate arrangements for the necessary increase in the supply of labour and materials at reasonable prices for the withholding of contributions or the reduction or variation of contributions except in the case of houses completed before certain dates; and

(d) to make provision for the amendment of the financial provisions of the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, and for other purposes incidental thereto or connected therewith.

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.

Resolved, That this House urges upon the Afforestation. Government the desirability of extending the operations of the Forestry Commission and, generally, of promoting the interest of Afforestation, as a means of increasing the capital assets of the Country, providing employment in a healthy and remunerative occupation, and, particularly in the Highland and certain other Scottish counties, facilitating the settlement of smallholders on an economic basis.—(Mr. Frederick Martin.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Bonâ Fide Travellers Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Acts Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Pawning of Industrial Tools Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Elections (Alternative Vote) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant June.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons and Municipal Corporations (Qualification of Clergymen) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motorways Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Temperance (Wales) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Parkinson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924-25.

Class V.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £5,000 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 1925 for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the League of Nations and for other Expenses in connection therewith, including British Representation before the Permanent Court of International Justice; also for a Grant in Aid of Relief of Distress in Albania.

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

Mr. Parkinson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Air Supplementary Estimate, 1924-25.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Air Supplementary Estimate, 1924-25.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Fishery Board (Scotland) Supplementary Estimate, 1924-25.

Class II.

The First Resolution being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution by leaving out "£350,000," and inserting "£300,000"—(Commander Bellairs),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£350,000" stand part of the Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Second Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the China Indemnity (Application) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The War Charges (Validity) (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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Second Resolution being read a second time.

The War Charges (Validity) (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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

The Greenock Improvement (Extension of the Greenock Time) Order Confirmation 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, as Orders (No. 6) amended in the Committee.

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

Mr. Cooling presented a Bill to confirm a Bradford Corporation Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Bradford Corporation Act, 1910, relating to Bradford Corporation trolley vehicles: 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. William Graham presented, by His Ex-Service Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement relating to the employment of Ex-Service Men employed in Government in Government Offices on the First July 1919 and Offices. 1st May 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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

Mr. Leach presented, by His Majesty's Air Ministry, Command,—Copy of Particulars of Grants of Pay, Allowances, &c., sanctioned by His Majesty's Treasury for the Royal Air Force during the year 1923–24, under the Dispensing Order of 14th January 1922.

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

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Local Lords to the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 16th day of this instant Bill June; and be printed.

Bill 168.
Colonel Fremantle, supported by Sir Thomas Inskip, Dr. Haden Guest, Mr. Arthur Henderson (Cardiff), Dr. Chapple, and Mr. Jowitt, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to certification of still-births and deaths, and the disposal of the dead: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Mr. Wheatley, supported by Mr. Webb, Mr. William Adamson, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, and Mr. James Stewart, presented a Bill to prevent excessive charges for Building Materials and to make provision for securing an adequate supply of such materials, and for other purposes incidental thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Ordered, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Clynes.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Small Debt (Supply) Bill, not amended in the Standing 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.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Pensions Increase [Money] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71a, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71a, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient—

1. To make provision for raising, as from the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the percentages by which pensions not exceeding one hundred pounds a year to which the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920, applies, may be increased to an extent not exceeding the following limits:—

(a) In the case of an existing pension not exceeding twenty-five pounds a year, above seventy per cent.;

(b) In the case of an existing pension exceeding twenty-five pounds a year, but not exceeding fifty pounds a year, above sixty-five per cent.;

(c) In the case of an existing pension exceeding fifty pounds a year, but not exceeding one hundred pounds a year, above fifty per cent.;

2. To make provision for requiring police, local, and other public authorities to increase pensions granted by them up to the maximum amount authorised by the said Act as proposed to be amended in pursuance of this Resolution;

3. To make provision for repealing the statutory condition for an increase of pensions under the said Act that the pensioner must reside in the British Islands; and

4. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, in the case of such of the pensions to which that Act applies as are payable wholly or in part out of moneys provided by Parliament, of such sums as may be required in consequence of the foregoing provisions.

—(Mr. William Graham.)

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 Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill (Lords) was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

Mr. Wheatley reported from the Committee on Housing (Financial Provisions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of contributions towards the expenses incurred in connection with the provision of houses of the type and size mentioned in subsection (2) of Section one of the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, which are completed before the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, not exceeding in the case of any house which is subject to special conditions, whether as regards rent or lettings or disposal or otherwise, a sum of nine pounds, or (if the house is situated in an agricultural parish in England or Wales, or in a rural area in Scotland) a sum of twelve pounds ten shillings, payable annually for a period not exceeding forty years, and in the case of any house which is not subject to such special conditions a sum of six pounds payable annually: and

(b) to make provision as to such special conditions and, in the case of houses which are subject to special conditions, to provide for the reduction or variation of the contributions in the event of any of the special conditions not being complied with; and

(c) to make provision in the absence of adequate arrangements for the necessary increase in the supply of labour and materials at reasonable prices for the
withholding of contributions or the reduction or variation of contributions except in the case of houses completed before certain dates; and
(d) to make provision for the amendment of the financial provisions of the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, and for other purposes incidental thereto or connected therewith.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was amended, in l. 18, by inserting, after the word "in," the words "certain contingencies, including contingencies which may arise from."—(Mr. Wheatley.)

And, so amended, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution so amended: And that Mr. Wheatley, Mr. William Adamson, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. James Stewart, and Mr. Attorney General do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Wheatley accordingly presented a Bill to amend the financial provisions of the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, and for other purposes incidental thereto or connected therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June: and to be printed.

The London County Council (Money) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

The London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration the London Traffic Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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The Order of the day being read, for taking London Traffic Bill into consideration the London Traffic Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill, [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Arbitration Second Reading of the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill, [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Town Second Reading of the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Bread Second Reading of the Sale of Bread Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.
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Coal Mines Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

Finance Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

Government of India (Leave of Absence) Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of India (Leave of Absence) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant June.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Kennedy.)

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

[No. 85.]

Friday, 6th June 1924.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.
The Rotherham Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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.

[No. 86.]

Monday, 16th June 1924.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Harrogate Corporation 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.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sunderland Corporation 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.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty’s Command, a Report of Report Harbour, and Abstract of Accounts of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board for the year ended 31st March 1924.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Sir Charles Caver; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Penny.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Robert Craft Bourne, Esquire, Member for the New Member Borough of Oxford, was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Clynes);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Spoon, Yeas, 
Mr. Frederick Hall : ] 158,

Tellers for the [Commander Eyres-Monsell, Noes, 
Captain King : ] 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Prevention of Eviction Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

The Lords’ Amendment, in p. 1, l. 14, leave out from the first (“landlord”) to (“for”) in l. 17, the first 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. Arthur Greenwood);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Spoon, Yeas, 
Mr. Frederick Hall : ] 192,

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibbs, Noes, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the words so restored to the Bill were amended, in p. 1, l. 15, by leaving out the words "owner by purchase of the dwelling-house," and inserting the words "landlord by purchasing the dwelling-house or any interest therein"—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood), instead thereof.

The Lords’ Amendment, in p. 1, l. 18, after (“himself”), insert (“or for any son or daughter of his over eighteen years of age”), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords’ Amendment, in l. 1, by inserting after the word “any,” the word “married.”

—(Mr. Samuel Roberts.)
Traffic Bill.

London proposed, That further consideration of the second time.

being put, That the said Clause be read a second time.

(Mr. Percy Harris.)

Kingsley Wood.

is an alien who did not serve the British Empire house of which either the tenant or the landlord end, insert

Amendment: It passed in the Negative.

take into consideration the London Traffic Bill,

Committee. (Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

Attorney General, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Mr. Simon, and Sir

for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords

being read a second time, were disagreed to.

Amendment, being read a second time; the Lords in the said Amendment (Mr. Arthur Greenwood) ;

The House divided.

ga. to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the f Mr. Spoor, Yeas, 123. Mr. Atholl Robertson : 119.

Tellers for the f Captain King, Noes, Sir William Bull : 238.

So it passed in the Negative.

The word “Districts,” in l. 16, was left out of the Bill.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill: It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned. — (Mr. Gosling.)

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

The Town Councils (Scotland) Bill was, Town Councils according to Order, read a second time, and Bill committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the China Second Reading of the China Indemnity (Application) 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 refusing to grant an order, the landlord or its Allies in the great war, if the court is of opinion that equal hardship would be caused to the tenant by granting as to the landlord, by refusing to grant an order, the landlord or the tenant, as the case may be, who is a British subject, or, who being an alien, served the British Empire or its Allies in the great war, shall be preferred by the court”), 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 to the Question, by leaving out the word "now" stand part of the Bill.

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.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Mr. Simon, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.— (Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London Traffic Bill, as amended, in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Particulars to be supplied by Licence Holders.) — (Mr. Percy Harris.)

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 House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the f Mr. Percy Harris, Yeas, 189. Mr. Briant :

Tellers for the f Mr. Frederick Hall, Noes, 126. Mr. Griffiths.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned— (Mr. Pringle);—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by leaving out the words "of the City of London and Metropolitan Police Districts," and inserting the words "of the City of London and Metropolitan Police" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the f Mr. Kees, Yeas, 119. Mr. Atholl Robertson : 119.

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So it passed in the Negative.

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And the Question being put, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill: It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned. — (Mr. Gosling.)

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

The Order of the day being read, for the China Indemnity (Application) 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. Samuel Samuel.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:— And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned— (Mr. Balfour);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the f Mr. Balfour, Yeas, 50. Mr. Renier :

Tellers for the f Mr. Frederick Hall, Noes, 115. Mr. Kennedy : 

So it passed in the Negative.
The Order of the day being read, for the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories 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 Finance Bill Committee on the Finance Bill.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords.]; Number Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government of India (Leave of Absence) Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords.]
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 Housing (Financial Provisions) 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 Building Materials (Charges and Supply) 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 Dock and Waterside Labour (Decasualisation) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant June. VoL. 179.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Land Values (No. 2) 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 Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales 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 Rabbits and Rooks Bill:

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

Mr. Arthur Greenwood 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 Prevention of Eviction Bill; that they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, as follow:

Because the Commons have disagreed.

Because they consider that it is undesirable to vary an order or judgment in the circumstances.

Because they consider that a tenant ought not to be excluded from the benefits of the Clause by reason of the fact that the judgment or order has been executed on or after the fifteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

Because they consider that it should be obligatory upon the Court to rescind or vary an order or judgment in the circumstances.

Because it is consequential on the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 1, l. 20, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent and Mortgage Restrictions (No. 2) Bill:

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 2, l. 8, for the following Reason —
Because it is consequential on the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 1, l. 26, to which the Commons have disagreed.

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House hath disagreed to the Amendments made by the Lords; for which disagreement they assign Reasons; and hath made an Amendment to the Bill in lieu of one of the said Amendments; to which Amendment this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Monday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nine minutes after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Tuesday, 17th June 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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, 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.:—

London County Council (Lambeth Bridge) Bill [Lords].
Southend Water Bill [Lords].
Sutton Harbour Bill [Lords].
Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider every Report made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries certifying the expediency of any Provisional Order for the enclosure or regulation of a Common, and presented to the House during the present Session, before a Bill be brought in for the confirmation of such Order.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power in respect of each such Provisional Order to inquire and report to the House whether the same should be confirmed by Parliament; and, if so, whether with or without modification, and in the event of their being of opinion that the same should not be confirmed, except subject to modifications, to report such modifications accordingly with a view to such Provisional Order being remitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Twelve Members, Seven to be nominated by the House and Five by the Committee of Selection.

Lord Apsley, Sir George Beckett, Sir John Brunner, Captain Bullock, Mr. Arthur Henderson (Cardiff), Captain O’Grady, and Mr. Gilchrist Thompson were nominated Members of the Select Committee.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Frederick Hall).

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Coatbridge Burgh Extension: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act), to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to Kilmarnock Corporation to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Kilmarnock Corporation: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act), to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Shaw presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Insurance Regulations, dated 10th June 1924, made by Acts of the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Year) Regulations, 1924.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Local Government (Removal of Disqualification) (No. 2) Bill):—Mr. Rhyda Davies; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Arthur Greenwood.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to fix dimensions of bricks used in housing schemes subsidised by the State.—(Mr. Sunlight);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the

Mr. Sunlight,

Yea, (Lady Terrington :)

140.

Mr. D. G. Somerville,

Noe, (Mr. Remer :)

139.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That Mr. Sunlight, Mr. Masterton, Colonel Fremantle, Mr. Toole, and Mr. Compton do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Sunlight accordingly presented a Bill to fix dimensions of bricks used in housing schemes subsidised by the State: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House, having taken into consideration the proposals with respect to tariff preference for Empire goods which His Majesty's late Government intimated at the Imperial Economic Conference in 1923 that they intended to submit to Parliament, is of opinion that the following dried fruits now subject to duty, that is to say, figs, raisins, plums, and currants, should, if of Empire origin, be free from all import duties on importation into Great Britain—(Mr. Baldwin): 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 taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill: Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Pensions Increase [Money];

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.

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 taking into further consideration the London Traffic Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roadside Petrol Pumps Petrol Pumps Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned 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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Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

Wednesday, 18th June 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Malvern Hills Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Coatbridge Burgh Extension Order Confirmation Bill.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Kilmarnock Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
Mr. Shinwell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a Conference between the Secretary for Mines and representatives of the Co-operative Societies regarding the retail prices and qualities of household Coal.

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

Mr. Secretary Thomas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence with the Governments of the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland relating to Article 12 of the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland.

Copy of Report to the President of the Overseas Settlement Committee from the Delegation appointed to inquire into conditions affecting British settlers in New Zealand.

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

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts—

(1) The Foreign Animals Order of 1924 (No. 2), dated 11th June 1924;
(2) Authorising the landing of four Camels in the Port of Morocco Wharf, London, dated 5th June 1924.

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 Lunatics, between 1st October 1923 and 31st March 1924.

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

Sir Cyril Cobb reported from Standing Committee C to whom the Local Government (Removal of Disqualification) (No. 2) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title as followeth:—A Bill to relieve Members and Chairmen of Local Authorities from Disqualification of Office by reason of the receipt of Medical or Surgical Relief.

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 Friday the 4th day of July next; and be printed.

Sir William Nicholson further reported Standing Committee C:

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Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Standing Committee:

Sir John Brunner reported the West Cheshire Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the adjourned Debate on the Motion relative to Imperial Preference be expostulated, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—

Sir Charles Cayzer reported the West Cheshire Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Imperial Preference, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant June, That this House, having taken into consideration the proposals with respect to tariff preference for Empire goods which His Majesty's late Government intimated at the Imperial Economic Conference in 1923 that they intended to submit to Parliament, is of opinion that the following dried fruits now subject to duty, that is to say, figs, raisins, plums, and currants, should, if of Empire origin, be free from all import duties on importation into Great Britain.

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yeas, Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbes:

Mr. Andrew Young, Major McKenzie:

Wood:

So it passed in the Negative.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House having taken into consideration the proposals with respect to tariff preference for Empire goods which His Majesty's late Government intimated at the Imperial Economic Conference in 1923 that they intended to submit to Parliament, is of opinion that the rate of duty charged on tobacco of Empire origin imported into Great Britain should be reduced from five-sixths to three-quarters of the duty charged on tobacco imported from other countries—(Mr. Baldwin);

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

Tellers for the Yeas,
(Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs: ) 271.
(Mr. Andrew Young, Major McKenzie, Wood: ) 284.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House, having taken into consideration the proposals with respect to tariff preference for Empire goods which His Majesty's late Government intimated at the Imperial Economic Conference in 1923 that they intended to submit to Parliament, is of opinion that the rate of duty charged on wines produced within the Empire, and imported into Great Britain should be reduced as follows:

(a) the rate of duty charged on such wines of a strength exceeding 30 degrees and not exceeding 42 degrees from 4s. per gallon to 2s. per gallon;

(b) the preferential rate on the surtax of 12s. 6d. per gallon on such sparkling wines to be increased from 30 per cent. to 50 per cent.—(Mr. Baldwin);

The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

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

Tellers for the Yeas,
(Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs: ) 268.
(Mr. Andrew Young, Major McKenzie, Wood: ) 285.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House, having taken into consideration the proposals with respect to tariff preference for Empire goods which His Majesty's late Government intimated at the Imperial Economic Conference in 1923 that they intended to submit to Parliament, is of opinion that for a period of 10 years the preference on sugar produced within the Empire and imported into Great Britain should be maintained at the rate of one halfpenny per pound, so long as the duty on Foreign sugar does not fall below that level—(Mr. Baldwin);

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

Tellers for the Yeas,
(Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs: ) 263.
(Mr. Andrew Young, Major McKenzie, Wood: ) 283.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Parkinson reported from the Committee Pensions Increase on Pensions Increase [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient—
1. To make provision for raising, as from the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the percentages by which pensions not exceeding one hundred pounds a year to which the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920, applies, may be increased to an extent not exceeding the following limits:

(a) In the case of an existing pension not exceeding twenty-five pounds a year, above seventy per cent.;

(b) In the case of an existing pension exceeding twenty-five pounds a year but not exceeding fifty pounds a year, above sixty-five per cent.;

(c) In the case of an existing pension exceeding fifty pounds a year but not exceeding one hundred pounds a year, above fifty per cent.;

2. To make provision for requiring police, local, and other public authorities to increase pensions granted by them up to the maximum amount authorised by the said Act as proposed to be amended in pursuance of this Resolution;

3. To make provision for repealing the statutory condition for an increase of pensions under the said Act that the pensioner must reside in the British Islands; and

4. To authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, in the case of such of the pensions to which that Act applies as are payable wholly or in part out of moneys provided by Parliament, of such sums as may be required in consequence of the foregoing provisions.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Pensions Increase [Money, for the said Resolution: And that Mr. William (Increase.) Graham, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Frederick Roberts do prepare and bring in.

Mr. William Graham accordingly presented a Pensions Bill to raise the percentages by which certain pensions may be increased under the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920, to permit the payment of increased pensions under the said Act to pensioners residing outside the British Islands, and to require police, local, and other public authorities to increase pensions granted by them up to the maximum amount authorised by the said Act: And the same was read the
first time, and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the London Traffic Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration this day.

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 Public House Improvement Bill [Lords]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons and Municipal Corporations (Qualification of Clergymen) 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 Access to Mountains 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 Education (Employment of Young Persons) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of May last, That the Regulation of Railways Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vivisection Second Reading of the Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent and Second Reading of the Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roadside Provisional Order Bill.

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

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-one minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereunto have been complied with, viz.:—

Keighley Corporation (Trolley Vehicls) Provisional Order Bill.
Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicls) Provisional Order Bill.
St. Helen’s Corporation (Trolley Vehicls) Provisional Order Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order 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, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

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

The Coatbridge Burgh Extension 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 Kilmarnock Corporation 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.

Ordered, That Captain Elliot be added to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.—(Mr. Gribbns.)

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops for 1923.

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

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the financial year 1923-24.

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

Sir Cyril Cobb reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

No. 103.

Sir George McCrae reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Conveyancing (Scotland) Amendment Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

No. 104.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 173.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 3rd day of July next; and be printed.

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

No. 105.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 172.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 24th day of this instant June; and be printed.

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That Mr. M'Connell, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cape reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Croydon Corporation Bill 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; and had amended the Title as followeth:—A Bill to alter the boundary between the County Borough of Croydon and the Urban District of Mitcham;

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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 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 Supply receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th May last;Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Building Materials (Charges and Supply) Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Regulation of Railways Bill be now read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education (Employment of Young Persons) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for Regulation of Railways Bill, proposed upon the 21st day of May last, That the Regulation of Railways 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 Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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[No. 90.]

Friday, 20th June 1924.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Keighley Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

St. Helen's Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

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 East Sussex (Lewes Division), in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel William Robert Campion, B.S.O., who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York. (Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Mr. James Stewart presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Fifth Annual Report of the Scottish Board of Health, 1923.

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

Mr. Shaw presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order, dated 18th June 1924, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) Order, 1924.

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

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the South Bank and Normanby Gaslight and Coke Company, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection:—That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Merchandise Marks Bill):—Mr. Baker; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Walter Smith.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills:—That Mr. M'Cullough, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Mr. M'Cullough do attend the said Committee on Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. George Hall, supported by Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. John, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. David Grenfell, Mr. William Jenkins, Mr. George Barker, and Colonel Watts-Morgan, presented a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Act, 1911; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of July next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) 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 words "this House, whilst of opinion that it is premature to commit Great Britain to the ratification of the International Labour Organisation Convention of the 19th day of November 1921, and to the prohibition of the use of lead paint in internal painting, would welcome the immediate introduction of a Bill for the better regulation of the use of such paint"—(Mr. Harsey),—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;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the County Courts Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; and it being Four of the clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords], not 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 Second Reading of the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) 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 Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) 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 19th day of this instant June;

Ordered, That the Report be received 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, it being then one minute after Four of the clock, till Monday next.
A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Adamson, supported by Mr. James Stewart, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the resumption of holdings under the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, Bill 176, 1886 to 1919: 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 Second Reading of the Housing (Financial Provisions) 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 cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which meets none of the difficulties, either as regards labour or materials, that at present limit the building of houses, discourages private enterprise and private ownership, tends to increase costs, and throws an excessive burden upon the State and the Local Authorities without any likelihood that an adequate supply of houses will thereby be made available"—(Lord Eustace Percy), 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 Yeas, Mr. Spoor, Mr. Frederick Hall: 
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Moncrieffe, Mr. Frederick Hall: 
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was 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. Masterman):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Phillipps, Mr. Raa; 
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spoor, Mr. Frederick Hall; 
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the day being read.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned 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 June 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Manchester Corporation 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 Southend Water Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Shaw presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Report by the Government Actuary on the Financial Provisions of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Revenue and Expenditure of the Isle of Man for the year ended 31st March 1924, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon;

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement showing the Gross and Net total Cost of the Civil Services and Revenue Departments and the Navy, and Air Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1923.—(Mr. William Graham.)

Ordered, That the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Sir John Bruneau reported the Newcastle upon-Tyne and Gateshead Corporations (Bridge) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Cyril Codd reported from Standing Standing Committee B, to whom the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Bill [Lords] was referred; That they had gone through the Force Reserve Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

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, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee; That in the case of the Halifax Corporation Bill 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 thereof; and had amended the Title, as followeth:—A Bill to confer further powers on the Corporation of Halifax with respect to water and electricity undertakings; to increase water charges; to authorise the acquisition of the Shibden Hall Estate as a public park, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gilbert reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords] was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

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, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Short to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee ; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A : Mr. Herbert Morrison; and had appointed in substitution : Mr. Gavan Duffy.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Merchandise Marks Bill) : Mr. Clayton; and had appointed in substitution : Rear-Admiral Sueter.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Agricultural Wages Bill) : Mr. Acland, Mr. Attorney General; Mr. ducton, Sir Henry Cautley, Sir Thomas Davies, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lane Fox, Mr. Ormsby Gore, Mr. Hope Simpson, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. Walter Smith, Mr. Thomas Williams, Sir Richard Winfrey, and Mr. Edward Wood.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee ; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Becker, Sir Robert Bird, Sir Vassault Bowater, Captain Bass, Dr. Chapple, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Duckworth, Viscount Ednam, Mr. Erskine, Mr. Gorman, Mr. John Harris, Mr. Edmund Harvey, Mr. Dennis Herbert, Mr. Hughin, Sir William Lane Mitchell, Mr. Hoffroy, Sir James Kensington, Dr. Spero, and Colonel Vaughan Morgan; and had appointed in substitution : Mr. Black, Mr. Biscoe, Mr. Ellis Davies, Captain FitzRoy, the Marquess of Hartington, Mr. Sidney Herbert, Mr. Hobhouse, Mr. Libelean, Sir Courtenay Mansel, Mr. Foot Mitchell, Mr. Morse, Captain Tudor Rees, Mr. Sydney Robertson, Mr. Shepperson, Mr. Smith-Carington, Major Steel, Mr. Stranger, Colonel Windsor-Clive, and Colonel Woodward.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee B: Mr. Blundell, Major George Davies, Mr. George Edwards, Mr. Evelyn Jones, Mr. Foot, Mr. David Grenfell, Colonel Gretton, Mr. Paling, Mr. Samuel Roberts, Colonel Wheeler, Mrs. Wintoringsham, and Viscount Wolmer.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Mr. Shepperson, and Mr. Tillet; and had appointed in substitution : Colonel Horlick and Mr. William Graham.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the China Indemnity (Application) Bill) : Mr. Gibbins, Colonel Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, Major Moulton, Mr. Ponsoby, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, Mr. John Williams, and Sir Freddie Wise.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C (in respect of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill) : Mr. Batey, Major Burnie, Mr. Hayes, Mr. William Henderson, Sir William Lane Mitchell, Mr. Pickington, Mr. Attell Robertson, Mr. Russell, Major Steel, and Sir William Mitchell-Thomson.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill (England and Wales) be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Blundell, supported by Sir Henry Cautley, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Crittall, Mr. Maxton, and Mr. Shepperson, presented a Bill to amend section eleven of the Seeds Act, 1920. And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Sir Philip Dunstan, supported by Mr. Sturrock, Mr. Sydney Robinson accordingly presented it. Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Sydney Robinson accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 to 1924. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Robinson accordingly presented Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 to 1924. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Robert Newman, Mr. Herbert Spencer, and Mr. David Williams.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee D. And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; and to be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee D (in respect of the China Indemnity (Application) Bill) : Mr. Gibbins, Colonel Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, Major Moulton, Mr. Ponsoby, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, Mr. John Williams, and Sir Freddie Wise.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; and ordered to be printed.
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Kennedy, 
Mr. Parkinson : 276.
Mr. Percy Harris, 
Mr. Finney : 92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 21, by leaving out
from the word " such " to the word " members."

"(Mr. Percy Harris.)

And the Question being put, That the words
" ordinary and " stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Frederick Hall, 
Mr. Kennedy : 293.
Mr. Percy Harris, 
Mr. Seely : 90.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 21, by leaving out
the second word " and " to the end of
l. 23, and inserting the words " representative
members of whom "—(Sir Thomas Inskip)—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. 1, l. 25, by leaving out
the word " Two, " and inserting the word
" Four "—(Mr. Raffety)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word
" Two " stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Griffiths, 
Mr. Warne : 299.
Mr. Percy Harris, 
Mr. Raffety : 119.

So 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. 2, l. 27, by inserting, at
the end thereof, the words " and on the termina-
ation of such membership he shall cease to be a
member of the committee. "—(Major Birchall.)

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. 4, l. 16, by inserting, at
the end thereof, the words,—

" Its meetings shall be open to the public
except it is decided at any meeting by special
resolution to sit in camera. "—(Mr. Percy
Harris.)

And the Question being put, That those
words be there inserted in the Bill;

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 4, by inserting, after
the word " omnibus, " the words " or tramway car. "—(Captain Viscount Curzon.)

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. Percy Harris, 
Mr. Harcourt John-
stone : 96.
Mr. Frederick Hall, 
Mr. Warne : 299.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 28, by inserting, at
the end thereof, the words,—

" The Minister may direct that all or any
one or more of the additional members shall
form part of the committee for the purposes
of this subsection. "—(Mr. Gosling.)

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. 8, l. 35, by leaving out
paragraph (b).—(Sir Thomas Inskip.)

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 p. 8, l. 43, by inserting, at
the end thereof, the words,—

" ( ) it shall be a condition attached to
every such licence that the same shall be held
and be valid only so long as
the persons on behalf of whom the licence
is held shall not either by themselves or
by others manufacture motor vehicles, or
parts thereof, or apply their funds to the
manufacture of such vehicles, or parts
thereof, except for use on approved
routes. "—(Sir Thomas Inskip.)

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. 8, by inserting, at
the end thereof, the words,—

" Provided that no such conditions shall
prevent any omnibus from being temporarily
used on another route in case of interruption
of, or serious interference with, any of
the normal means of traffic within the area to
which this Act applies. "—(Major Moulton.)

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. 21, by leaving out
the word " on approved
routes. "—(Sir Thomas Inskip.)

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. 5, l. 28, by inserting, at
the end thereof, the words,—

" The Minister may direct that all or any
one or more of the additional members shall
form part of the committee for the purposes
of this subsection. "—(Mr. Gosling.)

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.
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \{Captain Viscount Curzon, Mr. Remer\} 196.
Tellers for the \{Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Kennedy\} 242.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 8, by leaving out subsection (7), and inserting the words,—

"(7) If at the time when it is proposed to make any such regulations the Commons House of Parliament is sitting or is separated by such adjournment or prorogation as will expire within one month, the drafts of the proposed regulations shall be laid before that House, and the regulations shall not be made unless and until a resolution is passed by that House approving of the drafts either without modification or subject to such modifications as may be specified in the resolution, and upon such approval being given the regulations may be made in the form in which the drafts have been approved. In any other case regulations may be made forthwith, but all regulations so made shall be laid before the Commons House of Parliament as soon as may be after its next meeting, and shall not continue in force for one month after such meeting unless a resolution is passed by that House declaring that the regulations shall continue in force, either without modification or subject to such modifications as may be specified in the resolution; and, if any modifications are so made as respects any regulation, the regulations shall thenceforth have effect subject to such modification, but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder,—"—(Mr. Percy Harris),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the proposed 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. 17, l. 22, by leaving out Clause 14.—(Captain Viscount Curzon).

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "placed," in l. 26, stand part of the Bill:—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Viscount Wolmer).

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Administration into consideration the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking County Courts into further consideration the County Courts Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Local Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Second Reading of the Government of India (Leave of Absence) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Borough Councils (Protocol) Bill Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of the Borough Councils (Protocol) Bill (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking consideration the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.
The Order of the day being read, for the Building Materials (Charges and Supply) Bill:
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill:
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:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill:
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Bill:
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fairs Bill:
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Access to Mountains Bill:
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of May last, That the Regulation of Railways Bill be now read a second time.
Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day, being read for the Second Reading of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) Bill:
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Government Departments during the period ended 31st March 1923, including Accounts from the commencement of operations for certain services undertaken during the war, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

Account of Receipts and Payments in respect of the Land Registry for the year ended 31st March 1924.

Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the High Court of Justice, the Court of Appeal, and the Court of Criminal Appeal during the year ended 31st March 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return and the Paper relative to Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets be printed.

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales under the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, with respect to the uniform and badge which may be worn by registered nurses.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Orders (No. 1) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) 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; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Cope reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B): That in the case of the Haslingden Corporation Bill [Lords] they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same 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. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Captain Sidney Herbert.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Vinegar Bill to prevent the fraudulent sale of liquids or products made in imitation of and purporting to be Vinegar: And that Mr. Hanson, Mr. John Harris, Captain O'Grady, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Sir Philip Dawson, Mr. Turner Saunders, Sir Nicholas Grotten Doyle, and Mr. Smalley Crooke do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Hanson accordingly presented a Bill Vinegar Bill, to prevent the fraudulent sale of liquids or Bill 180, products made in imitation of and purporting to be Vinegar: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Old Age Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, Pensions. That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Old Age Pensions proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71a, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71a, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient in connection with pensions payable to persons to whom the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1918, apply to authorise the provision out of moneys provided by Parliament of such further sums as will become payable as a consequence of providing that, for the purpose of determining the weekly rate of pension to which a person is entitled, there shall be deducted from his means as calculated under the said Acts such part, if any, of the means, but not exceeding in any case thirty-nine pounds, as is derived from any source other than earnings.—(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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (London) Railway Bill: 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Government of India (Leave of Absence) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the County Courts Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee: 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill: 
Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) 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 Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords.]: 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords.], not amended in the Standing 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.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Bill [Lords.], not amended in the Standing Committee: 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Standing Committee: 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Government of India (Leave of Absence) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71a, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71a, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session making provision with respect to leave of absence from India of the Governor-General, Commander-in-Chief, and Governors and members of Executive Councils, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Revenues of India of any salaries, leave allowances, and travelling or other expenses which may become payable under such Act—(Mr. Richards):

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Richards)—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 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 British Museum (No. 2) 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 Douglas Hogg.)

The Access to Mountains Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Regulation of Railways 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.

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 a second time:— The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

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 twenty-three minutes after Nine 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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Thursday, 26th June 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Minister of Transport, respecting the applications to and the proceedings of the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, from 1st April 1923 to 31st March 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Short reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Industrial and Provident Societies (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几分钟的Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Sir George McCrae reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

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, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to report a Report thereon to the House; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them and Appendices.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Sittings of Parliament; That they had considered the proceedings of the Standing Committee, and had appointed in substitution : Major Ropner.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Turton reported from Standing Committee D, to whom the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) 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 Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Motorways Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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Ordered, That the Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill, be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Dogs’ Protection Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquaintsed the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Pacific Cable Board Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the City of London (Various Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for incorporating and conferring powers upon the Lanarkshire Hydro-Electric Power Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make further provision with respect to the supply of electricity in London, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to extend the limits of supply of and confer further powers on the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make further and better provision with respect to the supply of electricity in the administrative county of London; to confer further powers upon certain of the companies supplying electricity within the said county, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the County of London Electric Supply Company, Limited, with reference to the supply of electricity in the county of Essex, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pacific Cable Board Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Lanarkshire Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords] was 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of this instant June; 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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 24th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made on consideration of the London Traffic Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Which Amendment was, in p. 17, l. 22, to leave out Clause 14.
And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "placed," in l. 26, stand part of the Bill;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate, and the Question being put:—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. 17, l. 28, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "be approved by Parliament and,"—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)
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. 18, l. 27, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—
"(2) This Act shall continue in force until the first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven:
Provided that the expiration of this Act shall not affect any penalty, forfeiture, or punishment previously incurred under this Act or under any regulations made under this Act, or affect any legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such penalty, forfeiture, or punishment, and any such legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, or
continued, or enforced, and such penalty, forfeiture, or punishment may be imposed as if this Act had not expired,"—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)
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 Friday morning;

Friday, 27th June, 1924:
And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Parkinson ; 225.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Becker, Colonel Sir Frederick Hall ; 72.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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A Schedule.—(Mr. Dennis Herbert)—was offered to be added to the Bill.
And the said Schedule was brought up and read the first and second time.
An Amendment was made to the proposed Schedule.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Schedule, by leaving out ll. 10 to 13, inclusive.—(Lady Terrington.)
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Schedule;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Parkinson ; 181.
Tellers for the Noes, Lady Terrington, Mr. Harcourt Johnstone ; 79.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the proposed Schedule, so amended, was made part of the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Schedule 2, p. 21, by leaving out ll. 4 to 9, inclusive.—(Mr. Gosling.)
And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Percy Harris, Mr. Ben Smith ; 96.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Parkinson ; 165.
So it passed in the Negative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Schedule 2, p. 21, l. 28, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "within the Metropolitan area."—(Mr. Rhys.)
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.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on Consideration, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, in respect of a Clause (Particulars to be supplied by licence holders) inserted on Consideration.
The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.
(In the Committee.)
Clause (Particulars to be supplied by the licence holders).
Amendment proposed, in l. 1, to leave out from the word "omnibus," to the first word "to," in l. 3, in order to insert the words "which is licensed subject to the condition that it shall not ply for hire except in maintaining a regular service."—(Mr. Gosling.)
Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Comyns Carr, Mr. John Harris ; 74.
Tellers for the Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Parkinson ; 165.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The Order of the day being read, for taking County Courts Bill into further consideration the County Courts Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Parkinson reported from the Committee on Old Age Pensions a Resolution; which was read, as followeth;

That it is expedient in connection with pensions payable to persons to whom the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1919, apply to authorise the provision out of monies provided by Parliament of such further sums as will become payable as a consequence of providing that, for the purpose of determining the weekly rate of pension to which a person is entitled, there shall be deducted from his means as calculated under the said Acts, such part, if any, of the means, but not exceeding in any case thirty-nine pounds, as is derived from any source other than earnings.”—(Mr. Webb.)

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wheatley, and Mr. William Graham do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Webb accordingly presented a Bill to Old Age Pensions, and Mr. Parkinson reported from the Committee on Old Age Pensions Bill. As amended in paragraph (3) of section two of the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1919, apply to authorise the provision out of monies provided by Parliament of such further sums as will become payable as a consequence of providing that, for the purpose of determining the weekly rate of pension to which a person is entitled, there shall be deducted from his means as calculated under the said Acts, such part, if any, of the means, but not exceeding in any case thirty-nine pounds, as is derived from any source other than earnings.”—(Mr. Webb.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration the Mariages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Administration of Justice 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 taking into consideration the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords], not 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 Second Reading of the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) 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 Criminal Justice 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 Factories 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 Coal Mines 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 Finance 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 on the Pensions (Increase) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Museum (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 the Rabbits and Rooks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Seeds Act (1920) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood reported from the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, that he had drawn up a Reason accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as followeth:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 1, l. 11, for the following Reason:

Because it alters a charge on the rates, and the Commons consider it unnecessary to offer any further Reason, hoping the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.

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 Amendment): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

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 one minute after Four of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES,

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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The House met at Eleven of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Croydon Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London and North Eastern Railway (Dock Charges, Scotland) 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.

Mr. Hartshorn presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the financial provisions of the Telegraph (Money) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum explaining the proposed Financial Resolution relative to Irish Free State Land Purchase (Loan Guarantee).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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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:

Copy of Statement of the Accounts of the Conservators of the Upper Medway for the year ended 31st March 1924.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

**Selection (Standing Committees.)**

Standing Committee D.:—Sir Sydney Henn.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

**Electricity (Supply) Acts (1882 to 1922) Amendment Bill.**

Ordered, That the Electricity (Supply) Acts (1882 to 1922) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Legitimacy to take into consideration the Legitimacy Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Married Parents).—(Mr. Rawlinson): 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;

Captain Bowyer 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 said Clause be read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Rawlinson,

Mr. Hartshorn.

Mr. Bowyer,

Mr. Harney.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill. 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,

Mr. Bowyer,

Mr. Lamb.

Mr. Rawlinson,

Mrs. Philipson.

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 Conveyancing to take into consideration the Conveyancing (Scotland) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing 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, proceeded to Industrial and Provident Societies to take into consideration the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 18, by inserting, after the word “cent,” the word “cumulative.”—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word “cumulative” be there inserted in the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dock and Waterside Labour (Decasualisation) 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 Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) 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 Dogs' Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pacific Cable Board Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then one minute after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

Name of Bill.  Standing Committee.

Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords] (transferred from Standing Committee A).

Association of Municipal Corporations (Expenses) Bill (transferred from Standing Committee A).

County Councils (Expenses) Bill (transferred from Standing Committee A).

Protection of Birds Bill (transferred from Standing Committee A).

Protection of Animals Bill (transferred from Standing Committee A).

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Papers respecting Negotiations for an Anglo-French Pact.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Companies' Power Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Southern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Companies' Power Bill by the Minister of Transport on applications made during the year ended 30th June 1924, under the Railway Companies' Powers Act, 1864, and of his proceedings under that Act as amended by the Railways (Powers and Construction) Acts, 1864, Amendment Act, 1870.
Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of part of the Rural District of Horsham, in the administrative County of East Sussex, parts of the Rural Districts of Cuckfield and East Grinstead, in the administrative County of East Sussex, and part of the Rural District of Reigate, in the County of Surrey.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the discontinuance of Carnarvon and Ruthin Prisons,

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Stores (Free Issue).

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 19th June 1924, relative to the free issue from Army Stocks to the Government of South Africa of a quantity of Small Arms Ammunition.

Ordered, That the said Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st June 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of all Deposits received and paid during the year ended 31st December 1923, 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 1923, 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 Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Report on an application by the Tawe Valley Gas Company to the Board of Trade under the Public Utility Companies (Capital Issues) Act, 1920.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buxton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of One Hundred and Second Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, dated 30th June 1924.

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 of the Budget of the Governor-General of India in Council for 1924-25.—(Mr. Richards.)
whole of the profits therefrom are devoted to agricultural or horticultural or educational purposes."—(Colonel Howard-Bury.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 44, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that no entertainments duty shall be chargeable on performances of musical societies where the Commissioners of Customs are satisfied that the profits derived from such performances are devoted to objects of a musical educational character."—(Mr. Robert Jackson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 19, at the end, to add the words,—

"(4) Notwithstanding anything in Section one of the Finance (New Duties) Act, 1916, as amended by any subsequent enactment, entertainments duty shall not be charged for admission to any entertainment where the Commissioners of Customs and Excise are satisfied that the whole of the profits thereof are devoted to philanthropic, charitable, or educational purposes."—(Colonel Howard-Bury.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes,—Mr. Samuel Roberts : 220.
Tellers for the Noes,—Mr. John Robertson : 165.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes,—Commander Eyres-Moell: 169.
Tellers for the Noes,—Colonel Gibbs : 237.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 7 and No. 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Repeal of Duty on certain Table Waters).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 39, at the end, to insert the words, "together with fifty per cent. of the eightpence per gallon chargeable under the Finance Act, 1916, and Section five of the Finance Act, 1920, together with the relatively similar amount of customs duty chargeable on certain table waters known as unsweetened table waters and sold or kept for sale in Great Britain or Northern Ireland."—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 10 and No. 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Amendment of Section 6 of Revenue Act, 1909).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

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The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Parkinson were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 13 and No. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Amendments as to Licence for mechanically propelled Vehicles).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(2) So much of paragraph (6) of the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1920, as relates to proof of the payment of duty and to the repayment of twenty-five per cent. thereof is hereby repealed, and it is hereby enacted that if any person proves to the satisfaction of the authority charged with levying the duty payable in respect of any vehicle chargeable under the said paragraph, as amended by any subsequent enactment, that the engine of the vehicle was constructed eight years before the first day of January of the year in which duty is payable, he shall be entitled to an abatement of twenty-five per cent. of the duty payable under the said section."—(Colonel Howard-Bury.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes,—Mr. John Harris : 144.
Tellers for the Noes,—Mr. Griffiths : 275.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(2) The rate of duty chargeable under the Second Schedule of the Finance Act, 1920, shall be reduced by twenty-five per cent. in the case of any vehicle of which the unladen weight does not exceed two tons."—(Colonel Howard-Bury.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes,—Viscount Ednam : 92.
Tellers for the Noes,—Mr. Parkinson : 318.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 27, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Paragraph (5) of the Second Schedule of the Finance Act, 1920, is hereby amended so that the rate of duty for vehicles constructed or adapted for use and used solely for the conveyance of goods in the course of trade and not exceeding sixteen hundredweights in weight unladen (other than vehicles electrically propelled) shall be ten pounds."—(Mr. Hannon.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes,—Captain Viscount Curzon : 79.
Tellers for the Noes,—Mr. Griffiths : 291.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 27, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(3) The Minister of Transport may make regulations providing for the issue of a transferable licence or licences to a person keeping or using more than one vehicle so that the holder of such transferable licence shall not be required to take out a separate licence for each such vehicle, provided that the rate of duty payable on such transferable licence shall not be less than the appropriate duty payable under the Second Schedule of the Finance Act, 1920, as amended by any subsequent enactment, for the vehicle for which the transferable licence is used."—(Mr. Hannon.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

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Question put.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hannon.]
Yea, [Captain Viscount Curzon ] 79.
Tellers for the [Mr. Kennedy.]
Noo, [Mr. Parkinson ] 246.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again, 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 Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Government of India (Leave of Absence) [Money.]

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 Post Office (London) Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Government of India (Leave of Absence) [Money.]

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Materials (Charges and Supply) 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 British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) 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 Criminal Justice Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Sale of Bread Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Bread Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Factories Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Coal Mines Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords]. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords]. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Supply. The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of May last; 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Supply [8th May] Report. The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of this instant June; 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Ways and Means. 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.

British Museum (No. 2) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the British Museum (No. 2) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Motor Cycle Races Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Cycle Races Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 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 twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.
Tuesday, 1st July 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

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 on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords].
- Lanarkshire Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords].
- Neath Harbour Bill [Lords].
- Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords].
- Taf Ffeychan Water Supply Bill [Lords].
- London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords].
- County of London Electric Supply Company Bill [Lords].
- North Metropolitan Electric Supply Company Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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, brought from the Lords and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Stratford-upon-Avon Extension) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the City of London (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 Croydon Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Corporations (Bridge) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)—The House, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then 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, proceeded to take into consideration the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Southern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant Shops Act, 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 Hyde.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Trevelyan presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Board of Education for the year 1922–23.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Gezira (Soudan) Irrigation Project.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Licensing Act (1921) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant July.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Malvern Hills Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Malvern Hills Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Local Legislation Committee (Section A.)

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Tynemouth Corporation Bill 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.

Selection (Standing Committees).

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords]):—Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Captain Berkeley, Mr. Costello, Mr. John Harris, Sir Gerald Holker, Mr. Lunt, Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, Mr. Arthur Michael Sumwul, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Whiteley.

Standing Committee C.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee C:—Mr. Michael Samuel.

Standing Committee D.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Mr. William Graham; and had appointed in substitution:—Mr. Tillett.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the China Indemnity (Application) Bill):—Colonel Sir Samuel Hoare and Mr. Pringle; and had appointed in substitution:—Dr. Chapjole and Mr. M'Neil.

Standing Committee D.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Becker, Major Sir Herbert Cayzer, Mr. Sydney Jones, Mr. Wardlaw-Milne, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Starrock, and Mr. Windsor.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the rating of the owners and lessees of unoccupied houses, and for purposes connected therewith:—(Mr. McEntee); Mr. Speaker put the Question; and the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who 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 Mr. McEntee, Mr. Dukes, Mr. Viant, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Mardy Jones, Mr. Dunico, Mr. Lansbury, and Mr. William Henderson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. McEntee accordingly presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the rating of the owners and lessees of unoccupied houses, and for purposes connected therewith:—And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

The Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Old Age Pensions Bill was, according to Old Age Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to to-morrow.—(Mr. William Graham.)

The Post Office (London) Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented Five clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill, and Counsel or Agents heard in support of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Hartshorn.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded County to take into further consideration the County Bill, Courts Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Provisions as to striking out plaints, &c.)—(Mr. Banks)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provisions as to hearing action for injunction.)—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)

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 House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captains Tudor Bees: 75.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Warner: 208.

So it passed in the Negative.

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Another Clause (Fees in workmen's compensation proceedings)—(Sir Malcolm Macnaghten) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by inserting after the word "the," the words "judge of that court subject to the approval of the".—(Captain Tudor Ree.)

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. 2, l. 42, by inserting at the end thereof the words,—

"Provided that no registrar or high bailiff appointed before the passing of this Act shall be paid a less salary than his net salary and remuneration for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, without the consent of such registrar or high bailiff.—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)

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. 5, l. 42, by leaving out from the beginning thereof to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Hope.)

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.

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 Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing 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, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Government of India (Leave of Absence) [Money].

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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Colonel Wedgwood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Telegraph [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71A, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71A, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient—

(1) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole seventeen million pounds, as are required for the further development of the telephonic system and to authorise the Treasury to borrow money, by means of terminable annuities or by the issue of Exchequer bonds, for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof to the Consolidated Fund, and to provide for the payment of the terminable annuities or of the principal of and interest on any such Exchequer bonds out of moneys provided by Parliament for Post Office services or, if these moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund; and

(2) to make provision with respect to the application of sums arising from the sale of any property acquired for the purposes of the telephonic system—(Mr. Hartshorn);

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Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy 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 taking Pacific Cable Board Bill into consideration the Amendment made by Board Bill, the Lords to the Pacific Cable Board Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Administration of Justice (for Administration of Justice) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.
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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;  

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;  

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;  

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 Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords];  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pensions (Increase) Bill;  

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 Second Reading of the Motor Car Races 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 Housing (Regulation of Size of Bricks) Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And it being after half past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nine minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

Wednesday, 2nd July 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London County Council (Money) 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 into consideration the Southern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee;  

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Stratford-upon-Avon Extension) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,---Copy of Order as amended in the Standing Committee.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three, of the clock.  

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,---Copy of Order, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,---Copy of Order, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Mr. Richards presented,—Return to an East India Address, dated the 30th day of June last, for a Return relative to East India (Budget);  

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulation Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Watford Gas and Coke Company.

Copy of Statements of Assurance Business Assurance Companies, under the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, deposited with the Board of Trade during the year 1923. Parts I. and II.  

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Building Materials.

Mr. Wheatley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report for the month of June 1924 of the Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committee appointed to survey the prices of Building Materials.

Alkali, &c., Works Regulation Act, 1906.

Mr. Wheatley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Sixth Annual Report on Alkali, &c., Works, by the Chief Inspectors under the Alkali, &c., Works Regulation Act, 1906, for the year 1923.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Schedule, supplementary to the Schedule dated 24th November 1903, containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of documents existing or accruing in the Colonial Office which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Arthur Churchman.

Standing Committee D, the Committee: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Shaw and Mr. Windsor; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Walter Smith and Mr. Webb.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Shaw, by Command, to acquaint the Lords and the House with the following:

Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill [Lords].

The Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Protection of Leasholders Bill.

Ordered, That the Protection of Leasholders Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Local Government and Officers' Superannuation Bill.

Ordered, That the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill.

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate upon the Question proposed upon the 4th day of April last, That the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill be now read a second time, be resumed upon Tuesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the giving of donations and subscriptions by Members of Parliament.—(Mr. Hore-Belisha.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief Mr. Speaker explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Hore-Belisha and Sir James Revent, Division. were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Ordered, That Mr. Hore-Belisha, Sir Arthur Shirley Bevan, Sir James Revent, Duchess of Atholl, Rear-Admiral Sir Guy Gavert, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Arthur Henderson (Cardiff), Mr. Masterman, Mrs. Wintringham, and Mr. Ramsay Muir do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Hore-Belisha accordingly presented a Member of Parliament Bill to limit the giving of donations and subscriptions by Members of Parliament: Bill 186.

And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a (Restrictions) Bill to prohibit advertising and circularising by registered moneylenders.—(Colonel Assheton Pownall.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief Mr. Speaker explanatory statement from the Member who 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 Colonel Assheton Pownall, Sir George McCrae, Mr. George Spencer, and Colonel Guinness do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Colonel Assheton Pownall accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit advertising and circularising by registered moneylenders: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill, itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 16 (Income Tax and Super Tax for 1924-25).

Amendment proposed in p. 10. 1. 4, to leave out the words "and sixpence."—(Sir John Marriott.)

Question, That the words " and sixpence" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 17 agreed to.

Clause No. 18 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Right of appeal on questions of domicile, ordinary residence and residence).

An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed in p. 11, l. 26, after the word “the” to insert the words “General Commissioners or.”—(Sir Henry Buckingham.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Income Tax on War Bonuses, &c.).

Amendment proposed in p. 12, l. 19, to leave out the words “or has not become final and conclusive before.”—(Mr. Keens.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Robertson : } 242.
Tellers for the Noses, {Mr. Keens : } 185.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Rate of tax at which repayments in respect of deduction or allowance under Part II. of Finance Act, 1920, are to be made).

Amendment proposed in p. 13, l. 9, at the end, to add the words,—

“Provided that any repayment made to any person who has taxable income shall not be less by more than the standard rate of tax upon his taxable income than the amount that would have been repayable to him if he had no taxable income.”—(Mr. D. G. Somerville.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 22 (Power to recover summarily small amounts of income tax).

Amendment proposed in p. 13, l. 26, at the end, to add the words,—

“(3) Proceedings under this Section for a recovery of income tax summarily as a civil debt shall not be taken unless application has been first made to the General Commissioners and their approval obtained and unless the collector shall have produced to such Commissioners the names of the taxpayers against whom he wishes to take proceedings.”—(Sir Henry Buckingham.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 23 and No. 24 agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Termination of corporation profits tax).

Amendment proposed in p. 14, l. 7, at the beginning, to insert the words,—

“Subject to the right of corporations to submit accounts made up to the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.”—(Mr. D. G. Somerville.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 26 to No. 30 agreed to.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pacific Cable Board Bill; 
Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], 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 Second Reading of the Public House Improvement Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Offices Regulation 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) 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 Housing (Regulation of Size of Bricks) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEE.


J. H. Whitely, Speaker.

2nd July 1924.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Great Western Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Verbal Amendments were made to the London and North Eastern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords]: And the Bill 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, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Aire and Calder Navigation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Southern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. William Adamsom presented, pursuant to Standing Order No. 99, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 27th May 1924, as to certain financial arrangements between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the Dominion of Canada.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Government of India Act, 1915, dated 30th May 1924, approving a revised scheme for the permanent establishment of the Secretary of State for India.
Copies of Orders in Council under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, dated 30th May 1924, entitled:—

1. The Election Laws (Northern Ireland) Order, 1924; and

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1923, dated 30th May 1924, further postponing the coming into operation of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914.


Copy of Order in Council, under the Representation of the People Acts, 1918 to 1922, dated 30th May 1924, further amending the Representation of the People Order.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel, that they had appointed Sir George McCrae to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill):

- Mr. Batey, Major Burnie, Mr. Hayes, Mr. William Henderson, Sir William Lane Mitchell, Mr. Pilkington, Mr. Atholl Robertson, Mr. Russell, Major steel, and Sir William Mitchell-Thomson.

Ordered, That the Report 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 Coatbridge Burgh Extension Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Kilmarnock Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London and North Eastern Railway (Dock Charges, Scotland) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Clyde Valley Electrical Power Company to raise additional capital; to extend the area of supply of the company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Rhyhmney and Aber Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented a Bill to Northern Ireland Land (Occupation and Ownership of Land in Northern Ireland, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924-25.

Class II.

1. £326,692 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, including Grants for Agricultural Education and Training, Loans to Co-operative Societies, Expenditure in connection with the Supply of Seed Oats and Seed Potatoes, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Services arising out of the War.

Class IV.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £3,023,495 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 1925 for Public Education in Scotland, and for Science and Art in Scotland, including a Grant in Aid.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £3,023,495 be granted for the said Service—(Duchess of Atholl):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.
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 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 the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of May last;

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 19th day of June 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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Government of India (Leave of Absence) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Government of India (Leave of Absence) [Money.]

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Telegraph [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Telegraph [Money].

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pacific Cable Board Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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Motor Cycle Races Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Cycle Races Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Kennedy);

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 fourteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

[No. 100.]

Friday, 4th July 1924.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRIMERS.

Tl THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) 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.

A Verbal Amendment was made to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords]: And the Bill 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hackney and New College Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Charges) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 14th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Edinburgh Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill 1899.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Rothesay Tramways; And the same was read the first time and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Saint Enoch's Church and Parish Sacra Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Water Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Austria
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Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Austria together with accompanying declaration. Signed at London, 22nd May 1924 (Ratification has not yet been effected.)

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 agree with the Amendment made by this House in lieu of one of their Amendments to the Prevention of Eviction Bill; they do not insist upon one other of their Amendments to which this House hath disagreed; and they insist upon their remaining Amendments for which insistence they assign Reasons.

Bill 191. Ordered, That the Lords Reasons for insisting on certain of their Amendments to the Prevention of Eviction Bill, to which this House hath disagreed, be taken into consideration upon Monday next: and be printed.

Private Bills
(Group E.)

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 19, by leaving out from the word "accordingly" to the end of the subsection.—(Sir Malcolm Macnaghten.)

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 an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 6, by leaving out paragraph (a).—(Sir Malcolm Macnaghten.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "any," in l. 9, 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. 2, l. 14, by inserting after the first word "wife," the words "or shall be committed to some other person."—(Mr. Graves-Lord.)

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

Mr. Deans,
Yeas,

Mr. Cassels :

66.

Tellers for the

Captain Bowyer,
Noes,

Mr. Mills :

137.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Removal of Disqualification) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 22, by leaving out the words "or such portion thereof as the authority may determine."—(Mr. Lorimer.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Major Colfax 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 Bill.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the

Mr. Lansbury,
Yeas,

Major Birnie :

117.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lorimer,
Noes,

Mr. Penny :

93.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being Four of the clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.
Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of June last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Coal Mines (Amendment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Dock and Waterside Labour (Decasualisation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dock and Waterside Labour (Decasualisation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Unemployment Insurance (No. 4) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 4) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Fairs Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fairs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then one minute after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 101.]

Monday, 7th July 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

A MOTION being made, That the Aire and Calder Navigation Bill [Lords.] be now read the third time;

Mr. Webb, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill 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.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hastingden Corporation Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the County of London Electric Supply Company Bill [Lords.] be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Lanarkshire Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords.] be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords.] be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords.] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Neath Harbour Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Taf Fechan Water Supply Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Saint Enoch’s Church and Parish Quoad Sacra Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Clydebank and District Water Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Buxton presented, by His Majesty’s Agricultural Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the proposed Financial Resolution relative to the Agricultural Wages Bill.

Mr. Buxton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 3rd July 1924, made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Act, 1919, entitled the Agricultural Councils (Provisional Regulations), 1924 (No. 2).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the direction, Copies of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulation of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Emsworth Gas and Coke Company Limited;

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Message from the Lords.

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

Wandsworth Borough Council (Superannuation) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Wandsworth Borough Council (Superannuation) Bill, without any Amendment.

Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Bill [Lords].
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Glasgow University (Barbour Scholarship) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Glasgow University (Barbour Scholarship); to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Burntisland Water Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Burntisland Water; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Glasgow University (Barbour Scholarship) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].
The Glasgow University (Barbour Scholarship) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Burntisland Water Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].
The Burntisland Water Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Supply [4th allotted Day.]
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924-25.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £92,594 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, including the News Department;

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 the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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.

Mr. Kennedy reported from the Committee Government on Government of India (Leave of Absence) [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session making provision with respect to leave of absence from India of the Governor-General, Commander-in-Chief, and Governors and members of Executive Councils, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Revenues of India of any salaries, leave allowances, and travelling or other expenses which may become payable under such Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Kennedy reported from the Committee Telegraph [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient—

(1) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole seventeen million pounds, as are required for the further development of the telephonic system and to authorise the Treasury to borrow money, by means of terminable annuities or by the issue of Exchequer bonds, for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof to the Consolidated Fund, and to provide for the payment of the terminable annuities or of the principal of and interest on any such Exchequer bonds out of moneys provided by Parliament for Post Office services or, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund; and

(2) to make provision with respect to the application of sums arising from the sale of any property acquired for the purposes of the telephonic system.

The said Resolution, being read a second time:—

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree
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with the Committee in the said Resolution:—

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Trevelyan.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Pacific Cable Board Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pacific Cable Board Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Old Age Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Pensions (Increase) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pensions (Increase) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Town Councils (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Building Materials (Charges and Supply) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Materials (Charges and Supply) 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 Small Landholders (Scotland) 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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Bread Second Reading of the Sale of Bread Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories Second Reading of the Factories Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Second Reading of the Coal Mines Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Therapeutic Second Reading of the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Second Reading of the Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Northern Ireland Land Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Balfour, Mr. Hartshorn, and Mr. Laweck were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Post Office (London) Railway Bill.—(Mr. Griffiths.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking Prevention of Eviction Bill, to which this House hath disagreed;

Ordered, That the said Reasons be taken into consideration to-morrow.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union Ballot Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roadside Petrol Pumps 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 Housing (Regulation of Size of Bricks) 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 Motorways 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 Rabbits and Rooks 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 Liquor Traffic Local Option (England and Wales) 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 Dogs' Protection 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 Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) 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 Housing (Regulation of Size of Bricks) 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 Motorways 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 Seeds Act (1920) Amendment Bill, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned 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, 8th July 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills [Lords] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.):

Rhymney and Aber Gas Bill [Lords].

Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, had agreed to the following Special Report:

Special Report.

Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill [Lords].

The Examiners beg to report as follows:—

That in view of the fact that all references to Ireland have been deleted from the Standing Orders, they appear to have no grounds on which to examine the Bill.

J. F. SYMONS-JEUNE.

EDWARD GULLY.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.
Ordered, That the Lancashire Asylums Board Bill [Lords.] be read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire Asylums Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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 Tynemouth Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords.] be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords.]

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 Lancashire Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lancashire Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords.]

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 County of London Electric Supply Company Bill [Lords.]

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 London Electricity Supply Bill (No. 1) Bill [Lords.]

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 London Electricity Supply Bill (No. 2) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Saint Enoch's Church and Parish Quoad Sacra 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 Saint Enoch's Church and Parish Quoad Sacra 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 Clydebank and District 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.
Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th June 1924, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Elementary Education (Substantive Grant) Regulations, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Malcolm Macnaghten reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills; That in respect of the Town Planning Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee had considered the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Malcolm Macnaghten reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills; That in respect of the Town Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee had considered the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Malcolm Macnaghten reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills; That in respect of the Housing Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee had considered the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Cyril Cobb reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords] was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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 Amendment made by this House to the Hackney and New College Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London and North Eastern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Blackpool, Denton, Derwent Valley Water Board, North Cornwall Joint Water District, Poole, and Wimbledon; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hackney and New College Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London and North Eastern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Protection of Birds Bill, the Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords], and the Protection of Animals Bill)—Captain Bowyer, Sir Henry Brittain, Mr. Rhy Davies, Mr. Edmund Harvey, Sir Douglas Newton, Sir Philip Richardson, Mr. Stannard, Lady Terrington, Mr. Vevian, and Mr. Wignall.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee C:—Brigadier-General Sir Henry Page Croft.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Motor Cycle Races Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Births and Deaths Registration Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant July.

Ordered, That the Motor Car Races Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Offices Regulation Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Issacs, supported by Mr. Mills and Mr. Hoffman, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to dock piloting: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the acquisition by Municipal Authorities of unoccupied houses for the purpose of relieving overcrowding: And that Mr. Thrupp, Mr. James Gardner, Mr. Ayles, Mr. Romeril, Mr.
Lansbury, Mr. Masterman, and Mr. Mosley do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Thurtle accordingly presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the acquisition by Municipal Authorities of unoccupied houses for the purpose of relieving overcrowding: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the powers of Local Authorities with regard to the acquisition and use of land for recreation purposes: And that Mr. Alden, Major Birchall, Sir John Brunner, Mr. Alfred Thomas Davies, Sir Joseph Hood, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Rathbone, Mr. Sydney Robinson, and Mr. Ernest Simon do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Alden accordingly presented a Bill to extend the powers of Local Authorities with regard to the acquisition and use of land for recreation purposes: 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 a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Extension of 9 and 10 Geo. V., c. 32, s. 16)—(Captain Viscount Ednam),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Amendment of 10 and 11 Geo. V., c. 18, s. 15 (1)—(Mr. Hannon),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Repeal of s. 30 of 8 and 9 Geo. V., c. 15)—(Mr. Dunn),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act, 1922, s. 21)—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Amendment of First Schedule to Income Tax Act, 18 and 19 Geo. V., c. 40)—(Sir Laming Worthington-Evans),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Allowance for travelling expenses)—(Sir John Pennefather),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Amendment of 10 and 11 Geo. V., c. 8)—(Mr. Hannon),—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, 1922, s. 21 (1)—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Provision to allow deductions in respect of inherently wasting assets)—(Colonel Asheton Pownall),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Income tax of married persons)—(Colonel Lambert Ward),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Allotment of First Schedule to Income Tax Act, 18 and 19 Geo. V., c. 40)—(Sir Laming Worthington-Evans),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act, 1922, s. 21 (1)—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel),—brought up, and read the first time.
Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Colonel Weekor, Yeas, Lord Huntingfield : 136.

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Warne : 253.

Another Clause (Amendment to 10 and 11 Geo. V., c. 18, s. 20)—(Mr. Robert Richardson),—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.

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Another Clause (Income tax exemptions for "maintenance" of farm buildings, &c.)—(Colonel Spender Clay),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Relief in respect of expenditure for the welfare of employees)—(Mr. Hannon),—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 (Estate Duty)—(Mr. Dennis Herbert),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Provisions as to temporary residence)—(Mr. Dennis Herbert),—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 (Returns by Savings Banks)—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain),—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 (Death duties of married persons)—(Colonel Walter Guinness),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Collectors of taxes)—(Sir Kingsley Wood),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Duty on cycles)—(Mr. Toulie),—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 (Mr. Storry Deans, Yeas, Mr. Remer : 76.

Tellers for the (Mr. Kennedy, Noes, Mr. Warne : 214.

Another Clause (Exemption of clubs from entertainments duty)—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy),—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 (Amendment as to moneys payable under policies of life insurance effected for purposes of estate duty)—(Colonel Courthope),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Exemption from income tax of research fellowships)—(Sir Geoffrey Butler),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Geoffrey Butler, Yeas, Mr. Balfour : 100.

Tellers for the (Mr. Robertson, Noes, Mr. Warne : 185.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 32 of Finance Act, 1921)—(Mr. Law),—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 (Mr. Remer, Yeas, Mr. Storry Deans : 89.

Tellers for the (Mr. Kennedy, Noes, Mr. Parkinson : 190.

Another Clause (Amendment as to stamp duty on leases of certain dwelling-houses)—(Mr. Thomas Johnston),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Foreign Businesses)—(Sir Arthur Steel Maitland),—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 for earned incomes)—(Mr. Comyns Carr),—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 (Mr. Remer, Yeas, Mr. Storry Deans : 69.

Tellers for the (Mr. Robertson, Noes, Mr. Warne : 187.

Another Clause (Exemption of profits of agricultural and forestry societies from income tax)—(Mr. Hobhouse),—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.
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 taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pacific Cable Board Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply 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 Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply 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 re-taking into consideration the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for re-taking into consideration the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Another Clause (Amendment of 8 and 9 Geo. V., c. 5, Sch. E, Rule 9) (Sir Herbert Nield),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Annual value for the purpose of duty on excise licences) (Mr. Samuel Roberts),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Development Fund) (Mr. Neville Chamberlain),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Amendment of 10 and 11 Geo. V., c. 18, s. 22)—(Mr. William Albert Jenkins),—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. Remer 
Mr. Story Deans
80.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Warne 

180.

Another Clause (Exemption of income of regimental benevolent funds) (Brigadier-General Makins),—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. Balfour 
Colonel Sir Frederick Hall
85.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. John Robertson 
Mr. Warne
164.

Another Clause (Annual value for the purpose of duty on excise licences) (Mr. Samuel Roberts),—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. Ralfour 

88.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Warne 

166.

Another Clause (Development Fund) (Mr. Neville Chamberlain),—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. Hacking 

66.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Warne 

174.

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Second Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 21, to leave out ls. 10 and 11, in order to insert,—

Rate of Duty.

exceeds Is. ld. and does not exceed Is. 6d. - 3d.
1s. 1d. 2s. 6d. 4d.
2s. 6d. 2s. 6d. 5d.
3s. 6d. 3s. 6d. 6d.
—(Mr. Hughes.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

Third Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, 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.

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of the Parish of Burntwood Edial and Woodhouses, in the Rural District of Lichfield, all in the County of Stafford, which was presented on the 12th day of May 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Tenterden and the Rural District of Tenterden (except certain detached portions), in the County of Kent, which was presented on the 12th day of May 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of that part of the City of Wakefield which was formerly part of the Township of Lupset, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 12th day of May 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Burgess Hill, parts of the Parishes of Wivelsfield and Ditchling, in the Rural District of Chailey, and parts of the Parishes of Cuckfield Rural, Keymer, Clayton, and Hurstpierpoint, in the Rural District of Cuckfield, all in the Administrative County of East Sussex, which was presented on the 21st day of May 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Prevention of Eviction Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Lords' Reasons for insisting on certain of their Amendments to the Prevention of Eviction Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

Ordered, That the said Reasons be taken into consideration this day.

Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant July.

Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of April last, That

the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Moneylenders (Restrictions) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fairs Bill:

Second Reading of the Fairs 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Second Reading of the Housing (Regulation of Size of Bricks) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motorways Second Reading of the Motorways Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rabbits and Rooks Second Reading of the Rabbits and Rooks Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes before Six of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Lancashire Asylums Board 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, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Glasgow University (Barbour Scholarship) Order Confirmation 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 Burrisliland Water Order Confirmation 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.

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of Guarantees which the Treasury have stated their willingness to give up to 30th June 1924 under the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 to 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1923.

The Prison Acts, No. 121.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1923.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Henderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Rule proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prison Act, 1898, in regard to the entries required by the prison rules to be made in the Journal of the Governor or other Officer of a convict prison.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Report on an application by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company to the Board of Trade under the Public Utility Companies (Capital Issues) Act, 1929.

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Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Pincher Gas Company, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shaw presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of proposed action by the British Government regarding Labour Conference.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Malcolm Macnaughten reported from the Consolidation Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills; That, in the case of the National Health Insurance Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee had considered the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acconainted the House, That a Message from His Majesty's Command, Copy of Statement of proposed action by the British Government regarding Labour Conference.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Joseph Nall reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords] they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same 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 Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Aire and Calder Navigation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law with respect to the management of the Imperial Institute; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to ammend the Law with respect to the management of the Imperial Institute; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to town planning in England and Wales; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Turton reported from Standing Committee D, to whom the China Indemnity (Application) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.
No. 123. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 123. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 197. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Keighley Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) 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 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) 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 be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Sutton Harbour Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Sexton, supported by Mr. March, Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Wignall, and Mr. Short, presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the registration, ownership, measurement, tonnage, and national character of merchant ships and to kindred matters, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the (No. 2) Standing Committee.

A Clause (Amendments to s. 17 of principal Act)—(Mr. Shaw), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Payment of Benefit).—(Mr. Waddington.)

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—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 13, by leaving out the words "he shall nevertheless be entitled to receive benefit," and inserting the words "the Minister shall have power to authorise the receipt of benefit by such an applicant"—(Mr. Hannon), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. John Robertson, 216. 
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hannon, 201.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 32, by leaving out paragraph (d).—(Mr. Stephen.)

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. 3, l. 8, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"For the purpose of paragraph (d) of this subsection:—

The production of certificates from employers certifying he has made application to them for work shall be accepted as proof of such 'reasonable effort'."—(Mr. Neil Maclean.)

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, l. 12, by inserting, after the word "section," the words "if he has been employed for more than thirty hours on not more than three days in any week for which he claims benefit or."—(Mr. William Greenwood.)

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. 4, l. 24, by leaving out the word "two," and inserting the word
The Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Postponed Proceeding on consideration Unemployment of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, was resumed.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 12, by leaving out subsection (1).—(Mr. Herbert Spencer.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "participating," in l. 16, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Shaw.)

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 10th July 1924:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Electric Power Bill [Lords]; the Lords to the Pacific Cable Board Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Prevention of Eviction Bill, to which this House hath disagreed;

Ordered, That the said Reasons be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 7th day of this instant July, That this House doth agree with the Committee on the Resolution:—

That it is expedient,—

(1) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole seventeen million pounds, as are required for the further development of the telephonic system, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow money, by means of terminable annuities or by the issue of Exchequer bonds, for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof to the Consolidated Fund, and to provide for the payment of the terminable annuities or of the principal and interest on any such Exchequer bonds out of moneys provided by Parliament for Post Office services or, if those
THE House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Keighley Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Stratford-upon-Avon Extension) 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, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Stratford-upon-Avon Extension) 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, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Keighley Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

A Public Petition was presented, and read:—Public Petitions. Vote Second Report.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Borough of Chorley.

Copies of Draft Rules proposed to be made Prisons by the Secretary of State for the Home Depart-ment under the Prison Acts, 1877 and 1898, with respect to the constitution of the Visiting Committees of—

1. Leeds Prison.
2. Wakefield Prison.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty’s Cuba (No. 1, Command.—Copy of Correspondence between 1924.) His Majesty’s Government and the Cuban Government respecting the ill-treatment of British West-Indian labourers in Cuba.
Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C. That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Supply Bill):—Duchess of Atholl, Mr. Chapple, Major Colfax, Sir Martin Conway, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Benjamin Gardner, Mr. Secretary Henderson, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Mr. Bea, Sir Philip Sassoon, Mr. Hope Simpson, Sir Victor Wardene, Mr. Westwood, Mr. Robert Wilson, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Chairmen's Committee D. That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D:—Mr. Bromfield and Colonel Percy Williams; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Leif Jones and Mr. Rose.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee D. That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Becker; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Curley.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by the Lords' one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Board of Education Scheme (Female Orphan Asylum, &c.) Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (Water) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to town planning in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. William Graham presented a Bill to grant Public Works Loans Bill. Mr. Wells.

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The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel: That they had appointed Mr. James Brown to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Summer Time Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Alden.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee C:—Sir Charles Oman.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments

Estimates, 1924-25.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £92,594 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of his Majesty’s Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, including the News Department;—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Unclassified Services.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £150,000 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 1925 for Grants in respect of Compensation for Suffering and Damage by Enemy Action:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £149,990 be granted for the said Service;—(Mr. Harmsworth):

And it being a quarter-past Eight o’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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Southern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Then a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill and the Bill 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.

Postponed Proceeding on Question proposed on consideration of Question, That a sum not exceeding £100,000 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 1925, for Grants in respect of Compensation for Suffering and Damage by Enemy Action, resumed.

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £149,990 be granted for the said Service;—Debate arising;

Sir Robert Horne 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.

Mr. Harmsworth 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;

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 8th day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant July;

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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Telegraph the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 7th day of this instant July, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution.—

That it is expedient,—

(1) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole seventeen million pounds, as are required for the further development of the telephonic system and to authorise the Treasury to borrow money, by means of terminable annuities or by the issue of Exchequer bonds, for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof to the Consolidated Fund, and to provide for the payment of the terminable annuities or of the principal of and interest on any such Exchequer bonds out of moneys provided by Parliament for Post Office services or, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund; and

(2) to make provision with respect to the application of sums arising from the sale of any property acquired for the purposes of the telephonic system.
And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Harthorn and Mr. William Graham do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Harthorn accordingly presented a Bill to provide for raising further money for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1922, and to make provision with respect to the application of sums arising from the sale of property acquired for the purposes of the telephonic system: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Prevention of Eviction Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Lords' Reasons for insisting on certain of their Amendments to the Prevention of Eviction Bill, to which this House hath disagreed:
Ordered, That the said Reasons be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Pacific Cable Board Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pacific Cable Board Bill;
Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Borough Councils (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Town Councils (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Materials (Charges and Supply) 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 Small Landholders (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 British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Second Reading of the Coal Mines Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], 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 Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Land Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Emsworth Gas and Coke Company, Limited, which was presented on the 7th July and published, be approved—(Mr. Webb):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Dogs’ Protection Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs’ Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Motor Car Races Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Car Races Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Housing (Regulation of Size of Bricks) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Regulation of Size of Bricks) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Motorways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motorways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Rabbits and Rooks Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rabbits and Rooks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Public Works Loans. No. 124.

Mr. William Graham presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Public Works Loans.

Colonial Stock Act, 1900. No. 126.

Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Colonial Stock Act, 1900.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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31st March 1924, 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 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.

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and Spain. Signed at Madrid, 31st October 1922. (Ratifications exchanged at Madrid, 23rd April 1924.)

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 Experiments on Living Animals during the year 1923, under licences granted under the Act 39 and 40 Vict., cap. 77, distinguishing the nature of the Experiments (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 96, of Session 1923.).—(Mr. Egles Davies.)

Resolved, That it is expedient that a tribunal be established for inquiring into a matter of urgent public importance, that is to say:—

(1) The existing Law and administrative machinery in England and Wales in connection with the certification, detention, and care of persons who are or are alleged to be of unsound mind;
(2) The extent to which provision is or should be made in England and Wales for the treatment without certification of persons suffering from mental disorder. 

—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Old Age Pensions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 2 agreed to.
Clause No. 3 (Pensions granted by public authorities to be increased). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, after the word "authority" to insert the words "in Great Britain."—(Mr. William Graham.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 4 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 upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

Ordered, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill be resolved into the Committee on the Bill.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 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 upon Monday next.

The Public Works Loans Bill was, according Public Works Loans Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. Hartshorn.)

The Telegraph (Money) Bill was, according Telegraph (Money) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. Hartshorn.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.
Prevention of Eviction 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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to 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 doth not insist on their disagreement to the Amendments made by the Lords, on which the Lords have insisted.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lords' Reasons for insisting on certain of their Amendments to the Prevention of Eviction Bill to which this House hath disagreed.

The Lords' Reason for insisting on their Amendment in p. 1, l. 18, after (" himself ") insert (" or for any son or daughter of his over eighteen years of age,") was read as followeth:

The Lords insist on this Amendment for the following Reason:

Because they consider that a landlord who wants his house for the use of his son or daughter should be able to resume possession.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist upon its disagreement to the said Lords' Amendment.

The Lords’ Reason for insisting on their Amendment in p. 1, l. 26, after (" Act ") insert (" but not executed,") was read as followeth:

The Lords insist on this Amendment for the following Reason:

Because the consider that the Bill should not have retrospective effect.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist upon its disagreement to the said Lords' Amendment.

The Lords’ Reason for insisting on their Amendment in p. 2, l. 2, leave out (" shall ") and insert (" may,") was read as followeth:

The Lords insist on this Amendment for the following Reason:

Because they consider that cases will occur in which the Court should be in a position to exercise discretion.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist upon its disagreement to the said Lords' Amendment.

The Lords’ Reason for insisting on their Amendment in p. 2, l. 3, leave out (" unless the order or judgment was executed before the fifteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-four,") was read as followeth:

The Lords insist on this Amendment for the following Reason:

Because it is consequential on previous Amendments on which they have insisted.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist upon its disagreement to the said Lords' Amendment.

The Lords’ Reason for insisting on their Amendment, in p. 2, l. 8, leave out subsection (2), was read as followeth:

The Lords insist on this Amendment for the following Reason:

Because it is consequential on previous Amendments on which they have insisted.
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1929, on the application of the Watford Gas and Coke Company, which was presented on the 2nd July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Adjourning. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Parkinson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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Monday, 14th July 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Western Railway (Additional 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 Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Rhymney and Aber Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Edinburgh Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Rothesay Tramways (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The following Paper, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, was delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 98:—

Copy of Franco-British Memorandum of 9th July 1924, concerning the application of the Dawes Scheme for the payment of Reparations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command—Copy of Thirty-Fifth Annual Report of the Railway and Canal Commission, with Appendix, for 1923.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Webb presented, by His Majesty's Carbon Monoxide in Public Gas Supplies (one of the Gas Referees), relative to Carbon Monoxide in Public Gas Supplies, with Correspondence arising thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was delivered to the Librarian of the House by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the County Courts Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Saint Enoch's Church and Parish (Quoad Sacra) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Haslingden Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Lancashire Asylums Board Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Spencer Settled Chattels Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Southern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Motor Cycle Races Bill Motor Cycle Races Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Shaw, supported by Mr. Clynes, Mr. Secretary Henderson, Mr. Attorney General, and Miss Bondfield, presented a Bill to limit the hours of work in industrial undertakings :—

Ordered, That the Motor Cycle Races Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Webb presented, by His Majesty's Command—Copy of Report to the Board of Trade by W. J. A. Butterfield, M.A., P.I.C., (one of the Gas Referees), relative to Carbon Monoxide in Public Gas Supplies, with Correspondence arising thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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The Lords have agreed to the County Courts Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Saint Enoch's Church and Parish (Quoad Sacra) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Haslingden Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Lancashire Asylums Board Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Spencer Settled Chattels Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Southern Railway (Dock Charges) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command—Copy of Thirty-Fifth Annual Report of the Railway and Canal Commission, with Appendix, for 1923.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker.

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to Acts which are agreed upon by both Houses, and to Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, 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 and Measures therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measures, as follow:

1. West Indian Islands (Telegraph) Act, 1924.
3. Small Debt (Scotland) Act, 1924.
4. County Courts Act, 1924.
5. Prevention of Eviction Act, 1924.
6. Pacific Cable Act, 1924.
7. Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Act, 1924.
8. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1924.
9. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1924.
10. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1924.
11. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1924.
12. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1924.
16. Board of Education Scheme (Female Orphan Asylum, &c.) Confirmation Act, 1924.
17. Greenock Improvement (Extension of Time) Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
18. Coatbridge Burgh Extension Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
20. London and North Eastern Railway (Dock Charges, Scotland) Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
21. Glasgow University (Barbour Scholarship) Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
22. Burntisland Water Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
23. Saint Enoch's Church and Parish (Quoad Sacra) Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
24. Clydebank and District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
27. King's Lynn Docks and Railway Act, 1924.
29. Sunderland Corporation Act, 1924.
30. Abercirene Canal Act, 1924.
31. Malvern Hills Act, 1924.
33. Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Act, 1924.
34. Great Western Railway (Dock Charges) Act, 1924.
35. London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Act, 1924.
37. London and North Eastern Railway (Dock Charges) Act, 1924.
38. Hackney and New College Act, 1924.
39. Wandsworth Borough Council (Superannuation) Act, 1924.
41. Lancashire Asylums Board Act, 1924.
42. Haslingden Corporation Act, 1924.
43. Central London and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Act, 1924.
44. Southern Railway (Dock Charges) Act, 1924.
45. Spencer Settled Chattle Act, 1924.

Benefits Act, 1898 (Amendment), Measure, 1923.
Union of Benefits Measure, 1923.
Ecclesiastical Dilapidations Measure, 1923.
Bishopric of Blackburn Measure, 1923.
Diocese of Southwell (Division) Measure, 1923.

Then the House again resolved itself into Supply, the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £92,594 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, including the News Department.

Question put, and agreed to.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £640,178 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 1925, for the Expenses in connection with His Majesty's Embassies, Missions, and Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable to the Consular Vote, including a Gift to the Imperial University at Tokyo, Relief of Refugees in the Near East, and certain special Grants:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item 0 be reduced by £100.—

(Mr. Hannon);

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 come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also 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 the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of May last;

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 19th day of June last;

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 3rd day of this instant July;

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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Telegraph (Money) 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 to-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works 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 the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Old Age into consideration the Old Age Pensions 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 Pensions into consideration the Pensions (Increase) 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 Finance Bill, into consideration the Finance 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 Arbitration into consideration the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords], not 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 Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Town Councils into consideration the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, not 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 Building Materials Materials (Charges and Supply) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) 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 Criminal Justice 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 Sale of Bread 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 Factories 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 Coal Mines 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 Therapeutic Substances 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 Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], 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 Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Land Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the China Indemnity (Application) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Pinner Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 9th July, and published, be referred to a Select Committee of Four Members appointed by the Committee of Selection for their Report which shall state whether, in their opinion, the Order should be approved with or without modifications or additions, setting out the modifications or additions, if any, which they propose or should not be approved, and shall be laid before the House together with a copy of the Order showing the modifications and additions, if any, proposed by the Committee.

That the proceedings of the Committee to which the Order is referred shall be conducted in like manner as in the case of a Provisional Order Confirmation Bill under Standing Order 151, and opponents of the Order shall be heard provided that a Statement of Objection has been deposited with the Board of Trade on or before the seventh day after the date of this Order, but an opponent shall only be heard upon objections which have been distinctly specified in the Statement.

Ordered, That any Statement so deposited shall be laid upon the Table of the House by the Board of Trade and shall stand referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That if no Statement of Objection shall have been deposited within the specified time the reference to the Select Committee shall be discharged.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Representation of the People Act (1918) 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 taking into consideration the Dock and Waterside Labour (Decasualisation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Dock and Waterside Labour (Decasualisation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of June last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roadside Petrol Pumps 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 Liquor Traffic Local Option (England and Wales) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Bread 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 Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation 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 Dock and Waterside Labour (Decasualisation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Other Order Confirmation Bill under Standing Order 1924.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Offices Regulation 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 Unoccupied Houses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Open Spaces Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Moneylenders (Restrictions) 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 Fairs 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 Motor Car Races 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (No. 2) 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 Housing (Regulation of Size of Bricks) 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 Unemployment Insurance (No. 4) 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 Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) 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 Dogs' Protection 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 Motorways 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 Rabbits and Rooks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the County of London Electric Supply Company Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Electricity Supply Company Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Rothesay Tramways (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
Mr. Shaw, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the provision of work for the relief of Unemployment.

Copy of Report by a Court of Inquiry under the Industrial Courts Act, 1919, concerning the dispute in the Building Industry, 1924.

 ordered, That the said Papers 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 Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on 5th January 1924.

The Imperial Institute Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Sir John Marriott reported from the Select Committee on Estimates (Second Report) No. 127.

Sir George Cropley Marks reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions, which were read as follow:

1. That in the case of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill [Lords], no Standing Orders are applicable.

2. That in the case of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords], Petition for dispensing with Standing Order 123, in the case of the Petition of "the Middlesex County Council," against the Bill, the Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. William Nicholson, Mr. Shaw, Mr. John McLean, Mr. Meek, Mr. Murray, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Williams, and Mr. D. G. Somerville.

 ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Standing Orders.

Sir John Marriott reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions, which were read as follow:

The Lords have agreed to the Morecambe Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London and North Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Grampian Electricity Supply Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to establish commissioners to maintain sea embankments and a land drainage system on certain lands in the County Borough of Southport and in the Parishes of North Meols, Scarisbrick, Tarleton, and Burscough, in the County of Lancaster; and to transfer certain lands and works to and to confer powers on such Commissioners, and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Scarisbrick Estate Drainage Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

 ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection: That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill):—Mr. Bridge, Mr. Burnie, Dr. Chapple, Mr. Compton, Mr. R. Davies, Mr. Edward Grenfell, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Secretary Henderson, Major Kindersley, and Mr. D. G. Somerville.

 ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Captain Tufton Percy Hamilton Brannish, R.N., New Member c.b., Member for the County of East Sussex sworn. (Lewes Division), was sworn.

Mr. Rawlinson presented a Bill to enable overseers and assessment committees (outside the Metropolis) to obtain Returns: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Mr. Gosling, supported by Mr. Buxton, presented a Bill to make further provision for the improvement of roads and for purposes connected therewith: 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 being Scottish Stone proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the removal of the Scottish Stone of Destiny from Westminster Abbey to Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh—(Mr. Kirkwood); And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Thomas Johnston; Mr. Kirkwood. 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Captain Viscount Curzon: 171.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

 ordered, That Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Thomas Johnston, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Campbell Stephen, Mr. Nichol, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Murray, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Westwood, Mr. Duncan Graham, and Mr. Maxton do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Kirkwood accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the removal of the Scottish Stone of Destiny from Westminster Abbey to Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh.
Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Finance Bill. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Explanation of income tax deduction to be annexed to dividend warrants, &c.)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Increase of amount of deduction under ss. 19 and 20 of Finance Act, 1920)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of Rule 8 of No. V. in Schedule A)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).

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 l. 4, by leaving out from the word “improvements” to the end of the proposed Clause.—(Colonel Spender-Clay.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “in”, in l. 5, stand part of the proposed Clause:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the proposed Clause was amended, in l. 2, by inserting, after the word “and,” the words “shall also include.”—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, as amended, in l. 4, by leaving out from the word “they” to the word “comply,” in l. 5.—(Sir Philip Pilditch.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause, as amended;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. George Hall, Mr. Warne: 234.

Tellers for the Colonel Gibbs, Captain King: 167.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the proposed Clause, as amended, was further amended, in l. 5, by leaving out the word “requirements,” and inserting the word “provisions”—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), instead thereof.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, as amended, in l. 5, by leaving out from the word “or” to the word “local,” in l. 6, and inserting the words “are certified by the”—(Mr. Hope),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause, as amended:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Clause, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of sub-s. (3) of s. 39 of Income Tax Act, 1918)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Exemption of certain profits of agricultural societies)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Relief from tax assessed on income under Case V. of Schedule D)—(Mr. William Graham), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 11 of 13 and 14 Geo. V., c. 14)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Increased rebate from Excise and Customs duties in case of black beer, &c.)—(Sir Charles Wilson), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption of Easter offerings from income tax.)—(Mr. Rowlinson.)

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 House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Rowlinson, Yeas, Sir Philip Pilditch: 176.

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne: 256.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Alteration of basis of assessment for Schedule E.)—(Sir Henry Buckingham.)

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:—The said Clause was read a second time:
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. George Hall, Major Hennessy: 1256.

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne: 1176.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Deduction of income tax allowances from super-tax.)—(Colonel Assheton Pownall.)

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 House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Hacking, Major Hennessy: 96.

Tellers for the Mr. Robertson, Mr. Parkinson: 253.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Relief from tax assessed on income under Case V.)—(Mr. Romeril.)

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:—It passed in the Negative.
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:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of Finance Act, 1922, s. 21 (1).)—(Mr. Arthur Michael Stanwix.)

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:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Extension of s. 14 of Finance Act, 1900)—(Sir John Marriott.)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of Rule 13, Schedule D, Cases I. and II., 8 and 9 Geo. V., c. 40).—(Mr. Hannon.)

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:—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. 9, l. 22, by leaving out the words "than in the United Kingdom," and inserting the words "within the British Empire."—(Mr. Denzil Herbert.)—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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Old Age into consideration the Old Age Pensions Bill, was amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Pensions into consideration the Pensions (Increase) 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 China Indemnity into consideration the China Indemnity (Application) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration 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 Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subjeet-matter of the Motion relating to Public Works Loans [Remission of Debts] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71a, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House,

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71a, resolved itself into Committee.

(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. William Graham.)

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 Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of 14th July

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned 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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Mr. Secretary Henderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Report regarding State Management Districts under the Licensing Act, 1921, for the year ended 31st March 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to State Management Districts be printed.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treaty between the United Kingdom and Italy regulating certain questions concerning the Boundaries of their respective Territories in East Africa. Signed at London, 15th July 1924. (With Map.) (Ratification has not yet been effected.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Powney presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treaty between the United Kingdom and Italy regulating certain questions concerning the Boundaries of their respective Territories in East Africa. Signed at London, 15th July 1924. (With Map.) (Ratification has not yet been effected.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treaty between the United Kingdom and Italy regulating certain questions concerning the Boundaries of their respective Territories in East Africa. Signed at London, 15th July 1924. (With Map.) (Ratification has not yet been effected.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir George McCrae reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Bill was referred; that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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 Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Ellis Davies reported from the Select Committee on Commons; that they had considered the Report of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, certifying the expediency of a Provisional Order for the Regulation of Old Hills Common, and are of opinion that the same ought not to be confirmed by Parliament; and that they had directed him to make a Report thereon, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Summer Time Bill):—Mr. Patrick-Lawrence and Mr. Ron; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Rhyd Davies and Mr. Falconer.
Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Mr. Ernest Brown and Mr. Foot; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Frederick Martin and Mr. Duncan Millar.

Ordered, That the Reports 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 passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the housing of the working classes in England and Wales; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the housing of the working classes in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the appointment of a Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Scotland and the discontinuance of the office of Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Health, and to make further provision with regard to the constitution of the Scottish Board of Health and the office of chairman of the Fishery Board for Scotland and other offices in Scotland, and with regard to the public registers, records, and rolls of Scotland: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Parkinson: — 235.
Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Roundell: — 154.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that a proposal for the provision of (twenty-five or more) houses under this Act shall not be approved, nor shall any provision be made towards any expenses incurred by a local authority, or by a society, body of trustees, or company in such case unless or until the Minister is satisfied that the carrying out of the proposal or any part of it will not be prejudicial to any town-planning scheme required to be prepared or executed under the Town Planning Acts, 1909 and 1919, or any other Act amending those Acts.—(Colonel Fremantle.)"

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to amended Amendment, in l. 1, after the word "proposals," to insert the words "by a local authority."—(Mr. Sunlight.)

Question, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to amended Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Increased Government contributions in case of houses which are subject to special conditions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, after the word "Act," to insert the words "a local authority purchases houses completed after the passing of this Act or."—(Mr. Franklin.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 5, after the word "Act," to insert the words "or by any person approved of by the Minister."—(Sir John Biddulph Rees.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 19, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that in any case where a reduction in the contribution can be made without
imposing any burden on the local rate, such reduction shall be made and to such extent as is so possible."—[Mr. Neville Chamberlain.]

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Commander Eyres, Yeas, 122.
Monsell, Colonel Gibbs ;
Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, Noes, 245.
Mr. Griffiths ;

Another Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 23, after the second word "Act," to insert the words "and subject to the said special conditions."—[Mr. Neville Chamberlain.]

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 31, to leave out the words "and (c)."—[Mr. Comyns Carr.]

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(iii) In subsection (4) of section two, the words from 'and no addition thereto' to the end of the subsection shall cease to have effect."—[Mr. Comyns Carr.]

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Viscount Curzon, Yeas, 66.
Curzon ;
Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Hall, Noes, 237.
Mr. Parkinson ;

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 7, after the word "parish," to insert the words "excluding the value of any permanent railway works."—[Mr. Ernest Brown.]

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Blundell, Yeas, 168.
Mr. Samuel Roberts ;
Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, Noes, 255.
Mr. Parkinson ;

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words "excluding the inmates of any public or private hospital or institution."—[Mr. Ernest Brown.]

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Blundell, Yeas, 167.
Mr. Lamb ;
Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Hall, Noes, 255.
Mr. Parkinson ;

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 16, after the word "shall," to insert the words "after reference to the appropriate local authority."—[Mr. D. G. Somerville.]

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Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 17, at the end, to insert the words,—

"In an agricultural parish no more than eight houses shall be built to the acre."—[Mr. Ernest Brown.]

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 18, to leave out subsection (3), in order to insert the words,—

"(3) This section and the contributions payable by the Minister thereunder shall apply to houses provided by a county council under section eight of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1919, for persons in their employment or paid by them or by a statutory committee thereof in like manner as they apply to houses provided by a local authority."—[Mr. Black.]

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. 25, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(4) In subsection (1) of section three of the Housing, &c. Act, 1923, for the words "a society, body of trustees, or company, to which this section applies," shall be substituted the words "any person, or body of persons, or company," and subsection (2) of the said section is hereby repealed."—[Viscount Wolmer.]

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to proposed Amendment, at the end, to add the words "and the words substituted shall have effect retrospectively to the date of the Act coming into force."—[Mr. Herbert Spencer.]

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, to leave out the word "provided" in order to insert the word "commenced."—[Sir Thomas Inskip.]

Question proposed, That the word "provided" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 27, after the word "Minister," to insert the words "before the passing of this Act, if the contract for the construction of the houses was entered into or, in the case of houses constructed otherwise than under contract, the construction was begun."—[Mr. Attorney-General.]

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

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Question put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 31, after the words last added, to add the words,—

"Outside extensions of rural houses shall not be reckoned as part of the nine hundred and fifty superficial feet."—[Mrs. Wintringham.]
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, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Old Age Pensions Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Pensions (Increase) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works Loans 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 Finance Bill;

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 receiving the Report from the Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission of Debts];

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women, Glasgow, Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing (1) the Aggregate Gross Liabilities of the State as 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 1913–14 to 1922–23, 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.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order, dated 11th July 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Order (Wales), 1924.

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 London with Amendments.

Mr. Cape reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B.), Hastings Corporation Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Cape reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B.): That in the case of the Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords], in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 28th May last, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional provision referred to in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Cape further reported from the Committee; 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, and had amended the Title as follows:—

An Act to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Birmingham in regard to the construction of tramways, a new street, and street improvements and other matters, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Cyril Cobb reported from Standing Committee D, to whom the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords.]

was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Joseph Hood reported from the Committee on the St. Helen's Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) 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 an Amendment, 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.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Imperial Private Bills do examine the Imperial Institute Bill [Lords.] with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Purcell; and had appointed Committee C:—Mr. Hoffman.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D:—Mr. Rose; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Raine.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Balfour reported from the Select Committee on the Post Office (London) Railway Bill: That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true, and had taken evidence thereon, which they had directed him to Report to the House: and had gone through the Bill and directed him to Report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.
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 Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law relating to teinds and to the stipends of ministers of the Church of Scotland, and to the tenure of the property and endowments of that Church, and for other purposes connected therewith: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Bognor, Bighouse, Durham, Newport (Monmouth), North-West Gloucestershire Joint Small-pox Hospital District, and South Staffordshire Joint Small-pox Hospital District; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Brighton, Doncaster, Doncaster and Tickhill Joint Water District, Northumberland, and Sheffield; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords] was read the first time;

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, and be printed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords] was read the first time;

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, and be printed.

Ordered, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Clynes.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Clynes):—

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Parkinson: 236. Yeas, 111. Mr. Marquess of Titchfield:]

Tellers for the [Viscount Walmer, Mr. Robertson: 236. Nos, 122. The Committee divided.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill.

Clause No. 3 (Special Conditions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 34, to leave out from the word “undertake” to the word “that,” in l. 35.—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question, That the word “in” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words,—

“(a) that the materials required for the construction of such houses may be purchased in the cheapest market wherever situate.”—(Mr. Harcourt Johnstone.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 1, after the word “thereof,” to insert the words “or carry on any trade or business therein.”—(Sir Bebloe Ree.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words,—

“Provided that such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.”—(Sir Philip Pilditch.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 4, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Mr. Samuel Roberts.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “not,” in l. 4, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 14, to leave out the words “a form prescribed by the Minister,” in order to insert the words “the form for the time being prescribed for Government contracts by resolution of the House of Commons.”—(Mr. Samuel Roberts.)

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. 4, l. 17, at the end, to insert the words,—

“(c) that the cost shall not exceed ten shillings and sixpence per foot super of contained area unless otherwise provided by an order made by the Minister and the Scottish Board of Health under this Act.”—(Mr. Vivian.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Viscount Walmer, Mr. Marquess of Titchfield: 111. Yeas, 236.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Robertson: 236. Nos, 122.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 17, at the end, to insert the words,—

“(c) that the dimensions of all bricks used in building the houses shall be nine inches by four and a half inches by three and a half inches in size.”—(Mr. Sunlight.)
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 19, to leave out from the word "not," to the word "houses," in l. 23, in order to insert the words "exceed the rents generally paid for the time being in the area of the local authority for houses of similar size, type, and amenity."—(Mr. Ernest Simon.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Debate arising.

Mr. Wheatley 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 (Mr. Griffiths,)
Yea s, (Mr. Warne :)
Noes, (Sir Kingsley Wood :)
Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted:

Debate arising:

Mr. Wheatley 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 (Mr. Griffiths,)
Yea s, (Mr. Warne :)
Noes, (Sir Kingsley Wood :)
Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Robertson,)
Yea s, (Mr. Parkinson :)
Noes, (Sir Joseph Nall,)
Question put, That the word " reasonable " stand part of the proposed Amendment:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne,)
Yea s, (Mr. Parkinson :)
Noes, (Mr. Linfield :)
Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Debate arising:

Mr. Wheatley rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:

Question put, and agreed to.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 31, at the end, to insert the words:

" (f) that if the local authority can provide or borrow the money required for building the houses either free of interest or at a less rate than four-and-a-half per cent. per annum any such saving of interest shall be applied by the authority to reducing the rents of the houses proportionately."—(Sir John Pennefather.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Debate arising:

Mr. Wheatley rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:

Question put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 31, at the end, to insert the words,—

" (f) that if the reasonable preference shall be given to large families in letting the houses."—(Mr. Ernest Simon.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

The Chairman called the attention of the Member to the continued irrelevance of the part of Viscountess Astor, Member for the Sutton Division of Plymouth, and directed the Honourable Member to resume her seat.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word " reasonable."

(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

Question put, That the word " reasonable " stand part of the proposed Amendment:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne,)
Yea s, (Mr. Parkinson :)
Noes, (Mr. Linfield :)
Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Debate arising:

Mr. Wheatley rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:

Question put, and agreed to.
Supply.

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.

Ways and Means.

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.

Public Works Loans [Remission of Debts.]

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission of Debts];
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Public Works Loans.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Old Age Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Old Age Pensions Bill as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Pensions (Increase) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Pensions (Increase) Bill as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

China Indemnity (Application) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the China Indemnity (Application) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Finance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Finance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Imperial Institute Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imperial Institute Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Parkinson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 18th July 1924.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Grampian Electricity Supply 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 London and North Eastern Railway 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 London and North Eastern Railway 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 Second Reading of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women, Glasgow, 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to the St. Helen’s Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented.—Return Members of Parliament.

No. 134.
Return to an Address, dated the 11th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D:

Mr. Raine; and had appointed in substitution:

Mr. Russell.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D:

Mr. Raine; and had appointed in substitution:

Mr. Richards.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir Joseph Hood reported the Southend Water Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Graham presented a Bill to continue certain Expiring Laws: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 16, by leaving out from the word " not " to the end of subsection (1), and inserting the words " directly participating in the strike which caused the stoppage of work nor shall it apply in any case where the insured contributor has been locked out by his employer, or by the action of any federation or group of employers "—(Mr. Neil Maclean)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, so the word " the," in l. 16, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, Yeas, Mr. Parkinson : ] 266,

Tellers for the [Mr. Short, Noes, Mr. George Spencer : ] 74.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 18, by inserting, after the word " a," the words " trade union or "—(Mr. Luke Thompson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Commander Eyres-Monsell, Yeas, Captain King : ] 134.

Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, Noes, Mr. Robertson : ] 209.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 19, by inserting, after the word " in," the words " or financing or directly interested in "—(Sir John Simon.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, Yeas, Mr. Robertson : ] 228.

Tellers for the [Mr. George Spencer, Noes, Mr. Short : ] 77.

So 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. 30, by inserting at the end thereof the words,—

" (3) Section five, subsection (1), of the Unemployment Act, 1923 (which defines the meaning of continuous period of unemployment), shall be deemed to mean either three full days' employment, or six part days or less, provided three days' work is not exceeded in any one week, and the said section shall have effect accordingly."—(Mr. George Spencer.)

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. 6, l. 42, by leaving out the word " cease," and inserting the words " be suspended until the expiration of one year from the termination of the deficiency period referred to in the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Act, 1921,"—(Mr. Harney),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word " cease " stand part of the Bill;
The House divided, 171. The Yeas to the Right: 149.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Parkinson: Mr. Warne.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Kingsley Wood: Mr. Harney.
So it passed in the Negative.
And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 6, by inserting at the end thereof the words,—

“(7) If in any case where there is a failure to make any such application as is mentioned in this section within the period of twelve months after the date on which this section comes into operation it is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister that there was good cause for the failure, the Minister may allow the application to be made at any time within two years after the expiration of the said period.”—(Mr. Shaw.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in l. 5, by leaving out the words “within two years.”—(Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The proposed words were amended, in l. 5, by leaving out the word “two,” and inserting the word “four”—(Mr. Trevelyan Thomson),—instead thereof, and, so amended, were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on consideration be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, in respect of the Amendment standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Sir Malcolm Macnaghten.—(Sir Malcolm Macnaghten.)

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 16 amended, and agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made an Amendment to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended on re-committal, 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 Order of the day being read, for taking the Old Age Pensions Bill into consideration the Old Age Pensions 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 the Pensions (Increase) 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 receiving the Report from the Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission of Debts];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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 Order of the day being read, for the Supply 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 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 taking the China Indemnity (Application) 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 resuming the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Industrial and the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of June last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Bill, the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Births and Deaths Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motor Cycle Races Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motor Car Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Morecambe Corporation 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.

Resolved, That Standing Orders 220 and 246, Private Bills, be suspended until the Summer Adjournment.

Ordered, That as regards Private Bills to be returned by the House of Lords with Amendments, such Amendments (if Unopposed) shall be considered forthwith.

Ordered, That as regards Private Bills returned, or to be returned, by the House of Lords with Amendments, such Amendments (if Opposed) shall be considered at such time as the Chairman of Ways and Means may determine.

Ordered, That when it is intended to propose any Amendments thereto, a copy of such Amendments shall be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office, and notice given on the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the House of Lords.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The St. Helen's Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) 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.

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to Midlothian (Calder District) Water, to be printed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the Board of Education Regulations, dated 18th July 1924, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Elementary Education Provisional Code, 1922, Amending Regulations No. 1, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Webb also presented, pursuant to the Gas Regulation Acts, 1920 (Statement of Objections.)
deposited with the Board of Trade by the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company, the London and North Eastern Railway Company, the Great Western and Great Central Joint Committee, the Metropolitan and Great Central Joint Committee, and the Metropolitan Railway Company to the Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Finner Gas Company, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Drafts of Special Orders do lie upon the Table; and that the said Statement of Objection be referred to the Select Committee to be appointed to consider the Order.

Mr. Secretary Walsh presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of Charge for Army Ordnance Factories for the year 1924-25.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders 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 and County of Bristol.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Marlborough and part of the Rural District of Marlborough, both in the County of Wilts.

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 Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1922. Part A (Appendix N).

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel: That they had appointed Mr. Alden to act as Chairman of Standing Committee D (in respect of the Government of India (Leave of Absence) Bill [Lords:]).

Ordered, That the Report 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 Southern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Amendment to the Act to amend the Law with respect to the guardianship and marriage of infants; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Amendment to promote the adoption of co-partnership by statutory and other companies; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Clynes)—The House proceeded to a Division;

Mr. Frederick Hall and Mr. Parkinson were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill.

Clause No. 4 (Termination of Government liability to make contributions.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 29, after the word "contributions," to insert the words "or contributions of smaller amount or for a shorter period."—(Mr. Ernest Simon.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 31, after the word "houses," to insert the words "in the absence of adequate arrangements for the necessary increase in the supply of labour and materials at reasonable prices or."—(Sir George McCrae.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words "other than houses in respect of which a local authority have before that date, with the approval of the Minister, either themselves commenced erection or entered into a contract therefor."—(Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 32, to leave out from the word "houses" to the end of the proposed Amendment, in order to insert the words "approved by the Minister or the Board, the erection of which has been commenced, or in respect of which a contract has been entered into before that date."—(Lord Eustace Percy.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words,—

"The order shall be published in the London Gazette and the Edinburgh Gazette, but the date specified in the order shall not be earlier than nine months after the date of publication of the order."—(Sir Cyril Cobb.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 33, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall."—(Colonel Gretton.)

Question proposed, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(a) if at any time after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, the number of apprentices in each of the following trades, viz., bricklayers and masons, carpenters and joiners, slaters and tilers, plasterers, and plumbers, is less than one to every three craftsmen.—(Mr. Philip Oliver.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 35, to leave out paragraph (a), in order to insert the words,—

"(a) if, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-six or in any succeeding year, the Minister and Board are satisfied that the total number of houses which have been completed in the year last preceding and in respect of which contributions are payable is less than two-thirds of the number set opposite to that year in the First Schedule to this Act (being the maximum number completed in that year in respect of which contributions may be lawfully made)."—(Mr. Clarry.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 38, after the word "houses," to insert the words "for England and Wales or for Scotland."—(Captain Elliot.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Harry Barnston] 139.

Tellers for the Noses, [Mr. Frederick Hall] 231.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 42, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(b) if the Minister and Board are of opinion that adequate arrangements have not been made for the necessary supply of labour and materials at reasonable prices."—(Sir George McCrae.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 42, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Whether the deficiency is due to the absence of adequate arrangements for the necessary increase in the supply of labour (including any necessary augmentation of the number of apprentices employed) or for the necessary increase in the supply of materials at reasonable prices, or arises from any other cause whatsoever."—(Mr. Wheatley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to proposed Amendment, at the end, to add the words " or in the event of the cost of the houses exceeding the cost prevailing in January nineteen hundred and twenty-four, for similar houses."—(Mr. Sunlight.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Revision of contributions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 27, after the word "such," to insert the words "local authorities and."—(Sir Cyril Cobb.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 29, to leave out the word "altering" in order to insert the word "reducing."—(Colonel Gretton.)

Question, That the word "altering" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 35, after the word "that," to insert the words "the grant payable by the local authority shall not exceed one-half of that payable by the Minister and that."—(Mr. Ernest Simon.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words "in the case of houses affected by any order made by the Minister and the Scottish Board of Health which decreases the amount of the contributions payable or curtails the period for which such contributions are to be payable an amount equivalent to such proportion of the four pounds ten shillings a year payable for a period of forty years as the amount and period of the contributions when so decreased or curtailed bears to the amount and period of the contributions as fixed by this Act, and then in either case."—(Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Laying of orders before Parliament).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 8, to leave out the words "the Commons House," in order to insert the words "both Houses."—(Lord Eustace Percy.)
Clause be added to the Bill.

Clause be read a second time.

read the first time.

(Sir Cyril Cobb), brought up, and read the first time.

inserted.

in 1. 4, after the word " undertake," to insert the words " The Council)(Sir Cyril Cobb), brought up, and read the first time.

failing to take action)(Mr. Wheatley), brought up, and read the first and second time.

Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1919, and.

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 14, after the word " of," to insert the words " The Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1919, and." —(Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Application to Scotland).

Amendments made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Frederick Hall, Yeas, { Mr. Griffiths : 229.

Tellers for the (The Duchess of Atholl, Colonel Lambert Ward : 104.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

A Clause (Extension of provisions of 13 and 14 Geo. V., c. 24, s. 3, where local authority fails to take action)—(Mr. Wheatley)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Clause, in l. 4, after the word " undertake," to insert the words " or who have undertaken."—(Sir Charles Starmer.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Starmer, Yeas, { Mr. Linfield : 201.

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne, Mr. Robertson : 155.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (General survey)—(Mr. Ernest Brown)—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 (Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson : 102.

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne, Mr. Frederick Hall : 257.

Another Clause (Expenses of London County Council)—(Sir Cyril Cobb)—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 (Sir Cyril Cobb, Mr. Herbert Morrison : 273.

Tellers for the (Mr. Edward Grenfell, Mr. Joseph Nall : 110.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Herbert Morrison : 257.

Tellers for the (Mr. Edward Grenfell, Mr. Joseph Nall : 102.

Another Clause (Conditions of Contributions)—(Mr. Masterman)—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;

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Another Clause (Only one borrower to provide financial means to carry out scheme)—(Mr. Franklin)—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 (Powers of County Councils)—(Sir Herbert Nield)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Security of tenancy of assisted houses)—(Mr. Paling)—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 (Mr. Robertson, Yeas, { Mr. Parkinson : 119.

Tellers for the (Sir Joseph Nall, Mr. Commander Burney : 137.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir William Jowyn-Hicks.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Commander Eyres-Monell, Yeas, { Colonel Gibbs : 78.

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne, Mr. Robertson : 174.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 5 of 13 and 14 Geo. V., c. 24)—(Mr. Comyns Carr)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Contribution in respect of late completion)—(Captain Elliot)—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 (Materials and Methods of Construction)—(Mr. Wheatley)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Suspension of Building Operations)—(Mr. Wheatley)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule:

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, to leave out lines 12 and 13.—(Sir Cyril Cobb.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.
The Order of the day being read, for the Imperial Institute Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Arbitration into consideration the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords], not 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 Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the China Indemnity (Application) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;  
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 Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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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 Building Materials (Charges and Supply) 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 Small Landholders (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 British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];  
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Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, not 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 Building Materials (Charges and Supply) 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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Sale of Bread Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Bread Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Factories Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Coal Mines Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords.] The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords.] The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords.] The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Northern Ireland Land Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Land Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Supply. 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.

Ways and Means. 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 5th day of May last; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of June last; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant July; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant July; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Representative of the People Act (1918) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Mr. Parkinson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 22nd July 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Orders applicable.) referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Scarborough Estate Drainage Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation, House of the 21st day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation 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 Amendments made by Southern Lords to the Southern Railway Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (General 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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 21st day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Manchester Ship Canal 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.

Mr. William Adamson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Dock Charges, Scotland): And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act), to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of (1) Wirksworth Gas Light and Coke Company, Limited; (2) the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Middlesbrough; (3) Chertsey Gas Consumers' Company, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the League of Nations respecting the proposed Treaty of Mutual Assistance.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Act of Sederunt by the Court of Session (Scotland) Act, 1868, extending certain temporary Acts of Sederunt increasing fees.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Evidence given before the Committee on the claims of Professional Ex-Ranker Officers.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fourteenth Report of the Development Commissioners for 1923–24.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Development Commission be printed.

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th July 1924, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Elementary Education Provisional Code (Wales), 1922, Amending Regulations No. 1, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing for the financial years commencing the 1st day of April 1880, the 1st day of April 1890, the 1st day of April 1900, and for each financial year thereafter:—

(1) The total amount of dead-weight Debt outstanding on the 1st day of April; the amounts which were made available in each year to 1923–24, 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;

(3) A similar Statement in respect of the aggregate gross liabilities of the State (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 122, of Session 1923).—(Mr. William Graham.)

Sir Joseph Hood reported the Neath Harbour (Leaves of Absence) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Colonel Guinness reported from the Committee of Public Accounts; That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred; and had 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.

Ordered, That the Ice Cream and Mineral Water Sales Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 31st day of this instant July.

Mr. Alden reported from Standing Committee D, to whom the Government of India (Leaves of Absence) Bill [Lords] was referred; and had directed him to make Amendments thereunto.

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 Thursday next; and be printed.

Mr. Hoffman, supported by Mrs. Wintringham, Shops Bill. Mr. Dunnico, Mr. Murray, Mr. Robert Wilson, and Mr. Lansbury, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to shops and other places where trade or business is carried on, and for purposes connected therewith; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of August next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the House, Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924–25.

Class IV.

£25,900,000 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid.

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 8th day of May last;

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 19th day of June last;

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 3rd day of this instant July;

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 14th day of this instant July;

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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office Railway Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule 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, proceeded to receive the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant July;—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. Parkinson reported from the Committee on the Public Works Loans [Remission of Debts] a Resolution; which was read as followeth:

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.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House according to Order, resolved Public Works Loans Bill to sit again. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Schedule 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.

Mr. Trevelyan, by His Majesty’s Command, Agricultural Wages [Regulation] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71A, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71A, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That for carrying out the provisions of any Act of the present Session to provide for the regulation of wages of workers in agriculture and for purposes incidental thereto, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.
under the said Act, and any expenses which are sanctioned by him of any agricultural wages board, or agricultural wages committee, or sub-committee established under the said Act, including any expenses incurred with such sanction by members of any such board, committee, or sub-committee in the performance of their duties, and any sums paid with such sanction to any such members by way of compensation for loss of time, in each case up to an amount approved by the Treasury.—(Mr. Walter Smith.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 11, at the end, to add the words " but not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of sixty thousand pounds in any one year."—(Mr. Edward Wood.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Main Question amended, in l. 11, at the end, by adding the words " but not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of seventy thousand pounds in any one year."—(Colonel Gretton),—and, as amended, agreed to.

Resolved, That for carrying out the provisions of any Act of the present Session to provide for the regulation of wages of workers in agriculture and for purposes incidental thereto, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the said Act, and any expenses which are sanctioned by him of any agricultural wages board, or agricultural wages committee, or sub-committee established under the said Act, including any expenses incurred with such sanction by members of any such board, committee, or sub-committee in the performance of their duties, and any sums paid with such sanction to any such members by way of compensation for loss of time, in each case up to an amount approved by the Treasury, but not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of seventy thousand pounds in any one year.

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 taking into consideration the Pensions (Increase) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Old Age Pensions Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Second Reading of the Licensing Act (1921) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liquor Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Option (England and Wales) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vinegar Bill, Second Reading of the Vinegar Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Offices Second Reading of the Offices Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Moneypayers (Restrictions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Unemploy- Second Reading of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 4) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motor Car Second Reading of the Motor Car Races Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs’ Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motorways Second Reading of the Motorways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report
on an application by the Wells Gaslight Com-
pany to the Board of Trade under the Public

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the
Committee of Selection; That they had dis-
charged the following Member from Standing
Committee D:—Mr. Richards.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. William Adamson, supported by Mr. Local
Authorities Loans (Scotland) Acts, 1891 and
1893: And the same was ordered to be Bill
read a second time to-morrow; and to be
printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Govern-
ment Business be exempted, at this day's
Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing
Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, Finance Bill,
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 Old Age
Pensions Bill, as amended in the Committee:
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 Clyde Valley Electrical Power 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. Stephen.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—
And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Gosling 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 the word "now" stand part of the Question:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Ernest Simon : 188.
Yes, [Sir Samuel Chapman :]
Tellers for the [Mr. Stephen, Noes, [Mr. Maxton :]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) 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 London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Old Age Pensions Bill.

The Postponed Proceeding on consideration of the Old Age Pensions Bill, as amended in the Committee, was resumed.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(2) In this Act the expression ' earnings' means money or money's worth which a person receives or acquires as a result of work presently performed by him."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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 Thursday morning;

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The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pensions (Increase) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Mr. Parkinson reported from the Committee on Agricultural Wages [Regulation], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for carrying out the provisions of any Act of the present Session to provide for the regulation of wages of workers in agriculture and for purposes incidental thereto, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the said Act, and any expenses which are sanctioned by him of any agricultural wages board, or agricultural wages committee, or sub-committee established under the said Act, including any expenses incurred with such sanction by members of any such board, committee, or sub-committee in the performance of their duties, and any sums paid

with such sanction to any such members by way of compensation for loss of time, in each case up to an amount approved by the Treasury, but not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of seventy thousand pounds in any one year.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of 22nd July Report.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Knutsford, Middlewich, and Winsford and parts of the Rural Districts of Northwich and Backlow, all in the County of Chester, which was presented on the 29th day of May 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of part of the Rural District of Horsham, in the Administrative County of West Sussex, parts of the Rural Districts of Cuckfield and East Grinstead, in the Administrative County of East Sussex, and part of the Rural District of Reigate, in the County of Surrey, which was presented on the 30th day of June 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motorways Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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RABBITS AND ROCKS BILL.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rabbits and Rocks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eighteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

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Thursday, 24th July 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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, brought from the Lords and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills 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 in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords and referred pursuant to the Order of the House of the 17th day of this instant July, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:

Imperial Institute Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sutton Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 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, 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 the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of (1) Oxford Gas Light and Coke Company; (2) Settle Gas Company, Limited; (3) Sheffield Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson 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 of State for the Home Department:—

City of Nottingham.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Thomas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report for 1923 on the importation of Spirituous Beverages into British Colonies and Protectorates in Africa and the import duties levied thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the Electricity Supply Acts. Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Perry Barr, in the County of Stafford.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue 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 Carmarthen (Carmarthen Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Ellis Jones Ellis Griffith, Baronet, 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.—(Mr. Phillips.)

Mr. William Nicholson reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Agricultural Wages 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 Monday next; and be printed.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) 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 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 the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. (Clynes.)

The British Museum (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Royal Samarian Hospital for Women, Glasgow, Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Rothesay Tramways (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rothesay Tramways (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Shinwell, supported by Mr. Webb, presented a Bill to render compulsory the provision of washing and drying accommodation at Coal Mines: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Housing (Financial Provisions) (re-committed) Bill may be considered, at this day's Sitting, in Committee and, as amended, on re-committal by the House, notwithstanding the practice of the House with regard to the interval between the various stages of such a Bill.—(Mr. Clynes.)

Ordered, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Clynes.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exeputed, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Orders (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Conditions as to town-planning schemes and density)—(Mr. Wheatley),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Adjustment of difficulties between local authorities)—(Mr. Percy Harris), —was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 19, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Except that in any case where proposals are submitted to the Minister which, in consequence of the adoption of the materials or new methods of construction, involve a reduction in the cost of the houses substantially greater than the equivalent of four pounds ten shillings per annum for forty years, the Minister may reduce the contribution by such amount as he shall think just and reasonable, provided that such reduction shall not be so great as to impose any burden upon the local rate or upon the said society, body of trustees, or company, as the case may be."—(Lord Eustace Percy.)

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. 4, l. 15, by leaving out paragraph (b)—(Sir William Jowson-Hicks.)

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 p. 4, l. 20, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "which consent shall not be given where the tenant in consideration of assigning, sub-letting, or otherwise parting with the possession of the house or any part thereof receives any premium, rent, or other benefit (other than rent for a part of the house proportionate to the rent paid by the tenant)."

—(Colonel Gretton.)

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. 4, l. 20, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and that in giving or withholding such consent regard shall be had to any payment or other consideration..."
received or to be received by the tenant."—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

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. 4, l. 31, by leaving out from the word "the" to the end of the paragraph, and inserting the words "equivalent of the contribution already paid in respect of any house sold before the expiration of twenty years from the date when that contribution first became payable, together with the contribution for the term stipulated, shall be as nearly as possible the equivalent of the contribution which would have been payable for twenty years if the house had not been subject to special conditions."—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "reduced," in l. 37, stand part of 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. 5, l. 40, by inserting, after the word "houses," the words "and that in giving or withholding such consent regard shall be had to any payment or other consideration received or to be received by the tenant."—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

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. 6, l. 7, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "but so nevertheless that the equivalent of the contribution already paid in respect of any house sold before the expiration of twenty years from the date when that contribution first became payable, together with the contribution for the term stipulated, shall be as nearly as possible the equivalent of the contribution which would have been payable for twenty years if the house had not been subject to special conditions."—(Lord Eustace Percy.)

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. 7, l. 23, by inserting, after the word "prices," the words "or for the obtaining of funds at reasonable rates of interest to finance the provision or acquisition of houses."—(Mr. Franklin.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The proposed words were amended, in l. 2, by leaving out the words "or acquisition"—(Mr. Wheatley.)—and, so amended, were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 41, by leaving out the words "the Minister certifies that."—(Lord Eustace Percy.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause 2, p. 3, l. 8, and Clause 13, p. 11, l. 7, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Wheatley as Amendments to be moved on re-committal. —(Mr. Wheatley.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 2, by leaving out the words "the Amendments to.—(Sir William Joubens-Hicks.)

And the Question being put, That the words "the Amendments to" stand part of the Question:

The House divided:
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Griffiths, 234.
Commander Egremont, 142.
Monsell, Sir Harry Barnston.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause 2, p. 3, l. 8, and Clause 13, p. 11, l. 7, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Wheatley as Amendments to be moved on re-committal.

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 (Increased Government contributions in case of houses which are subject to special conditions).

Amendment proposed. in p. 3, l. 8, to leave out the words "one third" in order to insert the words "thirty per cent."—(Mr. Wheatley.)

Question, That the words "one third" stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question proposed that the words "thirty per cent" be there inserted.

Proposed words amended by leaving out the word "thirty," and inserting the words "twenty-five."—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)—and, as amended, there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 13 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 made Amendments to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—
The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Government of India (Leave of Absence) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in § 2, line 28, by leaving out the words "except where in the case of a person granted leave for urgent reasons of public interest," and inserting the word "unless."—Mr. Richards, instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out 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 North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Postponed Proceeding on the Amendment proposed to be made on consideration of the Government of India (Leave of Absence) Bill [Lords], as amended (in the Standing Committee), was resumed.

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 the word "unless" be there inserted in 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, 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 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.

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.

John Henry Whitley, Speaker.

The Pensions (Increase) 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 Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Warne.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 115.]

Friday, 25th July 1924.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

The Neath Harbour 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 Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southend Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 225 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Wheatley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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Then the Bill 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southern Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Webb presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom for each of the fifteen years from 1908 to 1922. Sixty-eighth Number.

Mr. Webb also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report on an application by the Solihull Gas Company to the Board of Trade under the Public Utility Companies (Capital Issues) Act, 1920.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Borough of Dover.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Appendix to the National Health Insurance Fund Accounts, 1921.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A): That in the case of the Leeds Corporation Bill [Lords] 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; and had amended the Title as followeth:—An Act to provide for the alteration of the unions wholly or partly in the City of Leeds and to amalgamate the Parishes in that City to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City in relation to their water and tramways undertakings and the construction of street improvements and to make further provision for the health local government and improvement of the City, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee ofSelection (Standing Committees,) that they had added the following Member to Standing Committee B:—Mr. Duncan.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Housing (Financial Provisions) 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 declines to give a Third Reading to a Bill which calls for a greatly increased subsidy without any security that it will provide houses at rents which can be paid by the poorer section of the community, and which purports to arrange for the erection of greatly increased numbers of houses without any guarantee that the necessary additions of labour and materials will be forthcoming"—(Mr. Samuel Roberts), 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 Yeas,

Mr. Parkinson,

Mr. Warne:

226.

Tellers for the Noes,

Commander Egres.

Monsell,

Noes,

Colonel Gibbs:

131.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
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 Order of the day being read, for the Roads Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories Second Reading of the Factories 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of June last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Offices Regulation 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 Unemployment Insurance (No. 4) 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 Births and Deaths Registration 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 Motor Cycle Races 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 Motorways 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 Rabbits and Rooks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surpluses and deficits upon Navy and Air Grants for 1922-23, and the application of surpluses to meet Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy and Air Departments, which were presented upon the 11th day of March last, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Frederick Hall.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then twelve minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 116.]

Monday, 28th July 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the London County Council (Lambeth Bridge) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Com-

mittee. (Mr. Frederick Hall.)

Ordered, That this Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Second Reading of the Offices Regulation Bill be postponed, and that the Committee on Unopposed Bills have leave to consider the Bill upon Wednesday next.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Standing Order 211 be sus-

pended, and that the Committee on Unopposed Bills have leave to consider the Bill upon Wednesday next.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That the Second Reading of the County of London Electric Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Second Reading of the London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords]; Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Orders of the day being read, for the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords]; Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 Petitions Voted Second and Report.

Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America respecting the Regulation of the Liquor Traffic, Washington, 23rd January 1924 (Ratifications exchanged, 22nd May 1924).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Adams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 135 (St. Andrews, No. 26) (Regulations for Degrees in Arts, Philosophy, and Letters, Supplementary to Ordinance, No. 4, of the University Court of St. Andrews) made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Gloucester Gas Light Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Account of the Fee Fund of the House of Lords from 1st April 1923 to 31st March 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham also presented pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 11th July 1924, directing the application of moneys received by the Board of Trade in the year ended 31st March 1924, in respect of the rights and interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twentieth Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, for the year 1923.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shaw presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulation, dated 28th July 1924, made by the Ministry of Labour under Section 11 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, amending the Trade Boards (Grocery and Provisions Trade, England and Wales) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Regulation, dated 28th July 1924, Trade Boards made by the Ministry of Labour under Section 11 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, amending the Trade Boards (Grocery and Provisions Trade, Scotland) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Frederick Roberts presented, pursuant to War Pensions the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd July 1924, made by the Minister of Pensions under the War Pensions Act, 1921, entitled:—

1. The Commutation (Ministry of Pensions) Regulations, 1924;
2. The War Pensions Committees (Amendment) Regulations, 1924.

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:—

Return to the Lord Chancellor of the number Lunacy, of visits made, and the number of patients detained, under the Lunacy Acts, 1890 to 1911, seen by the several Commissioners during the six months ended 30th June 1924.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel. That they had appointed Sir George McCreery to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Standing Committee, Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Bill):—Mr. Batey, Major Buxie, Mr. Hayes, Mr. William Henderson, Sir William Lane Mitchell, Mr. Pilkington, Mr. Atholl Robertson, Mr. Russell, Major Steel, and Sir William Mitchell-Thomason.

Ordered, That the Report 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 Telegraph (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Brighton Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Thames Conservancy Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Sutton Harbour Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Sir Kingsley Wood, supported by Mr. Allotments Bowesman, Sir Philip Pilkith, Mrs. Wintringham, and Mr. Harvey, presented a Bill to facili-
Agricultural Wages Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Agricultural Wages Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(4) The Committees first established shall be established for the Counties and combined Counties specified in the Second Schedule to this Act.—(Mr. Buxton.)"

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The proposed words were amended by adding, at the end thereof, the words " but the Minister shall, in the case of combined counties, on representation duly made by the Committee concerned, establish when so requested a Committee upon the basis of an Administrative County Committee ".—(Sir Douglas Newton), —and, so amended, were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Schedule was offered to be added to the Bill (Counties and Combined Counties for which the First Agricultural Wages Committees are to be established).—(Mr. Buxton.)

And the said Schedule was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Schedule, in l. 8, by leaving out the word " Counties," and inserting the word " County ".—(Sir Clifford Cory),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word " Counties " stand part of the proposed Schedule :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Schedule, in l. 48, by leaving out the words " and Cardigan ".—(Mr. Morris.)

And the Question being put, That the words " and Cardigan " stand part of the proposed Schedule :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the proposed Schedule was made part of the Bill.

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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. Buxton, by His Majesty's Command, Irish Free State Land Purchase having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Irish Free State Land Purchase (Loan Guarantee), proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71A, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71A, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to guarantee the payment of the principal of and the interest on any loan issued by the Government of the Irish Free State for the purposes of land purchase in the Irish Free State, so that the securities so guaranteed do not in the aggregate exceed thirty million pounds sterling in nominal amount, and to charge on the Consolidated Fund any moneys required to fulfil any such guarantee.—(Mr. William Graham.)

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 Order of the day being read, for the Roads Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Navy and Air Expenditure 1922-23.

(In the Committee.)

Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1923 that the aggregate expenditure on Navy Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services, and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services over the net expenditure is £7,391,310 9s. 3d., viz.:

| Total Surpluses | £ 8,625,093 |
| Total Deficits  | - 1,233,782  |

**Net Surplus.**  £7,391,310  9  3

And whereas the deficiencies of Appropriations in Aid realised on certain Votes have been in each case less than the savings on gross expenditure on the same Vote.
And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorized the application of so much of the total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to make good the deficits caused by excess expenditure on other Grants for Navy Services.

1. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. William Graham.)

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Whereas it appears by the Air Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1923, and the statement appended thereto, that the aggregate expenditure on Air Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services, and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Air Services over the net expenditure is £1,912,099 19 3.

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 Order of the day being read, for taking the China Indemnity (Application) 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 taking the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) 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 taking the arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Second Reading of the Imperial Institute Bill [Lords].

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 Expiring Laws Continuance 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 Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords];
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 Building Materials (Charges and Supply) 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 Small Landholders (Scotland) 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 British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) 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 Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];
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 Sale of Bread 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 Coal Mines 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 Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords];
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 Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Administration of Justice 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 Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Land Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That this Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 29th July 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Brighton Corporation Water Bill.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 21st day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Brighton Corporation 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.

Thames Conservancy Bill.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 21st day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Thames Conservancy 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.

Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Birmingham 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords.;]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Midlothian (Calder District) Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Air Ministry (Directorate of Civil Aviation.)

Mr. Leach presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report by the Directorate of Civil Aviation of the Air Ministry on the progress of Civil Aviation, 1923-24.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Naval Officers (Suspension of Retired Pay.)

Mr. Ammon presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on the Suspension of Retired Pay of Naval Officers when recalled for service in war.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Walsh presented, by His Army (Special Service) Order in Council, a Copy of Statement of the number of persons in receipt of Poor Law Relief in England and Wales on the night of the 1st day of January, 1924 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 121, of 1923).—(Mr. Wheatley.)

Sir John Marriott reported from the Select Committee on Estimates; that they have made further Progress in 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.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the House of Commons, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 21st day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southend Water Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Walsh presented, by His Army Command, a Copy of Amendment to the Rules of Procedure under the Army Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1922. Part C, Societies, &c.; Trade Unions.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Statement of the number of persons in receipt of Poor Law Relief in England and Wales on the night of the 1st day of January, 1924; and a Copy of Regulations for the Territorial Army.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southend Water Bill [Lords.;]

Ordered, That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southend Water Bill [Lords.;]

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords.;]

Ordered, That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Rotherham Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rotherham Corporation Bill [Lords.;]

Ordered, That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Halifax Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Halifax Corporation Bill [Lords.;]

Ordered, That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Southend Water Bill [Lords.;]

Ordered, That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to postpone the coming into operation of the Law of Property Act, 1922, until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law with respect to measuring instruments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1918; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Ratl^ag Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of August next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924-25.)

Class V.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,919,000 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 1925, for sundry Middle Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including a Grant in Aid:

   Whereupon Motion made and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,918,900 be granted to the said Service—(Lieutenant-Commander Keeworthy)—put, and negatived.

   Original Question put, and agreed to.

   Class II.

   2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £113,031 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies;

   And it being a quarter-past 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.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southern Railway Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Lords Amendments be now taken into consideration;

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 " the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee so far as Clause 6 is concerned, and that the Committee take into further consideration the question of increasing the headway of the arch on each side of the central arch to 19 feet "—(Mr. Scurr),—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 Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the London County Council (Lambeth Bridge) Bill [Lords] be now read the third time. —(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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 " the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee so far as Clause 6 is concerned, and that the Committee take into further consideration the question of increasing the headway of the arch on each side of the central arch to 19 feet "—(Mr. Scurr),—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 Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a Supply sum not exceeding £113,031 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, resumed.

Question again proposed.

Question put, and agreed to.

Class V.

3. £863,413, for sundry Colonial Services, including Expenditure in connection with Ex-Service Men in the Irish Free State and certain Grants in Aid.

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.

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 8th day of May last;  
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 19th day of June last;  
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 22nd day of July last;  
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 3rd day of this instant July;  
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 May last;  
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 on Navy and Air Expenditure, 1922-23;  
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Irish Free State Land Purchase [Loan Guarantee];  
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Parkinson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 30th July 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

THE House, pursuant to the Order of the Staffordshire House of the 21st day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board 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 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, pursuant to the Order of the Rotherham House of the 21st day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Rotherham Corporation 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.

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Ordered, That in the case of the Ministry of Provisional Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Order Bills, Standing Order 211 be suspended, and that the Committee on Unopposed Bills have leave to consider the Bills forthwith.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)
The Lords have agreed to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Dock Charges, Scotland) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Keighley Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Government of India (Leave of Absence) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Keighley Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Housing Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Housing (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Town Planning Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Town Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Sir George McClure reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Bill was referred:

That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

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, not amended (in the Standing Committee), be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sir Joseph Nall reported the Lanarkshire Hydro Electric Power Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir George Crockford Marks reported from the Standing Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That in the case of the Imperial Institute Bill [Lords], the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ministry of Health
Provisional Orders
Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords]; 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.

Ministry of Health
Provisional Orders
Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords]; 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords]; 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords]; 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.

Ministry of Health
Provisional Orders
Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords]; 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords]; 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to suicide. — (Brigadier-General Spears.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who 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 Brigadier-General Spears, Viscountess Astor, Mrs. Wintringham, Colonel Rudkin, Mr. Maxton, Mr. Rennie, Captain Berkeley, Mr. Wallhead, Colonel James, Mr. Lansbury, and Sir Douglas Newton do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Brigadier-General Spears accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to suicide: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the constitution of the Port of London Authority; And that Mr. Scurr, Mr. Tilted, Mr. March, Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Wignall, Mr. Sexton, and Mr. Short do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Scurr accordingly presented a Bill to amend the constitution of the Port of London Authority: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That on this day, notwithstanding Business of anything in Standing Order No. 15, Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock, and that Government Business be excepted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1924-25.

1. £1,229,500, Admiralty Office.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924-25.

Class VII.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £8,560,339 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Labour and Subordinate Departments, including the Contributions to the Unemployment Fund, and to Special Schemes and Payments to Associations and Local Education Authorities for administration under the Unemployment Insurance Acts; Expenditure in connection with the Training of Demobilised Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, and Nurses; Grants for Resettlement in Civil Life; and the Expenses of the Industrial Court; also Expenses in connection with the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations), including a Grant in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (1) be reduced by £100.—(Sir Laming Worthington-Evans);

And it being Ten of the clock, the Chairman of Ways and Means proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration.

Question put, That Item A (1) be reduced by £100.
15 Geo. V. 30th July.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
[Commander Eyres-Monsell] [Mr. Harry Barnston] 204.

Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Hall] [Mr. Parkinson] 254.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

The Chairman then 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 Supplementary Estimates, and the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Navy, Army, Air, and Revenue Departments, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates:

Class I.

3. That a sum not exceeding £1,518,536 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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Total: £1,518,536

Question put, and agreed to.

Class II.

4. That a sum not exceeding £5,221,680 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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<td>£200,913</td>
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<td>Treasury and Subordinate Departments</td>
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<td>Home Office</td>
<td>£206,072</td>
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<td>India Office</td>
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<td>Privy Council Office</td>
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<td>Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade</td>
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<td>Mines Department of the Board of Trade</td>
<td>£110,929</td>
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<td>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
<td>£788,138</td>
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Total: £5,221,680

Question put, and agreed to.

Class III.

5. That a sum not exceeding £5,939,552 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>Law Charges</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>£23,983</td>
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<td>Land Registry</td>
<td>£68,918</td>
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<td>£5</td>
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<td>County Courts</td>
<td>£25,487</td>
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<td>Police, England and Wales</td>
<td>£3,065,336</td>
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<td>Prisons, England and Wales</td>
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<td>Reformatory and Industrial Schools, England and Wales</td>
<td>£194,750</td>
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<td>Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum</td>
<td>£32,184</td>
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Total: £5,939,552

Question put, and agreed to.
### Class IV.

6. That a sum not exceeding £1,217,983 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

- £
- 1. Board of Education (Supplementary Vote) - 10
- 2. British Museum - - 181,793
- 3. National Gallery - - 14,497
- 4. National Portrait Gallery - - 5,823
- 5. Wallace Collection - - 7,748
- 7. Imperial War Museum - - 9,380
- 8. Scientific Investigation, &c. - - 113,450
- 9. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research - - 203,281
- 10. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Intermediate Education, Wales - - 672,979
- Scotland:
  - 12. National Galleries - - 5,896
  - £1,217,983

Question put, and agreed to.

### Class V.

7. That a sum not exceeding £1,347,678 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

- £
- 1. Diplomatic and Consular Services - 640,178
- 2. Overseas Settlement - - 667,000
- 3. Telegraph Subsidy - - 2,000
- 4. League of Nations - - 58,500
  - £1,347,678

Question put, and agreed to.

### Class VI.

8. That a sum not exceeding £60,717,308 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

- £
- 1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances - - 793,712
- 2. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c. - - 8,263
- 3. Old Age Pensions (including a Supplementary sum of £2,000,000) - - 16,201,000
- 4. Ministry of Pensions - - 41,847,810
- 5. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions - - 306,525
- 6. Miscellaneous Expenses - - 5,813
- 7. Royal Commissions, &c. - - 28,000
- 8. National Savings Committee - - 54,663
- 9. Imperial War Graves Commission - - 854,500
- 10. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund - - 105,200
- 11. Expenses under the Representation of the People Act - - 206,000
- 12. Development Fund - - 150,000
- £60,717,308

Question put, and agreed to.

### Class VII.

9. That a sum not exceeding £14,506,195 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

- £
- 1. Ministry of Health - - 12,466,861
- 2. Scottish Board of Health - - 1,807,832
- 4. National Insurance, Audit Department - - 115,100
- 5. Friendly Societies’ Deficiency - - 6,342
  - £14,506,195

Question put, and agreed to.

### Unemployment Grants.

10. That a sum not exceeding £445,000 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 1925 for Grants to Local Authorities, &c., in Great Britain for assistance in carrying out approved Schemes of useful work to relieve Unemployment.

Question put, and agreed to.

### Relief of Unemployment.

11. That a sum not exceeding £1,385,000 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 1925 for Relief arising out of Unemployment, including a Grant in Aid.

Question put, and agreed to.

### Export Credits.

12. That a sum not exceeding £120,000 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 1925 for Provision of guarantees in respect of Exports of goods wholly or partly produced or manufactured in the United Kingdom.

Question put, and agreed to.

### Compensation (Ireland).

13. That a sum not exceeding £1,988,500 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 1925 for Compensation for Criminal Injuries, including advances on account of prospective awards, advances in respect of Rent and other sums payable under

Question put, and agreed to.

Shipping Liquidation.

14. That a sum not exceeding £5 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses in connection with Shipping Liquidation.

Question put, and agreed to.

Railway and Canal (War) Agreements Liquidation.

15. That a sum not exceeding £98,500 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 1925 to meet Expenditure arising from the Government Control of Railways and Canals in Great Britain and Ireland under the Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871, Section 16, and Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 9 H.

Question put, and agreed to.

Coal Mines Deficiency.

16. That a sum not exceeding £300,000 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 1925 to provide for the Deficiency arising under the Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Act, 1918, and for Payments to the Coal Mines (Emergency) Act Account under the Coal Mines (Emergency) Acts, 1920 and 1921.

Question put, and agreed to.

Prize Claims.

17. That a sum not exceeding £35,000 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 1925, for Claims in respect of Ships or Cargoes condemned as Naval Prize or detained and certain Salaries in respect of Ships or Cargoes condemned as Prize Claims.

Question put, and agreed to.

Grants for Compensation for Damage by Enemy Action.

18. That a sum not exceeding £350,000 (including a Supplementary sum of £800,000) be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which

Grants, for Compensation for Damage by Enemy Action will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925 for Grants in respect of Compensation for Suffering and Damage by Enemy Action.

Question put, and agreed to.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924–25.

19. That a sum not exceeding £37,861,904 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£3,840,804</td>
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<td>3. Post Office</td>
<td>£31,081,100</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.


20. That a sum not exceeding £10,105,000 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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<td>5. Educational Services</td>
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<td>6. Scientific Services</td>
<td>£449,000</td>
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<td>7. Royal Naval Reserves</td>
<td>£491,000</td>
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<td>11. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£856,100</td>
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<td>£2,884,300</td>
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<td>14. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine), Men</td>
<td>£4,253,000</td>
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<td>15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation, Allowances, and Gratuities</td>
<td>£837,800</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>£10,105,000</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Army Estimates, 1924–25.

21. That a sum not exceeding £27,000,100 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges for Army Services, including Army (Ordnance Factories), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925 in respect of an estimated net total cost of £45,894,000, and of liabilities outstanding on the first day of the year.

Question put, and agreed to.


22. That a sum not exceeding £2,291,000 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Air Force Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>5. Medical Services</td>
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<td>6. Educational Services</td>
<td>£480,000</td>
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<td>7. Auxiliary and Reserve Forces</td>
<td>£284,000</td>
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<td>8. Civil Aviation</td>
<td>£355,000</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>£1,234,000</td>
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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of May last;  
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 19th day of June last;  
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 3rd day of this instant July;  
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 14th day of this instant July;  
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 22nd day of this instant July;  
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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 1925, the sum of £246,640,519 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. — [Mr. William Graham.]  
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.

Mr. Frederick Hall reported from the Committee on Irish Free State Land Purchase [Loan Guarantee], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to guarantee the payment of the principal and the interest on any loan issued by the Government of the Irish Free State for the purposes of land purchase in the Irish Free State, so that the securities so guaranteed do not in the aggregate exceed thirty million pounds sterling in nominal amount, and to charge on the Consolidated Fund any moneys required to fulfil any such guarantee.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. William Graham, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Secretary Thomas do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. William Graham accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the Treasury to guarantee a loan to be raised by the Government of the Irish Free State for the purposes of Land Purchase in that State: 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 Roads Improvement Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Arbitration Clauses [Protocol] Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Frederick Hall reported from the Committee on Navy and Air Expenditure 1922-23, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1923 that the aggregate expenditure on Navy Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services, and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services over the net expenditure is £7,391,319 9s. 3d., viz.:  

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<td>Total Surpluses</td>
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<td>Total Deficits</td>
<td>-£1,233,782 13 3</td>
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<td><strong>Net Surplus</strong></td>
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1924.
And whereas the deficiencies of Appropriations in Aid realised on certain Votes have been in each case less than the savings on gross expenditure on the same Vote.

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to make good the deficits caused by excess expenditure on other Grants for Navy Services.

1. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

Schedule.

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Sandwich, which was presented on the 21st July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Uttoxeter Gas Works, Limited, which was presented on the 21st July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the King's Lynn Gas Company, which was presented on the 21st July and published, be approved, subject to the following modifications:

1. Clause 42, sub-clause (8), l. 3, after "company," insert "or a railway committee;"

2. Clause 42, sub-clause (8), l. 6, after "company," insert "or committee;"—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the Statement of the estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers’ Foundation for the year 1924–25 be approved.—(Mr. Hodges.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Option (England and Wales) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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Whereas it appears by the Air Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1923, and the statement appended thereto, that the aggregate expenditure on Air Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services, and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Air Services over the net expenditure is £1,912,099 19s. 3d., viz.:

\[ \text{Net Surplus} = £1,912,099 \]
Vinegar Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vinegar Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Dogs Protection Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs' Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Motorways Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motorways Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Rabbits and Rooks Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rabbits and Rooks Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill. Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.—(Mr. Shaw.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 7, l. 42, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 7, l. 42, leave out ('affect') to the end of l. I on page 8, 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 Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Herbert Spencer, Sir George McCreie, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Parkinson.

Ordered, That three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Shaw.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

Mr. William Graham presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Post Office Contract (Marcou's Wireless Telegraph Company, Limited.)

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Frederick Hall.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit three minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 119.]

Thursday, 31st July 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation 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 on Tuesday next.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Hastings Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Webb, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill 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;

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Leeds Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 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, 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 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, 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Taf Fechan Water Supply Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 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, 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Keighley Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour 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 Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) 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 Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) 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 Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) 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.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Thirty-third General Annual Report by the Board of Trade under the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Special Orders made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of—

(1) the Urban District of Southwark, in the County of Sussex;
(2) the Urban District of Callington, and part of the Parish of Stoke Climsland, in the Rural District of Launceston, in the County of Cornwall.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shaw reported from the Committee Unemployed appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned in the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation..
Sir Joseph Nall reported the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered. That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same 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.

Message from the Lords. Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Leach, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Conveyancing Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to National Health Insurance; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate and regulate the Law regarding the circuits of the High Court of Justiciary and the holding of circuit courts, and to amend the Law relating to criminal procedure in Scotland in certain respects; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Edinburgh Corporation Water; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist upon their Amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

The Bill of Infants Guardianship 1923 was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The National Health Insurance Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Guardianship of Infants Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
4. That a sum not exceeding £5,221,680 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>1. House of Lords Office</td>
<td>29,103</td>
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<td>2. House of Commons</td>
<td>209,813</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Treasury and Subordinate Departments</td>
<td>196,495</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Home Office</td>
<td>206,072</td>
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<td>5. India Office</td>
<td>80,000</td>
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<td>6. Privy Council Office</td>
<td>6,906</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Department of Overseas Trade</td>
<td>200,292</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Mercantile Marine Services</td>
<td>231,321</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>10. Mines Department of the Board of Trade</td>
<td>110,929</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
<td>768,138</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Forestry Commission (including a Supplementary sum of £275,000)</td>
<td>393,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. Ministry of Transport</td>
<td>86,633</td>
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<tr>
<td>14. Charity Commission</td>
<td>28,268</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15. Government Chemist</td>
<td>36,600</td>
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<tr>
<td>16. Civil Service Commission</td>
<td>43,947</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17. Exchequer and Audit Department</td>
<td>88,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18. Friendly Societies Registry</td>
<td>20,995</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19. Government Actuary</td>
<td>25,916</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20. Board of Control, England</td>
<td>291,932</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21. The Mint, including Coinage</td>
<td>350,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22. National Dels Office</td>
<td>11,654</td>
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<tr>
<td>23. Public Record Office</td>
<td>25,816</td>
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<td>24. Public Works Loan Commission</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25. Registrar General's Office, England and Wales</td>
<td>57,429</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26. State Management Districts</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27. Stationery and Printing</td>
<td>899,481</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29. Office of Works and Public Buildings</td>
<td>379,120</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30. Secret Service</td>
<td>105,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31. Stationery Office</td>
<td>4,200</td>
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<td>32. Scotland :</td>
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<tr>
<td>33. Secretary for Scotland's Office</td>
<td>173,916</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>34. Fishery Board</td>
<td>45,410</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>35. General Board of Control</td>
<td>42,215</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>36. Registrar General's Office</td>
<td>10,379</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>37. Ireland :</td>
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<tr>
<td>38. Northern Ireland Services</td>
<td>26,080</td>
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**Total for Class II.**: £1,518,356

5. That a sum not exceeding £5,939,552 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<th>Class III.</th>
<th>£</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Law Charges</td>
<td>137,237</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>23,983</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
<td>255,438</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Land Registry</td>
<td>63,918</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Public Trustee</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. County Courts</td>
<td>25,487</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Police, England and Wales</td>
<td>3,065,536</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Prisons, England and Wales</td>
<td>621,492</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Reformatory and Industrial Schools, England and Wales</td>
<td>194,750</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum</td>
<td>52,184</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6. That a sum not exceeding £1,217,983 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Class IV.</th>
<th>£</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Board of Education (Supplementary Vote)</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. British Museum</td>
<td>181,793</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. National Gallery</td>
<td>14,497</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. National Portrait Gallery</td>
<td>5,823</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Wallace Collection</td>
<td>7,713</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Loudon Museum</td>
<td>3,140</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>9,380</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Scientific Investigation, &amp;c.</td>
<td>113,450</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research</td>
<td>293,281</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Intermediate Education, Wales</td>
<td>672,970</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Scotland :</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. National Galleries</td>
<td>5,896</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total for Class IV.**: £1,217,983

7. That a sum not exceeding £1,347,678 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 1925 for Expenditure in the Services of the Ministry of Works and Buildings in Ireland.
in respect of the Services included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Diplomatic and Consular Services</td>
<td>£640,178</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Overseas Settlement</td>
<td>£667,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Telegraph Subsidy</td>
<td>£2,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. League of Nations</td>
<td>£36,500</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

£1,347,678

Class VI.

8. That a sum not exceeding £60,717,308 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>£795,712</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, etc.</td>
<td>£8,283</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Old Age Pensions (including a Supplementary sum of £2,000,000)</td>
<td>£15,201,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Ministry of Pensions</td>
<td>£41,847,810</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions</td>
<td>£306,525</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Miscellaneous Expenses</td>
<td>£5,185</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Royal Commissions, etc.</td>
<td>£28,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. National Savings Committee</td>
<td>£54,663</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Imperial War Graves Commission</td>
<td>£654,560</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund</td>
<td>£103,260</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Expenses under the Representation of the People Act</td>
<td>£206,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Development Fund</td>
<td>£150,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13. British Empire Exhibition</td>
<td>£1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14. Mission of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to South Africa</td>
<td>£13,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15. Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trunk</td>
<td>£100,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund</td>
<td>£41,822</td>
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£69,717,308

Class VII.

9. That a sum not exceeding £14,506,195 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Ministry of Health</td>
<td>£12,686,861</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Scottish Board of Health</td>
<td>£1,897,832</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Friendly Societies’ Deficiency</td>
<td>£6,342</td>
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£14,506,195

Unemployment Grants.

10. That a sum not exceeding £445,000 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 1925 for Grants to Local Authorities, &c., in Great Britain for assistance in carrying out approved Schemes of useful work to relieve Unemployment.

Relief of Unemployment.

11. That a sum not exceeding £3,355,000 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 1925 for Relief arising out of Unemployment, including a Grant in Aid.

Export Credits.

12. That a sum not exceeding £120,000 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 1925 to provide for guarantees in respect of Exports of goods wholly or partly produced or manufactured in the United Kingdom.

Compensation (Ireland).

13. That a sum not exceeding £1,988,500 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 1925 for Compensation for Criminal Injuries, including advances on account of prospective awards, advances in respect of Rent and other sums payable under the Land Act, 1923, of the Irish Free State, Grants to Refugees for the Relief of Distress, ex-gratia Grants awarded in respect of Damage to Property sustained during the Rebellion in Ireland in 1916, Compensation for Damage in the Irish Free State done by Crown Forces, other than Military Forces, in the exercise of the Prerogative of the Crown in the Defence of the Realm or the Restoration of Order in Ireland, and Compensation to certain former Officers of Local Authorities in the Irish Free State.

Shipping Liquidation.

14. That a sum not exceeding £5 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses in connection with Shipping Liquidation.

Railway and Canal (War) Agreements.

15. That a sum not exceeding £98,500 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 1925 to meet Expenditure arising from the Government Control of Railways and Canals in Great Britain and Ireland under the Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871, Section 16, and Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 9 H.

Coal Mines Deficiency.

16. That a sum not exceeding £300,000 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 1925 to provide for the Deficiency arising under the Coal Mines Control Agreement (Confirmation) Act, 1918, and for Payments to the Coal Mines

Prize Claims.

17. That a sum not exceeding £35,000 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 1925 in respect of an estimated net total cost of £45,894,000, and of liabilities outstanding on the first day of the year.

Grants for Compensation for Damage by Enemy Action.

18. That a sum not exceeding £350,000 (including a Supplementary sum of £800,000) 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 1925 for Grants in respect of Compensation for Suffering and Damage by Enemy Action.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924-25.

19. That a sum not exceeding £27,861,904 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>1. Customs and Excise</td>
<td>2,840,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>3,840,804</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Post Office</td>
<td>31,081,100</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>£37,861,904</strong></td>
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Navy Estimates, 1924-25.

20. That a sum not exceeding £10,105,000 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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<td>5. Medical Services</td>
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<td>6. Educational Services</td>
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<td>7. Auxiliary and Reserve Forces</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Civil Aviation</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Meteorological and Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
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<td>10. Air Ministry</td>
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<td>11. Half Pay, Pensions, and other Non-Effective Services</td>
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<td><strong>£37,861,904</strong></td>
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Army Estimates, 1924-25.

21. That a sum not exceeding £27,000,100 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges for Army Services, including Army (Ordnance Factories), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925 in respect of an estimated net total cost of £45,894,000, and of liabilities outstanding on the first day of the year.

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22. That a sum not exceeding £2,291,000 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the Air Force Services, viz.:

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<td><strong>£2,291,000</strong></td>
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</table>

The First Resolution being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by leaving out "£1,229,500," and inserting "£1,229,400"—(Mr. Amery),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£1,229,500" stand part of the Resolution;—(Mr. Amery),—The House divided.

And it being after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, 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, the Army Estimates, the Air Force Estimates, the Revenue Departments Estimates, and other outstanding Resolutions severally.

Civil Services Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1924-25.

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.
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Class IV.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution 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 Resolution 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 Resolution 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 Resolution reported in respect of Class VII. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Navy Estimates, 1924-25.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Navy Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Army Estimates, 1924-25.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Army Estimates (including Ordnance Factories Estimate):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Air Force Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1924-25.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Revenue Departments Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Unemployment Grants.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Estimate for Unemployment Grants:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Relief of Unemployment.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Estimate for the Relief of Unemployment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Export Credits.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Estimate for Export Credits:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Compensation (Ireland).
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Estimate for Compensation (Ireland):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Shipping Liquidation.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Estimate for Shipping Liquidation:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Railway and Canal (War) Agreements Liquidation.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Estimate for Railway and Canal (War) Agreements Liquidation:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Coal Mines Deficiency.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Estimate for the Coal Mines Deficiency:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Prize Claims.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Estimate for Prize Claims:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Grants for Compensation for Damage by Enemy Action.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Estimate for Grants for Compensation for Damage by Enemy Action:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Frederick Hall reported from the Com-Ways and Means, that the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925, the sum of £246,640,519 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Mr. William Graham 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 twenty-five, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same 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 Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canals (Continuance of Charging 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 Housing 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 Housing (Scotland) 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 Town Planning 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 Town Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time. The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Free State Land Purchase (Loan Guarantee) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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The Edinburgh Corporation Water Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. Jowett presented a Bill to confirm a Preservation Order of the Commissioners of Works under the Ancient Monuments Consolidation and Amendment Act, 1913, in relation to the earthworks in the Parish of Colchester, in the County of Essex.

Ordered, That Standing Order 193a be suspended, and the Bill be now read the first time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Trevelyan presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report of the Judicial Committee of the Perry Council, as approved by Order of His Majesty in Council of 31st July 1924, on the Questions connected with the Irish Boundary Commission (to be appointed under the Irish Free State (Agreement) Act, 1922), referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Convention relative to the Cession of German Public Property situated in Dantzig, and also to the transfer of a part of this property to the Harbour Board of the Free City. Signed at Dantzig, 3rd May 1924 (with Ratifications deposited 14th May 1924.)

Treaty Series (No. 24, 1924.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Treaty Series (No. 23, 1924.)

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Report by the Board of Education under Section 118 (4) of the Education Act, 1921, as to a deduction from the Substantive Grant for Elementary Education payable to the Local Education Authority for Gateshead in respect of the year 1922-23.

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:—

Summary of Accounts of Loan Societies in England and Wales for the year 1923, furnished to the Central Office for the Registry of Friendly Societies.

The Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to 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 followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London County Council (Lambeth Bridge) Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist upon their Amendment to the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill to which this House hath disagreed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London Traffic Bill.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 13, l. 25, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 13, l. 25, after ("omnibus") insert ("trolley vehicle or tramway car"), 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. Gosling):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas:—

Mr. Frederick Hall, Captain Viscount Curzon.

Tellers for the Noes:—

Mr. Parkinson, Captain Briscoe.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 14, l. 43, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 14, l. 43, at end, insert as a new subsection,—

("(6) Any regulation made under this section shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament forthwith: and if an address is presented to His Majesty by either House of Parliament within the next subsequent twenty-eight days on which that House has sat after any such regulation is laid before it praying that the regulation may be annulled, it shall thenceforth be void, but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder or the making of a new regulation"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 15, l. 22, after ("is"), insert ("for the time being"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 16, l. 32, leave out subsection (7), and insert as a new subsection,—

("(7) Any regulation made under this section shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament forthwith: and if an address is presented to His Majesty by either House of Parliament within the next subsequent twenty-eight days on which that House has sat after any such regulation is laid before it praying that the
Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Clynes).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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15 Geo. V. 1st August.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Free State Land Purchase (Loan Guarantee) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping, (International Labour Conventions) 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 taking into consideration the China Indemnity (Application) Bill, 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 taking into consideration the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, not 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 Second Reading of the Imperial Institute Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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 upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Materials (Charges and Supply) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Bread Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice 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 Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Land Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment Bill, 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 Second Reading of the Coal Mines Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
15 Geo. V. 1st August.

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 and Measure therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measure, as follow:

1. Finance Act, 1924.
4. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1924.
5. Telegraph (Money) Act, 1924.
7. Conveyancing (Scotland) Act, 1924.
10. Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Act, 1924.
11. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1924.
12. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1924.
13. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Act, 1924.
14. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1924.
15. Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women, Glasgow, Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
17. Rothesay Tramways (Amendment) Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
22. London and North Eastern Railway Act, 1924.
24. Morecambe Corporation Act, 1924.
26. London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1924.
27. Manchester Ship Canal Act, 1924.
29. London County Council (Money) Act, 1924.
31. Southend Waterworks Act, 1924.
32. Brighton Corporation Water Act, 1924.
33. Thames Conservancy Act, 1924.
34. Birmingham Corporation Act, 1924.
35. Southern Railway Act, 1924.
36. London County Council (Lambeth Bridge) Act, 1924.
Monday, 4th August 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords], be read the third time this evening, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Scarisbrick Estate Drainage 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.

ORDERED, That the Lanarkshire Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this evening, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rhymney and Aber Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 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, 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 read, for the Second Reading of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Edinburgh Corporation Water Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Air Force.

Mr. Leach presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Note on the Method of Employment of the Air Arm in Iraq.

Mr. Leach also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917,—

(1) amending the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order of the 26th January 1921, relative to Airmen's Emoluments;

(2) amending His Majesty's Order of 3rd October 1921, relative to the payment of pensions and gratuities to widows and of allowances to children and dependent relatives of Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and other Airmen of the Royal Air Force.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Diseases of Animals Acts.

Mr. BIRCH presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 25th July 1924, amending the Animals (Landing from Ireland, Channel Islands, and Isle of Man) Order of 1923.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Post Office (Telegraphs.)

Mr. Hartshorn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Telephone Regulations, 1924, dated 24th June 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Draft of Proposed General Treaty between Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, London, August 1924.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Ordered, That the Dock and Waterside Dock and Labour (Decasualisation) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Old Age Pensions Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pensions (Increase) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office Post Office (London) Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the St. Helen's Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the West Cheshire West Cheshire Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Corporations (Bridge) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Croydon Croydon Corporation Bill.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Blackpool; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Blackpool Order) Bill [Lords], was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
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 being read, for the Third Reading of the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords]:

And a Motion being 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.—(Mr. Maxton):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the f Mr. Maxton, Yeas, 62.

Tellers for the f Mr. Buchanan, Noes, 147.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being again proposed;

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. Stephen.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

The Chairman of Ways and Means rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.:

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 f Sir Samuel Chapman, Yeas, 119.

Tellers for the f Mr. Nicholl, Noes, 99.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Lanarkshire Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Postponed Proceeding on the Question, That the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill be now read a second time, was resumed.

And the Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 5th August 1924:

Mr. Hope Simpson moved, That the Debate Mr. Speaker be now adjourned: but Mr. 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 notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at two minutes before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning without a Question first put, till this day.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the West Cheshire Water Bill, House of the 21st day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West Cheshire 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, pursuant to the Order of the Newcastle-Upon-Tyne and Gateshead Corporations (Bridge) 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, pursuant to the Order of the Croydon Corporation 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 Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 228 and 243 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, 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 Edinburgh Corporation Water Order Confirmation 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.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on the Employment of Policewomen.

Copy of the Factories Bill giving references to corresponding provisions of existing Acts, and indicating the provisions of the Bill which are new or make substantial alterations.

Mr. Secretary Henderson 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 of State for the Home Department:-

City and County Borough of Manchester.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Trevelyan presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report of the Committee of the Privy Council for Scientific and Industrial Research for the year 1923-24.

Mr. Trevelyan also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copies of Orders in Council under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, and the Auxiliary Air Force Reserve Act, 1924.

Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1899, dated 25th July 1924, entitled:—

(1) The Air Force Reserve Order, 1924 (Provisional).

(2) The Auxiliary Air Force Order, 1924 (Provisional).

Copy of Order in Council under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, dated 25th July 1924, entitled the Government of Ireland (County Antrim Registration of Title) Order, 1924 (Provisional).


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham presented.—Return to an Order dated the 14th day of April last for a Return relative to Steamships Subsidies.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, VoL. 179.

—Account showing the Money issued from the Consolidated Fund under the provisions of the Pacific Cable Act, 1901, and of the Money received, expended, and borrowed, and Securities created under the said Act, to 31st March 1924, with a Copy of the Report of the Pacific Cable Board.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 30th July Supplementary 1924, declaring Medan to be an unhealthy place within the meaning of the Supersanation Act, 1876.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Treaty Series Command.—Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and Spain regulating the treatment of Companies. Signed at Madrid, 27th June 1924.

Copy of Treaty of Commerce and Navigation Treaty Series between the United Kingdom and the Polish (No. 36, 1924.) Republic. Signed at Warsaw, 28th November 1923. (Ratifications exchanged at Warsaw, 16th June 1924.)

Copy of Memorandum relative to Germans Treaty Series in the Mandated Territory of South-West Africa. London, 23rd October 1923.

Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Treaty Series Kingdom and France agreeing to the ratification (No. 28. 1924.) of the Protocol defining the Boundary between French Equatorial Africa and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, together with the Protocol. (With two Maps.) London, 21st January 1924.

Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Treaty Series Kingdom and Italy approving an Agreement (No. 26, 1924.) for the rectification of a Section of the Eritrea Frontier. (With Map.)

Copy of Correspondence respecting the with- Mexico (No. 1, 1923.) drawal of Mr. H. A. C. Cummins from Mexico, 1924.)

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 Amendments made by this House to the Hastings Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hastings Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Taf Fechan Water Supply Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hastings Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Tynemouth Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the House.

Mr. Herbert Morrison accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the demolition of dwelling-houses, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the President of the Law Amendment, Board of Trade to refuse the use of the word British by limited liability companies and to impose limitations upon its use: And that Mr. Remer, Mr. Sandeman, Mr. Hall Caine, and Mr. Harwood do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Remer accordingly presented a Bill to Companies give powers to the President of the Law Amendment, Trade to refuse the use of the word British by limited liability companies and to impose limitations upon its use: The Bill was read, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of this instant August; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Local proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the prevention of vexatious candidatures for local government authorities.

—(Mr. Rawson): And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who (S.O. No. 11,) opposed it. Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yea, Mr. Rayson.
Mr. Speaker, (Sir Kingsley Wood.) 139.
Tellers for the No, Mr. Viant.
Mr. Duke. 190.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Consolidated Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill be resumed at this day's Sitting.—(Mr. Clynes.)

The Order being read, for resuming the Consolidated adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant August, That the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill be now read a second 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 a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Health Insurance Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 134 agreed to.

Schedules No. 1 to No. 7 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Arbitration Clauses (Protocol) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the China Indemnity (Application) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill [Lords] 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. Frederick Hall.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing 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 Housing (Scotland) 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 Town Planning 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 Town Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Town Councils into consideration the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Administration of Justice into consideration the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lanarkshire Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended. (The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

A Motion was 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 the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Dickson.)

And the Question being 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 Yeas, 

[Mr. Buchanan, 116.]

[Mr. Westwood, 114.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill 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 Order of the day being read, for the Factories Bill, Second Reading of the Factories Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Free State Land Purchase (Loan Guarantee) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Imperial Institute Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
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 upon Thursday next.

British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Criminal Justice Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Roads Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Building Materials (Charges and Supply) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Materials (Charges and Supply) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Canals (Continuance of Charging Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canals (Continuance of Charging Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Sale of Bread Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Bread Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Coal Mines Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Resolved. That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Oxford Gaslight and Coke Company, which was presented on the 24th July and published, be approved, with the following modification:—

Clause 33, sub-clause (1), paragraph (b), omit "as provided by," and insert "the lands described in the Second Schedule to this Order and to the extent provided in."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved. That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Settle Gas Company, which was presented on the 24th July and published, be approved, and to the extent provided in, be submitted to the House for consideration upon Thursday next.

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Company, Limited, which was presented on the 24th July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1926, on the application of the Sheffield Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 24th July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Stanton and the Parishes of Gravely and Knollworth, in the Rural District of Hitchin, in the County of Hertford, which was presented on the 23rd day of June 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Parishes of Westgate-on-Sea and Birchington, in the Rural District of the Isle of Thanet, in the County of Kent, which was presented on the 10th day of July 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Marlborough and part of the Rural District of Marlborough, both in the County of Wilts, which was presented on the 21st day of July 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural Districts of Barnsley, Rotherham and Pontefract and Thorne, and parts of the Boroughs of Knottingley, Royston, and Tickhill, the Rural Districts of Barnsley, Rotherham and Wortley, all in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 23rd day of June 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Conisbrough, Darfield, Hemsworth, Knottingley, Royston, and Tickhill, the Rural Districts of Doncaster, Kiveton Park, Pontefract and Thorne, and parts of the Rural Districts of Barnsley, Rotherham and Wortley, all in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 23rd day of June 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Barnsley, Rotherham and Wortley, all in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 23rd day of June 1924, be approved.—(Mr. Gosling.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Parkinson)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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Mr. Barnes rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

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And the Question being put:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, 144.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Barnes, 72.]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Twelve minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 6th August 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the Tynemouth Corporation Bill, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tynemouth Corporation 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 Second Reading of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords] ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public Petitions, Vide Third Report.

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the direction Road Fund, of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Report on the Administration of the Road Fund for 1923-24.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 6th August 1924, relative to the Gift to the Empress of Ethiopia of the Crown of the Emperor Theodore. 3 B 2
Immediate Life Annuities.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Tables for the Grant of Immediate Life Annuities, together with a Statement of the Rules observed in constructing them.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Cuba (No. 2, 1924.)

Mr. Ponsonby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the Cuban Government respecting the ill treatment of British West Indian Labourers in Cuba (in continuation of Cuba (No. 1, 1924).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Trade Boards Acts.

Mr. Shaw presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th August 1924, made by the Minister of Labour under Section 11 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, entitled—

(1) The Trade Boards (Retail Bespoke Tailoring Trade, England and Wales) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1924;
(2) The Trade Boards (Retail Bespoke Tailoring Trade, Scotland) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1924;
(3) The Trade Boards (Retail Bespoke Tailoring Trade, Great Britain) (Revocation) Regulations, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Merchant Shipping.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 6th August 1924, made by the Board of Trade under Section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Legitimacy Bill.

Mr. Secretary Thomas, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clynes, and Mr. Secretary Henderson, presented a Bill to confirm a certain Agreement supplementing Article twelve of the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland to which the force of Law was given by the Irish Free State (Agreement) Act, 1922, and by the Constitution of the Irish Free State (Saorstat Eireann) Act, 1922: 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 empower local Education Authorities to make provision for continued school attendance, and for purposes connected therewith:

And that Mr. Edmund Harvey, Viscountess Astor, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Percy Harris, Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Raffety, Mr. Ryle, Mrs. Wintringham, and Mr. Graham White do prepare and bring in.

Mr. Edmund Harvey accordingly presented a Education Bill to empower local Education Authorities Bill, to make provision for continued school attendance, and for purposes connected therewith:

And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 30th day of September next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Govern- ment Business be exempted, at this day's the House, sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Clynes.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do meet to-morrow, at the House, Eleven of the clock; that no Questions shall be taken after Twelve of the clock; that Mr. Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he shall have reported the Royal Assent to the Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses; but that, subject to this condition, Mr. Speaker, at Five of the clock, shall adjourn the House without Question put.—(Mr. Clynes); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
The Noses to the Left:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Warne :
Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Ernest Brown :

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to London take into consideration the Reason assigned by the Lords for insisting on one of their Amendment, to the London Traffic Bill, to which this House has agreed.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on its disagreement to the Lords' Amendment on which the Lords insist, but proposes to amend the said Amendment by leaving out the word "thirty," and inserting the words "twenty-eight," instead thereof.—(Mr. Gosling.)

Ordered, that the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House doth not insist on its disagreement to the Amendment made by the Lords on which the Lords have insisted, but proposes an Amendment to the said Lords' Amendment, to which Amendment this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 5, l. 5, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 5, l. 3, after ("tenants"), insert ("who are members of the working classes and "), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Wednesley.)—It passed in the Negative.
Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 5, l. 39, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 5, l. 39, leave out ("in the aggregate"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 8, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 6, l. 8, at end, insert ("that no fine, premium or other like sum shall be taken in addition to the rent; and "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 8, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 8, l. 21, leave out ("seven"), and insert ("six"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 9, l. 5, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 9, l. 5, after ("engaged") insert ("whether as employers or workers"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 9, l. 17, leave out ("seven"), and insert ("six"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended by inserting after the word "six" the words "after the first day of October in that year".—(Mr. Wheatley). And, it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the Lords' Amendment so amended was agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill in p. 9, l. 18, by leaving out the word "any" and inserting the word "each".—(Mr. Wheatley).—instead thereof.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 9, l. 18, leave out ("third"), and insert ("second"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Consequential Amendments were made to the Bill in p. 9, l. 18, by leaving out the words "next succeeding," and inserting the words "next period of," instead thereof.—(Mr. Wheatley.)

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 9, l. 21, leave out ("three"), and insert ("two"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Consequential Amendments were made to the Bill in p. 9, l. 25, by inserting, after the word "years", the words "ending on that day", in l. 33, by leaving out from the word "the" to the word "date" in l. 35, and in l. 36, by leaving out the words "as the case may be".—(Mr. Wheatley.)

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 10, l. 11, leave out ("the Commons House"), and insert ("both Houses"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 10, l. 11, after ("Minister") insert ("shall require the adoption of the said new material or method of construction to be reconsidered for that purpose by the local authority and in the event of their failure without reasonable cause to adopt the same"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 11, l. 16, after ("may") and insert ("shall"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive Special Entry, their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 12, after Clause 13, insert new Clause A (Agreements between London County Council and Metropolitan Borough Councils), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive Special Entry, their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in the First Schedule, p. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in First Schedule, p. 15, leave out from the beginning of l. 4, to the end of l. 7, and insert,—

"(1925) - 90,000
1927 - 110,000
1929 - 135,000
1931 - 170,000
1933 - 210,000
1935 - 225,000
1937 - 225,000")

the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

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.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Paling, Mr. Egan, Mr. Ernest Simon, Lord Eustace Percy, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee. (Mr. Warne): And they are to withdraw immediately.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Agricultural Agricultural Wages Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Rhymney made by this House to the Rhymney and Aber Gas and Aber Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Manchester made by this House to the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Warne): And they are to withdraw immediately.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.

(in the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 7 agreed to.

Schedules A, B and C 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;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Sir Lowring Worthington-Evans.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Mr. Paling reported from the Committee on the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, That they had agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: and the same were read as follow:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 5, l. 5, and in p. 6, l. 24, for the following Reason—

Because they consider that the Amendments would exclude classes of persons to whom the houses might properly be let.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 5, l. 39, lines 39 and 40, l. 43, p. 8 both Amendments in l. 21, l. 24, lines 26 and 27, p. 10, lines 11 and 12, l. 13, and in p. 15, l. 4, for the following Reason—

Because the Amendments would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons.

And the Commons do not offer any further Reason trusting that the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The said Reasons, 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 certain of the Amendments made by the Lords, hath agreed to one of their Amendments with an Amendment thereunto, hath disagreed to certain other of their Amendments, for which disagreement they assign Reasons, and hath made consequential Amendments to the Bill; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Thomas Williams 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 Agricultural Wages Bill; That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had 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. 3, l. 17, to leave out Clause 6, for the following Reason—
Because they consider that it is desirable that the Minister should have power to require a Committee to reconsider a minimum rate in view of circumstances that may not have been considered when the rate was fixed.

They disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords, in p. 9, l. 7, and in p. 9, l. 9, for the following Reason—
Because they consider that the proposed consultation is unnecessary and would be likely to cause delay and impede the establishment of the first committees.

They disagree to the first Amendment made by the Lords, in p. 11, l. 23, for the following Reason—
Because they consider that the inclusion of persons in the definition of "able-bodied man" should not be made conditional upon their having attained a specified age.

They disagree to the second Amendment made by the Lords, in p. 11, l. 23, for the following Reason—
Because they consider that the exclusion of persons from the definition of "able-bodied man" should be based on the incapacities specified in the words proposed to be omitted.

The said Reasons, 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 certain of the Amendments made by the Lords, hath disagreed to certain other of their Amendments, for which disagreement they assign Reasons, and hath made an Amendment to the Bill in lieu of one of the Amendments made by the Lords; to which Amendment this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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 Amendment made by this House to the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, by their Lordships;

They disagree to the first Amendment made by the Lords, in p. 11, I. 17, to leave out Clause 6, for the following Reason—

Because they consider that it is desirable that the Minister should have power to require a Committee to reconsider a minimum rate in view of circumstances that may not have been considered when the rate was fixed.

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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 House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration:

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 thesaid Amendments into consideration:

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 China Indemnity (Application) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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(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 Order of the day being read, for the Housing Bill Second Reading of the Housing Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Second Reading of the Housing (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Town Planning Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Town Second Reading of the Town Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Summary Jurisdiction and Maintenance) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Seeds Act (1920) Amendment Bill.  
(In the Committee.)
Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.  
Clause No. 2 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 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 4) 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 Shops 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 Liquor Traffic Local Option (England and Wales) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vinegar 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 Vivisection (Prevention of Public Expenditure) 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 Dogs’ Protection 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 Roadside Petrol Pumps 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 Local Government and other Officers’ Superannuation Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 30th day of September next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dock and Waterside Labour (Decasualisation) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 30th day of September next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act (1921) Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Port of London Authority 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 Motorways 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 Rabbits and Rooks 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 Motor Car Races Bill;  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Suicide 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 Elizabeth Fry Refuge and Refuge for the Destitute Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee, was read and discharged.  
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.  
(Mr. Robert Richardson.)

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 ten minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
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Thursday, 7th August 1924.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Electricity Supply Company Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of October next.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifteenth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended 31st March 1924.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of October next.

Mr. William Graham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account 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 for the year ended 31st December 1923 and of the Fund for the Banks for Savings for the year ended 26th November 1923 and the Fund for Friendly Societies for the year ended 29th November 1923.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 30th July 1924, entitled the Glasgow (Merklands) Imported Animals Wharf Order of 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 6th day of this instant August, That the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation ) 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 Mr. Speaker's request, the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill Certificate 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.

JOHN HENRY WHITLEY,
Speaker.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday 28th October, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with His Majesty's Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at any earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time, and any Orders of the Day and Notices of Motions that may stand on the Order Book for the 28th day of October or any subsequent day shall be appointed for the day on which the House shall so meet. 

—(Mr. Clynes.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in 1, 2, by leaving out the words "this day," and inserting the word "to-morrow"—(Mr. Edmund Harvey),—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 Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, (Mr. Warne: 157.
Mr. Clynes.)

Tellers for the Captain Berkeley,
Noes, Mr. Edmund Harvey: 77.

So it was decided in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday 28th October, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with His Majesty's Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at any earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time, and any Orders of the Day and Notices of Motions that may stand on the Order Book for the 28th day of October or any subsequent day shall be appointed for the day on which the House shall so meet, 

Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation ) Bill.
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:

Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Parkinson):

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to Acts which are 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:

1. Appropriation Act, 1924.
3. Old Age Pensions Act, 1924.
6. Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Act, 1924.
7. Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924.
10. Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1924.
12. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1924.
13. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1924.
17. Edinburgh Corporation Water Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
24. Lanarkshire Hydro-Electric Power Act, 1924.

NOTICE given by Mr. Speaker pursuant to Resolution of the House of 7th August.

House of Commons.

I, John Henry Whitley, Speaker of the House of Commons, do hereby give notice that I am satisfied, after consulting with His Majesty's Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time than the 28th day of October.

By virtue, therefore, of the Resolution of the House of Commons of the 7th day of August last, I now give notice that the House shall meet on Tuesday, the 30th day of September.

Given under my hand this the 19th day of September 1924.

J. H. Whitley,
Speaker.

Tuesday, 30th September 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Committee of the Whole House on the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Electricity Supply Company Bill (Lords):

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill (Lords):

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of October next.

27. West Cheshire Water Act, 1924.
29. Croydon Corporation Act, 1924.
30. Tynemouth Corporation Act, 1924.
31. Scarisbrick Estate Drainage Act, 1924.
Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment.)

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty’s Command during the Summer Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95:

Treaty Series (No. 30, 1924.)

Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and Finland in regard to the Reciprocal Recognition of Tonnage Measurement Certificates of British and Finnish Ships, and Notes exchanged with regard to exclusion of Finland from scope of the Agreement, Signed at Helsingfors, 21st June 1924;

Treaty Series (No. 31, 1924.)

Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Japan respecting the Abrogation of Article 8 of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Japan of 3rd April 1911, and the Schedule annexed thereto, London, 14th July 1924;

Treaty Series (No. 32, 1924.)

Copy of Protocols of Amendments to Article 16 of the Covenant of the League of Nations, adopted by the Second Assembly of the League, 4th October 1921 [British Ratification deposited 12th August 1924];

Treaty Series (No. 33, 1924.)

Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Belgium accepting the conditions of the Agreement providing for direct telegraphic communication between the Belgian Congo and the Uganda Protectorate, and the Agreement. Brussels, 29th July 1924;

Treaty Series (No. 34, 1924.)

Copy of Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and Finland, Signed at Helsingfors, 14th December 1923. [Ratifications exchanged at Helsingfors, 4th July 1924];

Treaty Series (No. 35, 1924.)

Copy of Treaty of Commerce between the United Kingdom and the Czechoslovak Republic and accompanying Declaration. Signed at London, 14th July 1923. [Ratifications exchanged at London, 4th September 1924];

Treaty Series (No. 36, 1924.)

Copy of Agreements concluded between (1) the Allied Governments and the German Government, concerning the Agreement of 9th August 1924 between the German Government and the Reparation Commission; (2) the Allied Governments and the German Government, to carry out the Experts’ Plan of 9th April 1924; (3) the Allied Governments, to carry out the Experts’ Plan of 9th April 1924; and (4) the Governments represented on the Reparation Commission, to modify Annex II. to Part VIII. of the Treaty of Versailles. Signed at London, 30th August 1924;

Russia (No. 3, 1924.)

Copy of Text of Draft of proposed General Treaty between Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [As it stood when negotiations were suspended on 3rd August 1924];

Russia (No. 4, 1924.)

Copy of General Treaty between Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Signed at London, 30th August 1924. [Ratification has not yet been effected];

Russia (No. 5, 1924.)

Copy of Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Signed at London, 9th August 1924. [Ratification has not yet been effected];

Latvia (No. 1, 1924.)

Copy of Treaty between the United Kingdom and the Latvian Republic for the extradition of fugitive criminals. Signed at Riga, 16th July 1924. [Ratification has not yet been effected];

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Copy of Convention between the British Lithuanian Empire, France, Italy, Japan, and Lithuania respecting the Memel Territory and the Statute of the Memel Territory. Signed at Paris, 8th May 1924. [Ratification has not yet been effected];

Copy of Convention and Additional Protocol Rhineland drawn up by the Central Commission of the Rhine to replace certain Articles of the Convention of 17th October 1868 and the Convention of 4th June 1898, regarding Rhineland Navigation Certificates. Strasbourg, 14th December 1922 and 22nd December 1923. [Ratification has not yet been effected];

Copy of Minutes of the London Conference Reparations on Reparations, August 1922;

Copy of Royal Warrant, dated 2nd September 1924, to amend the Royal Warrants of Pensions, 27th July 1920 and 26th July 1923 for the retired pay of Officers (Army) disabled, and for the pensions of the families and relatives of Officers deceased, and for the pensions of Nurses disabled and of the relatives of Nurses deceased, in consequence of the Great War;

Copy of Royal Warrant, dated 2nd September 1924, to amend the Royal Warrant of Pensions, December 1919, for the pensions of soldiers disabled and the families of soldiers deceased in consequence of the Great War;

Copy of List of Exceptions to the Regulation as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances, sanctioned during the year ended 31st March 1924;

Copy of Report to the Ministry of Transport Railway upon the Accidents that occurred on the Railways of Great Britain during the year 1923;

Copy of First Report of the Royal Fine Art St. Paul’s Commission on the proposed St. Paul’s Bridge;

Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inventroy the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of England, Eighth Interim Report. The Ancient Monuments of London (Westminster Abbey);

Copy of Statistics as to the operation and licensing administration of the Laws relating to the sale of Intoxicating Liquor in England and Wales for the year 1923;

Copy of Report by a Court of Inquiry under the Industrial Courts Act, 1919, concerning the dispute at Covent Garden and the threatened stoppage of work at the ports and elsewhere arising therefrom;

Copy of Statement relating to the employment of ex-Service Men in Government Offices employed in Government in 1st July 1919 and 1st August 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury; Office;

Copies of Statements showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st August 1924 and 1st September 1924, respectively, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury;

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 29th August 1924, relative to the German Reparation Recovery Act, 1921;

Copy of Extracts from Parliamentary Debates, Irish Command Papers, &c., relevant to questions arising out of Articles XI. and XII. of the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, dated 6th December 1921;

Copy of Report of the Colonial Research Committee for 1923;
Copy of Tenth Annual Report of the General Board of Control for Scotland under the Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1913.

Copy of Forty-second Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, for the year 1923;

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the several British Overseas Dominions and Protectorates in each year from 1907 to 1921. Fifty-sixth Number:

Copy of Interim Report of the Imperial Shipping Committee on Rates of Freight on Canadian Flour in the North Atlantic;

Copy of Interim Report of the Imperial Shipping Committee on Canadian Marine Insurance Rates;

Copy of Report of the Imperial Shipping Committee on the prospective size of vessels in the Eastern and Australian Trades via Suez in relation to proposals for the deepening of Colombo Harbour;

Copy of Report, for the months of July and August 1924, of the Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committee appointed to survey the prices of Building Materials;

Copy of Report by Sir Thomas H. Mottram, c.b.e., on the causes of, and circumstances attending, the underground haulage accident which occurred at the Nunnery Colliery, near Sheffield, on 3rd December 1923.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shaw presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th August 1924, made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Compensation of Periods) Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 19th September 1924, made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Compensation of Periods) Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 19th September 1924, made under the Unemployment Insurance Act (No. 2) Act, 1924, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Compensation for Refund) Regulations, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Registrar General's Statistical Reviews of England and Wales for the year 1923. (New Annual Series, No. 3). Tables, Part I., Medical.

Copy of amending Regulations as to Stock, made under the Metropolis Water Act, 1902.

Copy of Regulations, dated 26th September 1924, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Amendment Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 12th September 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Census, 1921 (1) Classification of Census, 1921, Occupations; (2) Ecclesiastical Areas (England); and (3) Classification of Industries.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report on an application by the Winchester Water and Gas Company to the Board of Trade under the Public Utility Companies (Capital Issues) Act, 1920.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to Criminal Proceedings, Police, Coroners, Prisons, and Criminal Lunatics for England and Wales for the year 1922.

Mr. Secretary Henderson also presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Licence under the Penal Servitude Acts granted to a Convict, discharging her from Liverpool Convict Prison on condition that she enters a home.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Thomas presented, pursuant to Pensions the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th August 1924, made by the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Copy of Amendment to the Indian Civil Service (Administration) Rules.

Copy of Amendment to the Indian Legislative Councils.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Richard presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th August 1924, made by the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Copy of Revised Regulations for admission to the Indian Civil Service Open Competition held in the United Kingdom.

Copy of Amendment to the Indian Legislative Rules.

Copy of Amendments to the Indian Legislative Rules and Rules of Business of Provincial Legislative Councils.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shiwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Reports of His Majesty's Inspectors of Mines under the Coal Mines Act, 1911, the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875, and the Quarries Act, 1894, for the year 1923.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, and Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Act, 1924, dated 12th August 1924, entitled the Ottoman Order in Council, 1924.
15 Geo. V. 30th September.


Copy of Orders in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894, dated 12th August 1924—

(1) approving Rules submitted by the Humber Conservancy Board;
(2) increasing Light Does in the northern part of the Menai Straits; and
(3) entitled the Northern Lighthouse Board (Variation of Establishment) Order, 1924.

Copies of Orders in Council, under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 12th August 1924, approving Admiralty Memorials praying sanction to—

(1) Regulations for retired pay of certain Officers of Royal Marines; and
(2) Proposal that no charge be made against Royal Marine Officers maintained in hospital at the expense of the Crown.

Copies of Orders in Council, under the Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Act, 1924, dated 12th August 1924, entitled—

(1) The Treaty of Peace (Turkey) Order, 1924; and
(2) The India Peace Treaty (Turkey) Order, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Frederick Roberts presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the War Pensions Act, 1921, dated 4th September 1924, made by the Minister of Pensions, entitled the Lincoln and Grimsby (War Pensions Committees) Orders Amendment Order, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Trevelyan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th August 1924, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Board of Education (University Scholarships, Wales, Amending) Regulations (No. 1) 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 7th August 1924, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Science Awards Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th July 1924, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Board of Education (University Scholarships, England, Amending) Regulations (No. 1), 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Adamsou presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the aforementioned Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary for Scotland —

County of Lanarkshire (with Amendments);
Burgh of Port Glasgow (with Amendments).

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Copy of Regulations, dated 30th September 1924, made under the Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Act, 1924, entitled the Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Regulations, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Leach presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of War Pensions Committees) Orders Amending) Regulations (No. 1) 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, revising the Regulations relating to pay, half-pay, and retired pay of Officers of the Royal Air Force contained in His Majesty’s Order of 17th September 1919 and subsequent Orders, and the Regulations appended to certain of such Orders.

Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, amending His Majesty’s Order of 23rd May 1923 relative to the payment of disability retired pay to Officers invalided from the Reserve of Air Force Officers, and of pensions and gratuities to widows and of allowances to children and other dependent relatives of Officers of the Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baxton presented, pursuant to the Diseases of Animals Acts,—Copies of Four Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts,—

(1) dated 6th September 1924, amending the Animals (Landing from Ireland, Channel Islands, and Isle of Man) Order of 1923 with respect to fat swine from Ireland;
(2) dated 15th September 1924, revoking an Order (No. 1,176) dated 19th October 1922;
(3) dated 15th September 1924, relating to the importation of Canadian cattle;
(4) dated 20th September 1924, entitled the Manchester Imported Animals Wharf Order of 1924 (No. 2).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Kempston, and parts of the Rural Districts of Bedford and Biggleswade, all in the County of Bedford, and for the amendment of the Bedford Electric Lighting Order, 1890.
Copy of Order under the Motor Car Acts, dated 15th September 1924, revoking the Motor Cars Regulation (County of Midlothian) (No. 1) Order, 1905, so far as it relates to Groathill Road, City of Edinburgh.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Scheme under the Union of Benefices Acts for effecting the unions (1) of the benefice of Westbere with a portion of the benefice of Sturry; (2) of the said benefice of Sturry with a portion of the said benefice of Westbere; and (3) of the said benefice of Sturry with the benefice of Fordwich; all of which benefices are in the County of Kent and diocese of Canterbury.

Copy of the Industrial Assurance (Deposits, &c.) Rules, 1924, dated 30th August 1924, made by the Industrial Assurance Commissioner under the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, as amended by the Industrial Assurance Act, 1923.

Copy of Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1922. Part B, Industrial and Provident Societies.

The Right Honourable Sir Alfred Moritz Mood, Baronet, Member for the County of Carmarthen (Carmarthen Division), was sworn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had issued, during the Adjournment, a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the County of Devon and diocese of Exeter.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That during the remainder of the Session—

(1) Government Business do have precedence;

(2) At the conclusion of Government Business or of Proceedings made in pursuance of any Act of Parliament requiring any Order, Rule, or Regulation to be laid before the House of Commons, which shall be taken immediately after 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 Friday the House, unless it otherwise resolves, shall at its rising stand adjourned until the following Monday.

The Order of the day being read for the Irish Free State (Constitutional Agreement) 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, while desirous of forwarding a constitutional and lasting settlement of the question of the boundary between the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland, declines to proceed with a Bill which might enable territory to be transferred from the Irish Free State to Northern Ireland or from Northern Ireland to the Irish Free State without the consent of the Parliament to whom jurisdiction over that territory has been granted by the Imperial Parliament"—(Mr. Reid), 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;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Bill Second Reading of the Housing Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Employment Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imperial Institute Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Planning Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imperial Institute Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Free State Land Purchase (Loan Guarantee) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Building Materials (Charges and Supply) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Land Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canals (Charges and Supply) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canals (Continuance of Charging Powers) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imperial Institute Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of theBOOT  BILLS [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Returns Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Buildings (Charges and Supply) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Representation of the People Act (1918) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Washing and Drying Accommodation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Guardianship of Infants Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reorganisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures (Measuring Instruments) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of October next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of this day, 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.

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (for Services other than those voted by Parliament), in the year ended 31st March 1924, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 26th September 1884, declaring that Mr. Joseph Charles Taylor, Boy Sorter, General Post Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Account be printed.

Mr. Burton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Wages Regulations, dated 24th September 1924, made under the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, entitled the Agricultural Wages Committees Regulations, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sydney Robinson, supported by Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. Dunnico, Mr. Crittall, Mr. Hillary, Sir Burton Chadwick, Mr. Jowitt, Mr. Patck-Pedmore, Mr. Wallhead, Mr. Foot, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Kirkwood, and Mr. Keens, presented a Bill to amend the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, supported by Mr. Samuel Roberts, Sir Burton Chadwick, Mr. Jowitt, Mr. Patck-Pedmore, Mr. Wallhead, Mr. Foot, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Kirkwood, and Mr. Keens, presented a Bill to amend the Companies (Prospectuses and Offers for Sale) Bill, 1923, and to be printed.

Major Edmondson, supported by Captain War Pensions Bosey, Captain Eden, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Wells (Amendment), Mr. Twefleyan Thomson, Captain Berkeley, and Amendment Colonel Thomas Williams, presented a Bill to amend the War Pensions Acts, 1915 to 1921, with regard to the hearing of cases by the Pensions Appeal Tribunal where the time limit for appeal has expired: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Irish Free State (Confirmation of Agreement) Bill be now read a second time.
Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and add the words "this House, while desirous of forwarding a constitutional and lasting settlement of the question of the boundary between the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland, declines to proceed with a Bill which might enable territory to be transferred from the Irish Free State to Northern Ireland or from Northern Ireland to the Irish Free State without the consent of the Parliament to whom jurisdiction over that territory has been granted by the Imperial Parliament," instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow. —(The Prime Minister.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 30th day of September 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.

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Thursday, 2nd October 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boxton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1912, to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1912, by the Councils of the Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Urban District of Barrowford and County of Cumberland (Longton District); County of York (East Riding) (Urban District of Hessle) and Urban District of Colwyn Bay and Colwyn; Borough of Acton.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Richards presented, by His Majesty's East India Command,—Copy of Explanatory Memorandum and Estimates by the Under Secretary of State for India relative to the Indian Accounts and Estimates, 1924-25.

Mr. Richards also presented, pursuant to the East India directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Constitutional Amendment of the Devolution Rules, Schedule III., paragraph 2, Clause 2(b), made under the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wheatley presented, by His Majesty's Consular Wards Command,—Copy of Survey of the Structure, Equipment, and Accommodation of Casual Wards in England and Wales (outside London).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Adamson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fifty-first Annual Report by the Accountant in Edinburgh to the Scottish Education Department.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shaw presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of proposed Order under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Postal Workers) Inclusion Order, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gosling presented, by His Majesty's Electricity Command,—Copies of Special Reports by the (Supply) Acts. Electricity Commissioners under Section 1 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888,—

(1) dispensing with the consent of the Rural District Council of Cannock in the case of the Walsall Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1924;

(2) dispensing with the consent of the Rural District Council of Cannock in the case of the Cannock Electricity (Extension, &c.) Special Order, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gosling also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Parish of Cambuslang, in the County of Lanark.
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(1) between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Portsmouth and the Urban District Council of Fareham;

(2) between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Portsmouth and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Chichester.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Irish Free State (Confirmation of Agreement) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Free State (Confirmation of Agreement) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Confirmation of Agreement). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1, 12, after the word "confirmed," to insert the words "subject to the condition that it shall be the duty of the Commissioners appointed under Article Twelve of the said Articles of Agreement for a Treaty to adjust the boundary between Northern Ireland and the rest of Ireland without substantially altering the area of Northern Ireland as fixed by the Government of Ireland Act, 1920. (Mr. Cassels.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Cassels, } Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, 207.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Parkinson, } 257.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule 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 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, {Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Parkinson, } 251.

Tellers for the Noes, {Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Captain Viscount Curzon, } 99.

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.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment, day, do adjourn till Wednesday next.—(Mr. Secretary Thomas.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Elizabeth Fry Committee on the Elizabeth Fry Refuge and the Institute Bill, resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 30th day of September 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 Wednesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

Wednesday, 8th October 1924.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S .

The following Papers, presented by His Parliamentary Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95:—

Copy of Sixty-sixth Annual Report of His Police Inspector of Constabulary for Scots (Scotland) land for 1923.

Copy of Statement relating to the employment of ex-Service Men in Government Offices made in 1st July 1919 and 1st September 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of Despatch to His Majesty's High Egypt (No. 1, Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan re: 1924) respecting the position of His Majesty's Government in regard to Egypt and the Sudan.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Healrley presented, pursuant to the Local directions of several Acts of Parliament, Government Act, 1888.

Copies of Orders confirming Orders made by the County Councils of Buckingham, Derby, Surrey, North Riding of Yorkshire, and West Riding of Yorkshire, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888.

Copy of Order relating to the Aylesbury and Poor Law Wycombe Poor Law Unions, made under the Amendment Poor Law Amendment Acts, 1834 and 1844.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Bankruptcy.

Mr. Webb presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Forty-first General Annual Report by the Board of Trade on Bankruptcy, for 1923.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Trade Facilities Acts, No. 149.

Mr. William Graham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of Guarantees which the Treasury have stated their willingness to give up to 30th September 1924 under the Trade Facilities Acts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Unemployment Insurance Acts.

Mr. Shaw presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 2nd October 1924, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Order, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Richards presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of 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 30th September 1924, with the rates of interest and total amount payable thereon, and the date of the termination of each loan, 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.

Roads Act, 1920.

Mr. Gosling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th September 1924, made under the Roads Act, 1920, by the Minister of Transport, amending the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 1921.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Law of Property Consolidation Bills.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on the Law of Property Consolidation Bills.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Copy of Report of Proceedings of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Allotments Acts, 1908 to 1922, for 1923.

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Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts,—

(1) authorising the landing of fifteen Sable Antelopes and two Lechwe Antelopes in the Port of London, dated 20th September 1924;

(2) amending the Foreign Animals Order of 1910, dated 29th September 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Walsh presented, by His Army Majesty’s Command,—Copy of General Annual Report on the British Army for the year ended 30th September 1923, with which is incorporated the Annual Report on Recruiting.

Copy of List of Exceptions to the Army Order (Pay, Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, Non-effective Allowances.) 1923-24.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Tenth Annual Report of the Board of Control for 1923 on Lunacy and Mental Deficiency.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the conduct of His Majesty’s Government in relation to the institution and subsequent withdrawal of criminal proceedings against the editor of the Workers’ Weekly is deserving of the censure of this House.—(Sir Robert Horne.)

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 “ a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the circumstances leading up to the withdrawal of the proceedings recently instituted by the Director of Public Prosecutions against Mr. Campbell ”—(Sir John Simon),—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;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. T. P. O’Connor).—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 John Simon rose in his place and claimed Closure to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declared then to put that Question:—Then assent. the House resumed the Debate.

Sir Robert Horse rose in his place and Question put claimed to move, That the Question be now put (pursuant to S.O. Closure of Debate.)

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 Mr. Spoon, Mr. Parkinson ;
Yea, 198.

Tellers for the Mr. Philippi, Mr. Rea ;
Noes, 359.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That those words be there added; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Philippi, Mr. Rea ;
Yea, 364.

Tellers for the Mr. Spoon, Mr. Frederick Hall ;
Noes, 198.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the circumstances leading up to the withdrawal of the proceedings recently instituted by the Director of Public Prosecutions against Mr. Campbell.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Private Bills which have been brought from the House of Lords in the present Session of Parliament shall have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereon in order to proceed with the same, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Committee and Private Bill Office not later than One o'clock to-morrow, and that all fees thereon due up to that period be paid.

Ordered, That every such Bill shall be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office not later than Three o'clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session.

Ordered, That Bills to confirm any Provisional Order or Certificate introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, in the present Session shall be suspended from the close of the present Session, in order to be proceeded with in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the proceedings on every such Private Bill or Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Certificate shall be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to any such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.

Ordered, That all Petitions presented in the present Session against any such Bills shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.-(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and desire their concurrence: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Standing Order 9a, relating to Private Standing Orders, was read.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Standing Order, in l. 12, by leaving out the words "or Edinburgh."—(The Deputy Chairman.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Standing Order:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as amended, be printed.

No. 150.
Mr. Wheatley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th October 1924, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Scilly Isles Insurance Committee) Amendment Regulations, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented,—Return to an Address, dated the 10th day of March last, for a Return relative to Election Expenses.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Pownoby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Proceedings of the London Reparation Conference, July and August 1924. Copy of Protocol and Resolutions adopted by the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations and Report by the First and Third Committees of the Assembly relative to Arbitration, Security, and Reduction of Armaments.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Graham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st October 1924, relative to the Disposal of Repayments of War Advances (including Relief Credits) to Allied and other Powers.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ammon presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of Exceptions to the King's Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances of the Navy, sanctioned during the year 1923–24.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—List of the Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers printed by order of the House, and of Papers presented by Command, Session 1924, with a General Alphabetical Index thereto, 33rd Parliament, First Session, 14th and 15th George V., 8th January 1924 to 9th October 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Livingstone, supported by Captain Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Masterman, Mr. Falconer, Mr. Conan-Corry, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Sir Charles Starmer, Mr. Hogge, Mr. Raffan, Mr. Foot, and Mr. Miller, presented a Bill to enable students to travel to places of education free of charge: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to 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 Irish Free State (Confirmation of Agreement) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords concur with the Resolutions communicated by this House with regard to the procedure on Private Bills necessitated by the Dissolution of Parliament.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assent. General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, to declare the Royal Assent to an Act which is 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 Commissions 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 Act therein mentioned; and the Lords thereby authorised declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as followeth:

Irish Free State (Confirmation of Agreement) Act, 1924.

And afterwards His Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of His Majesty's Commands), as followeth—

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

My relations with Foreign Powers continue to be of a friendly nature.

The acceptance of the Dawes Report by the Powers concerned was confirmed by the Conference held in London in July and August, when practical measures required in order to allow of the recommendations being put into force were unanimously approved. This happy result is due to the broadminded spirit of co-operation with which the very difficult problems involved were approached by the Powers concerned. I believe that this settlement will contribute largely to the restoration of international commerce, on which the material prosperity of this Country so largely depends.

Following the close understanding reached between the British and French Delegations at Geneva, the fifth Assembly of the League of Nations by formulating proposals for dealing with the problem of general arbitration and security has made an important advance on the road to the reduction of armaments. The issue of its discussions has been embodied in a protocol which will be laid before Parliament as soon as possible, and which it is hoped will lead to the first practical measures for lightening the heavy burdens under which the nations are suffering.

My Government have renewed diplomatic relations with the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and have concluded with the government of the Union the two Treaties which have been laid before you. These Treaties have for their object the re-establishment of political and commercial ties between Great Britain and Russia as a necessary element in the general pacification and economic reconstruction of Europe.

Under the terms of the Treaty the question of the frontier between Turkey and Iraq has been referred to the Council of the League of Nations, who have decided to appoint a special Commission to report to them on the matter
Pending a final settlement both parties have undertaken to maintain the status quo on the frontier.

I regret that, as explained in a paper recently laid before you, the informal discussions with the Prime Minister of Egypt did not lead to negotiations which might have resulted in the conclusion of a satisfactory agreement. In the absence of such agreement the position of My Country in relation to Egypt will continue to be governed by the policy adopted when the Protectorate was withdrawn.

Steps have been taken by My Ministers in conjunction with the Governments of My Dominions for the formation of a committee to devise means for the more efficient marketing in this Country of various articles of food.

Members of the House of Commons,
I thank you for the provision you have made for the public service.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,
Though there are, I am glad to say, signs of distinct improvement in some of the principal industries and in certain branches of trade and commerce, severe depression continues. My Ministers have been actively engaged in the development of a constructive policy with a view to stimulating industry and encouraging trade as the only means of dealing fundamentally with the unemployment from which a large proportion of our fellow-citizens are still suffering. Meanwhile the measures taken by My Ministers for the provision of increased and continuous unemployment benefit have not only lightened the burden upon the ratepayers in the most necessitous areas, but have also alleviated the sufferings of the innocent victims of industrial depression.

The measures taken by My Ministers, with the support of Parliament, to enable local authorities and the building industry to engage in a fifteen years' uninterrupted building programme will, I hope, afford an effective remedy for the serious overcrowding which continues to be a source of grievous harm to the character and physique of many hundreds of thousands of My people.

Steps have also been taken by My Government to assist agriculture by loans to farmers' co-operative societies and by increasing grants-in-aid of agricultural education and research. An Act has also been passed to regulate the wages of agricultural labourers in England and Wales.

The taking of a new Census of Production, together with various other inquiries which have been set on foot, will, I hope, afford valuable indications of the directions in which the industrial and commercial organisation of the country can be improved.

The advance of educational development has been freed from the restrictions recently imposed upon it and the lines for further progress have been laid down towards a more universal system of secondary education.

In bidding you farewell, I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your labours.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords and Members,
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 Friday the Thirty-first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Friday the Thirty-first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.
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