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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 Friday, the thirty-first day of October 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 Friday, the thirty-first day of October 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 eighteenth day of November next: which Writs are to be returnable in due course of Law.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this ninth day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS by Our Royal Proclamation of the ninth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, dissolving the late Parliament, We did require Writs to be issued by Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom called Great Britain, and Our Governor of Northern Ireland respectively, for causing the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons who are to serve in the new Parliament to be duly returned to, and give their attendance in, Our said Parliament on the eighteenth day of November instant, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare that the said Parliament be prorogued from the said eighteenth day of November instant, to which it now stands summoned, to Tuesday, the second day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, 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 eighteenth day of November instant.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.
The Parliament begun and held at the City of Westminster, on Tuesday, the second day of December, in the fifteenth 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:

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

Members of the House of Commons,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission 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
2nd December.

1924.

beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith : 
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 the Church, We did order a 
certain Parliament to be held at Our City of 
Westminster on Tuesday the eighteenth day 
of November instant, and have prorogued Our 
said Parliament from the said Tuesday the 
eighteenth day of November to Tuesday the 
second day of December next : And for such 
as for divers causes and considerations We 
cannot conveniently be present in Our Royal 
Person in Our said Parliament upon the said 
Tuesday the second day of December next; 
know ye that We, trusting in the fidelity, 
discretion, and care of Our most dear and 
entirely beloved Son and most faithful Coun-
sellor Edward Albert Christian George Andrew 
Patrick David Prince of Wales; Our most 
dear and entirely beloved Uncle and most 
faithful Councillor Arthur William Edward 
Albert Duke of Connaught and Strathearn; 
the most Reverend Father in God and Our 
faithful Councillor Randall Thomas Archbishop 
of Canterbury, Primate of All England and 
Metropolitan, and Our faithful Councillors 
hereafter mentioned, by the advice of Our 
said Council, do give and grant by the tenor 
of these Presents unto the said Edward 
Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David 
Prince of Wales; Arthur William Patrick 
Albert Duke of Connaught and Strathearn; 
Randall Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury, 
Our most dear Cousin and Councillor George 
Viscount Cave Chancellor of that part of 
Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and 
Ireland called Great Britain: the most Rever-
end Father in God and Our faithful Councillor 
Cosmo Gordon Archbishop of York, Primate of 
England and Metropolitan; Our most dear 
Cousins and Councillors George Nathaniel 
Marquis Curzon of Kedleston, Lord President 
of Our Council, James Edward Hubert Marquis 
of Salisbury, Keeper of Our Privy Seal, Victor 
Christian William Duke of Devonshire, Charles 
Richard John Duke of Marlborough, William 
John Arthur Charles James Duke of Portland, 
John Henry Duke of Atholl, Viscount Sydney 
Marquis of Huntly; Henry Charles Keith Marquis 
of Lansdowne, Thomas Henry Marquis of Bath, 
Lawrence Marquis of Zetland, Robert Offley 
Ashburton Marquis of Craven, Charles Robert 
Marquis of Lincolnshire, John Campbell Marquis 
of Aberdeen and Ternair, Anthony Earl of 
Shaftesbury, Steward of Our Household, Row-
land Thomas Earl of Cromer, Chamberlain 
of Our Household, Bernard Arthur William 
Patrick Hastings Earl of Granard, Master of 
Our Horse, Edward George Villiers Earl of 
Derby, Edwyn Francis Earl of Chesterfield, 
George William Earl of Coventry, David 
Alexander Edward Earl of Crawford, Algernon 
Hawkins Thonond Earl of Kintore, Archibald 
Philip Henry, Viscount Sydney, William Heneage 
Earl of Dartmouth, William Frederick Earl 
Waldgrave, Osbert Cecil Earl of Selton, 
Hamilton John Agmondesham Earl of Desart, 
Richard Walter John Earl of Donoughmore, 
William Edward Earl of Eltham, John George 
Earl of Durham, Charles Alfred Worsley Earl 
of Yarborough, William Humble Earl of Dudley, 
Victor Alexander George Robert Earl of 
Lytton, William Waldegrave Earl of Selborne, 
Arthur William de Brito Savile Earl of Liver-
pool, Rufus Daniel Earl of Reading, William 
St. John Fremanite Earl of Midlothian, Sydney 
Charles Earl Buxton, Arthur James Earl of 
Balfour, John Denton Pinkston Earl of Ypres, 
Frederick Earl of Birkenhead, William Robert 
Wellesley Viscount Peel, Reginald Balbir 
Viscount Esher, Alfred Viscount Milner, Herbert 
John Viscount Gladstone, Richard Burdon 
Viscount Haldane of Clan, Aretas Viscount 
Chilston, John Charles Viscount Mersey, Ed-
ward Viscount Grey of Fallodon, Weetman 
Viscount Devonport, Ivor Churchill Viscount 
Wimborne, John Wynford Viscount St. Davids, 
Robert Bannatyne Viscount Finlay, Harold 
Sidney Viscount Rothermere, Ronald 
Crawford Viscount Novar, Edmund Bernard Viscount 
Fitzalan of Dervent, Frederic John Napier 
Viscount Chelmsford, James William Viscount 
Ullswater, Arthur Hamilton Viscount Lee of 
Fareham, Edgar Algenau Robert Viscount 
Cecil of Chelwood, The Right Reverend in 
God and Our Faithful Councillor Arthur 
Foley Lord Bishop of London, Our well 
beloved and faithful Councillors Thomas Lord 
Ribblesdale, Edward Lynnulp Lord Sheffield, 
Thomas Lord Lenman, Hallam Lord Tennyson, 
Charles Benjamin Bright Lord Aberconway, 
Arthur John Lord Stamfordham, Alfred Lord 
Emmott, Edward Lord Strachie, John Andrew 
Sumner, Alexander Lord Strathclyde, 
Charles Alfred Lord Parmoor, Edgar Lord 
D'Abernon, Lord Bassett, Lord Ennals, 
Joseph Albert Lord Gainford, Amelins Richard Mark Lord 
Lambourne, Francis John Stephens Lord 
Southborough, Edward Patrick Lord Morris, 
Frederick Lord Cawley, William Douglas Lord 
Weir, Walter George Frank Lord Phillimore, 
Reland Edmund Lord Ernle, Andrew Lord 
Inverforth, Satyendra Prasanna Lord Sinha, 
Henry William Lord Forster, Albert Henry 
Lord Ashfield, Horace Brooks Lord Marshall 
of Chipstead, Edward Henry Lord 
Balfour, Henry Lord Illingworth, James Henry 
Lord Dalziel of Kirkcaldy, Alwyin Edward 
Lord Alwyin, Alfred Tristram Lord Trelvthen, 
Gordon Lord Hewart, Archibald Lord Forres, 
Francis Bingham, Lord Midway of Flete, 
Joseph Paton Lord Maclay, Herbert 
Pike Lord 
Darvington, Charles John Lord Darling, Freder-
ick George Lord Banbury of Southam, Sydney 
Haldane Lord Olivier, Christopher Birdwood 
Lord Thomson, or any three or more of the 
full power, in Our name, to begin and hold 
Our said Parliament, and to open and declare, 
and cause to be opened and declared, the causes 
of holding the same, and to proceed upon the said 
affairs in Our said Parliament, and in all matters 
aring therein, and to do everything which, for
Us and by Us, and for the good government of Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and other Our Dominions thereto belonging, shall be therein to be done; and also, if necessary, to continue, adjourn, and prorogue Our said Parliament: commanding also, by the tenor of these Presents, with the assent of Our said Council, as well as every the Archbishops, Bishops, Earls, Viscountes, Barons, and Knights, as all others whom it concerns, to meet in Our said Parliament, that to the same Prince of Wales, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Archbishop of Canterbury, and others Our Councillors aforesaid, or any three or more of them, they diligently intend in the premises in the form aforesaid. In witness whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourself at Westminster, the twenty-ninth day of November in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

By the King Himself.

Signed with His own Hand.

Schuster.

And then the Lord Chancellor said—

My Lords, and Members of the House of Commons,

We have it in Command from His Majesty to let you know, that as soon as the Members of both Houses shall be sworn, the causes of His Majesty's calling this Parliament will be declared to you; and it being necessary a Speaker of the House of Commons should be first chosen, it is His Majesty's pleasure that you, Members of the House of Commons, repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker; and that you present such person whom you shall so choose, here, to-morrow, at Three of the clock, for His Majesty's Royal approbation.

And the House having returned;

Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck stood up, and addressing himself to the Clerk of the House (who standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker the Right Honourable John Henry Whitely, and moved, That the Right Honourable John Henry Whitely do take the Chair of this House as Speaker; which Motion was seconded by Mr. Smillie.

The House then unanimously calling Mr. John Henry Whitely to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then having again unanimously called Mr. John Henry Whitely to the Chair, he was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck and Mr. Smillie, and, standing on the upper step, he expressed his sincere thanks to the House and his profound sense of the honour which the House had been pleased to confer upon him, and sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was placed upon the Table.
Then the following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

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

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

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

The Right Honourable Sir Douglas Melgarejo Hogg, K.C., for the Borough of St. Marylebone.

The Right Honourable Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, for the County of Essex (Epping Division).

The Right Honourable William Clive Bridge, Esquire, for the Borough of Battersea (South Division).

The Right Honourable Arthur Michael Samuel, Esquire, for the Borough of Croydon (South Division).

The Right Honourable Noel Edward Buxton, Esquire, for the Borough of Camberwell (North Division).

Roundell Cecil Palmer, Esquire, commonly called Viscount Wolmer, for the County of Hants (Aldershot Division).

Frederick Charles Thomson, Esquire, K.C., for the Burgh of Aberdeen (South Division).

David Pinkerton Fleming, Esquire, K.C., for the County of Dumfriesshire.

Captain Edward Montagu Cavendish Stanley, commonly called Lord Stanley, for the County of Lancaster (Fylde Division).

Captain Henry David Reginald Maryon, for the County of Warwick (Rugby Division).

Katherine Marjory, Duchess of Atholl, for the County of Perth and Kinross (Kinross and Western Division).

Patrick Johnston Ford, Esquire, for the Burgh of Edinburgh (North Division).

James Kidd, Esquire, for the County of Linlithgow.

The Right Honourable James Ramsay MacDonald, for the County of Glamorgan (Aberavon Division).

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

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

The Right Honourable Arthur Henderson, for the Borough of Burnley.

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

The Right Honourable Stephen Walsh, for the Borough of Croydon (South Division).

The Right Honourable John Wheatley, for the Borough of Derby (Birkenhead Division).

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

The Right Honourable Thomas Shaw, for the Borough of Preston.

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

The Right Honourable Vernon Hartshorn, O.B.E., for the County of Glamorgan (Ogmore Division).

The Right Honourable Sidney James Webb, for the County of Durham (Seaham Division).

The Right Honourable Noel Edward Buxton, Esquire, for the County of Norfolk (North Division).

The Right Honourable Benjamin Charles Spoor, for the Borough of Durham (Bishop Auckland Division).

The Right Honourable Frederick Owen Roberts, for the Borough of West Bromwich.

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

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

Charles George Ammon, Esquire, for the Borough of Camberwell (North Division).
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Arthur Augustus William Harry Ponsonby, Esquire, for the Borough of Sheffield (Brightside Division).

Sir Henry Herman Slesser, Knight, for the Borough of Leeds (South-East Division).

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

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

Arthur Greenwood, Esquire, for the Borough of Nelson and Colne.

John James Lawson, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Chester-le-Street Division).

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

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

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

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

Robert Young, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Newton Division).

James Stewart, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (St. Rollox Division).

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

John Emmanuel Divison, Esquire, for the Borough of Smethwick.

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

George Henry Warne, Esquire, for the County of Northumberland (Wansbeck Division).

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

Captain Henry Douglas King, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.M.V., for the Borough of Paddington (South Division).

The Right Honourable Thomas Power O'Connor, for the Borough of Liverpool (Scotland Division).

Rhys John Davies, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Westhoughton Division).

The Right Honourable David Lloyd George, O.M., for the Carnarvon District of Boroughs.

The Right Honourable Sir Alfred Moritz Mond, Baronet, for the County of Carmarthen (Carmarthen Division).

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

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

The Right Honourable Edward Algernon FitzRoy, for the County of Northampton (Daventry Division).

The Right Honourable Walter Hunciman, for the Borough of Swansea (West Division).

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

The Right Honourable Sir John Lawrence Baird, Baronet, C.M.G., D.S.O., for the County of Ayr and Bute (Ayr District of Burghs).

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

The Right Honourable Sir Herbert Nield, K.C., for the Borough of Faling.

The Right Honourable Sir James Tynte Agg-Gardner, Knight, for the Borough of Cheltenham.

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.

The Right Honourable Robert William Hugh O'Neill, for the County of Antrim.

The Right Honourable Edward Hilton Young, for the Borough of Norwich.

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

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

Vice-Admiral Sir Guy Reginald Archer Gaunt, K.C.M.G., C.B., for the County of York, East Riding (Buckrose Division).

Austin Hopkins, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Mossley Division).

Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Esquire, commonly called Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, for the Borough of Nottingham (South Division).

James Malcolm Monteith Erskine, Esquire, for the Borough of Westminster (St. George's Division).

Ernest Craig, Esquire, for the County of Chester (Crewe Division).

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

Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Palham Honanay, D.S.O., for the County of Parts of Lindsey (Louth Division).

Henry Coblen Haslam, Esquire, for the County of Parts of Lindsey (Hornsea Division).

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

Robert Geoffrey Ellis, Esquire, for the Borough of Wakefield.

Mabel Philpison, for the County of Northumberland (Berwick upon Tweed Division).

Sir Robert Burton Chadwick, for the Borough of Wallasey.

William James Thorne, Esquire, for the Borough of West Ham (Plaistow Division).

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

Arthur Hayday, Esquire, for the Borough of Nottingham (West Division).

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

Ernest Thurtle, Esquire, for the Borough of Shoreditch.

Joseph Westwood, Esquire, for the County of Midlothian and Peebles (Peebles and Southern Division).
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David Kirkwood, Esquire, for the Dumbarton District of Burghs.

Alfred John Barnes, Esquire, for the Borough of East Ham (South Division).

William Bromfield, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Leek Division).

Samuel Cloves, Esquire, for the Borough of Stoke-on-Trent (Hanley Division).

Charles Henry Sitch, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Kingswinford Division).

John Potts, Esquire, for the Borough of Barnsley.

Ronnie Smith, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Penistone Division).

Benjamin Riley, Esquire, for the Borough of Dewsbury.

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

Leslie Haden Guest, Esquire, for the Borough of Southwark (North Division).

Sir James Farquharson Remnant, Baronet, for the Borough of Holborn.

Robert Inigo Tasker, Esquire, for the Borough of Islington (East Division).

Reginald Vincent Kemenfelt Applin, Esquire, for the County of Middlesex (Enfield Division).

Rear-Admiral Murray Fraser Suster, C.B., R.N., for the County of Hertford (Hertford Division).

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

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

Major Patrick Bernard Malone, for the Borough of Tottenham (South Division).

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

John Francis Ashley Erskine, Esquire, commonly called Lord Erskine, for the County of Somerset (Weston-super-Mare Division).

Donald Stirling Palmer Howard, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Donald Stirling Palmer Howard, for the County of Cumberland (Northern Division).


Charles Lelan Forestier-Walker, Esquire, for the County of Monmouth (Monmouth Division).

Samuel Strang Steel, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Ashford Division).

Ernest Whitton Stepperson, Esquire, for the County of Hereford (Leominster Division).

Major Sir Arthur Clive Morrison-Bell, Baronet, for the County of Devon (Houlton Division).

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

Archibald Boyd Boyd-Carpenter, Esquire, for the Borough of Coventry.

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

Cornelius William James Homan, Esquire, for the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne.

Lieutenant-Colonel Archibald Douglas McInnes Shaw, for the County of Renfrew (Western Division).

Colonel Sir Alexander Sprat, Baronet, for the County of Lanark (Northern Division).

Colonel William Graham Nicholson, for the County of Hants (Petersfield Division).

Sir Joseph Nall, Knight, for the Borough of Manchester (Hulme Division).

Sir Arthur John Heneker-Hughan, Baronet, c.b., for the County of Cheshire (Winford Division).

Captain Robert Gee, for the County of Leicester (Bosworth Division).

Edward Brocklehurst Fielden, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Exchange Division).

Sir Thomas Robinson, Knight, for the County of Lancaster (Streethope Division).

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

Edward Taswell Campbell, Esquire, for the Borough of Camberwell (North-West Division).

Robert Smillie, Esquire, for the Borough of Morpeth.

Edwin Scrymgeour, Esquire, for the Burgh of Dundee.

Robert Arthur Taylor, Esquire, for the Borough of Lincoln.

David Williams, Esquire, for the Borough of Swansea (East Division).

John Guest, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Hemsworth Division).

William Jenkyns, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Neath Division).

George Henry Hall, Esquire, for the Borough of Merthyr Tydfil (Aberdare Division).

John Henry Williams, Esquire, for the County of Carmarthen (Llanelli Division).

Harry Day, Esquire, for the Borough of Southwark (Central Division).

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

Samuel Philip Viant, Esquire, for the Borough of Willesden (West Division).

John Henry Palin, Esquire, for the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (West Division).

Martin Henry Conolly, Esquire, for the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (East Division).

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

Francis Alfreid Broad, Esquire, for the Borough of Edinburgh.

James Hindle Hudson, Esquire, for the Borough of Huddersfield.

Benjamin Smith, Esquire, for the Borough of Bermondsey (Rotherhithe Division).
Joseph Compton, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Gorton Division).
George Masterman Gillett, Esquire, for the Borough of Finsbury.
Esmond Cecil Harmsworth, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Esmond Cecil Harmsworth, for the County of Kent (Isle of Thanet Division).
Sir Fredric Wise, for the Borough of Ilford.
Colonel Thomas Sinclair, C.B., for the Queen's University of Belfast.
Terence James O'Connor, Esquire, for the County of Bedford (Luton Division).
Major Edward Cecil George Cadogan, commonly called Major the Honourable Edward Cecil George Cadogan, for the County of Middlesex (Finchley Division).
Major Dudley Ryder, commonly called Major Viscount Sandon, for the County of Salop (Shrewsbury Division).
Archibald Noel Skelton, Esquire, for the County of Perth and Kinross (Perth Division).
Frank Gibbs Rye, Esquire, for the County of Leicestershire (Loughborough Division).
Sir Wilfrid Hart Sugden, Knight, for the Borough of the Hartlepools.
Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Gadie, T.D., for the Borough of Bradford (Central Division).
Eugene Joseph Squire Hargreaves Ramsden, Esquire, for the Borough of Bradford (North Division).
Cedric Drewe, Esquire, for the County of Devon (South Molton Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Godie, T.D., for the Borough of Bradford (Central Division).
Edward Joseph Squire Hargreaves Ramsden, Esquire, for the Borough of Bradford (North Division).
Henry Haydn Jones, Esquire, for the County of Merioneth.
Ellis William Davies, Esquire, for the County of Denbigh (Denbigh Division).
Christmas Price Williams, Esquire, for the County of Denbigh (Wrexham Division).
Rhys Hopkin Morris, Esquire, for the County of Cardigan.
Frank Herbert Rose, Esquire, for the Burgh of Aberdeen (North Division).
Dugald McCoig Cowan, Esquire, for the University of St. Andrew's, the University of Glasgow, the University of Aberdeen, and the University of Edinburgh.
Abraham England, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Heywood and Radcliffe Division).
Barnet Kenyon, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Chesterfield Division).
Major Granville Charles Hastings Wheler, C.B., for the County of Kent (Faversham Division).
Francis Edward Fremantle, Esquire, for the County of Hertford (St. Albans Division).
Major Albert James Edmondson, for the County of Oxford (Banbury Division).
Hugh Morrison, Esquire, for the County of Wilts (Salisbury Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Godfrey Dalrymple White, for the Borough of Southport.
Samuel Servington Savery, Esquire, for the County of York, East Riding (Holderness Division).
Charles Williams, Esquire, for the County of Devon (Torquay Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Murrough John Wilson, for the County of York, North Riding (Richmond Division).
Joseph Quinton Lamb, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Stone Division).
Sir Harry Hope, Knight, for the County of Forfar.
Captain Derrick Wellesley Gunston, for the County of Gloucester (Thornbury Division).
Alfred Duff Cooper, Esquire, for the Borough of Oldham.
Lawrence Roger Lumley, Esquire, for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull (East Division).
Captain Robert Anthony Eden, M.C., for the County of Warwick (Warwick and Leamington Division).
Cyril Edward Lloyd, Esquire, for the Borough of Dudley.
The Right Honourable Captain Frederick Edward Guest, for the Borough of Bristol (North Division).
Thomas Williams, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Don Valley Division).
Thomas Henderson, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Tranmere Division).
Wilfred Paling, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Doncaster Division).
Thomas Greenall, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Furness Division).
Alfred Short, Esquire, for the Borough of Wednesbury.
William Murdock Adamson, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Cannock Division).
Frederick Montague, Esquire, for the Borough of Islington (West Division).
William Whiteley, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Blaydon Division).
James Sexton, Esquire, for the Borough of St. Helens.
John Joseph Tinker, Esquire, for the Borough of Leigh.
Frank Lee, Esquire, for the County of Derby (North-Eastern Division).
Hugh Murrin, Esquire, for the Stirling and Falkirk District of Burghs.
Thomas William Stamford, Esquire, for the Borough of Leeds (West Division).
Ellen Cicely Wilkinson, for the Borough of Middlesbrough (East Division).
William Hirst, Esquire, for the Borough of Bradford (South Division).
3rd December.

Robert John Wilson, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Jarrow Division).

James Welsh, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Cathcart Division).

Duncan McGregor Graham, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Hamilton Division).

William McLean Watson, Esquire, for the Dunfermline District of Burghs.

Thomas Walter Grundy, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Rother Valley Division).

George Henry Hirst, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Wentworth Division).

Frederick William Pethick-Lawrence, Esquire, for the Borough of Leicester (West Division).

Cecil Hanbury, Esquire, for the County of Dorset (Northern Division).

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

Captain Walter William Shaw, for the County of Wilts (Westbury Division).

Herbert Brent Gravatt, Esquire, for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull (South-West Division).

Arthur Wellesley Dean, Esquire, for the County of Holland with Boston.

Albert Edward Jacob, Esquire, for the Borough of Liverpool (East Toxteth Division).

Geoffrey Reginald Devereux Shaw, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Sowerby Division).

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

Captain Robert Ronald Henderson, for the County of Oxford (Henley Division).

Captain Harry Frederick Comfort Crookshank, for the County of Parts of Lindsey (Gainsborough Division).

Robert Croft Bourne, Esquire, for the Borough of Oxford.

William Pomeroy Crawford Greene, Esquire, for the Borough of Worcester.

Honorary Major-General Sir Richard Harman Luce, K.C.M.G., C.B., for the Borough of Derby.

Brevet-Major Robert Daniel Thwaites Yeagher, for the County of Dorset (Southern Division).

Sir Thomas Davies, Knight, for the County of Gloucester (Cirencester and Tewkesbury Division).

Brigadier-General John Charteris, C.M.G., D.S.O., for the County of Dumfries.

Captain Henry Arthur Evans, for the Borough of Cardiff (South Division).

Sir William Henry Davison, K.B.E., for the Borough of Kensington (South Division).

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

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

John de Vere Loder, Esquire, for the Borough of Leicester (East Division).

Walter D'Arcey Hall, Esquire, for the County of Brecon and Radnor.

James Archibald Christie, Esquire, for the County of Norfolk (Southern Division).

Sir Henry Strother Coutts, Baronet, for the County of East Sussex (East Grinstead Division).

Edmund Russborough Tarton, Esquire, for the County of York, North Riding (Thirsk and Malton Division).

William George Cove, Esquire, for the County of Northampton (Wellingborough Division).

Captain Herbert Paton Holt, M.C., for the Borough of West Ham (Upton Division).

Herbert Walter Styles, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Sevenoaks Division).

Richard Collingham Wallhead, Esquire, for the Borough of Merthyr Tydfil (Merthyr Division).

William Thomas Kelly, Esquire, for the Borough of Rochdale.

George Lansbury, Esquire, for the Borough of Poplar (Bow and Bromley Division).

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

John Baker, Esquire, for the Borough of Wolverhampton (Bilston Division).

Samuel March, Esquire, for the Borough of Poplar (South Poplar Division).

James Barr, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Motherwell Division).

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

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

James Wignall, Esquire, for the County of Gloucester (Forest of Dean Division).

Robert Dennyson, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (King's Norton Division).

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

Joshua Ritson, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Durham Division).

Robert Craigmyle Morrison, Esquire, for the Borough of Tottenham (North Division).

William Cornforth Robinson, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Elland Division).

Sir Davison Dalziel, Baronet, for the Borough of Lambeth (Brixton Division).

William John, Esquire, for the Borough of Rhiwinda (West Division).

Samuel Finburgh, Esquire, for the Borough of Salford (North Division).

George Kynaston Cockrell, Esquire, for the County of Surrey (Redigate Division).

Walter Windsor, Esquire, for the Borough of Bethnal Green (North-East Division).

William Sampson Cluse, Esquire, for the Borough of Islington (South Division).
Brigadier-General Sir Henry Page Croft, Bart., C.B., O.B.E., for the Borough of Bournemouth.
Joseph Mason, Esquire, for the Borough of Gloucester (Bridgetown Division).
Charles Duncan, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Clay Cross Division).
John Ward, Esquire, for the Borough of Stoke-on-Trent (Stoke Division).
Henry Charles Charlton, Esquire, for the Borough of Leeds (South Division).
Thomas Drummond Shields, Esquire, for the Borough of Edinburgh (East Division).
Edward Roslyn Mitchell, Esquire, for the Borough of Paisley.
Alfred Salter, Esquire, for the Borough of Bermondsey (West Bermondsey Division).
John Henry Hayes, Esquire, for the Borough of Liverpool (Edge Hill Division).
John Scarff, Esquire, for the Borough of Stepney (Mile End Division).
John Joseph Jones, Esquire, for the Borough of West Ham (Silvertown Division).
Thomas Isaac Marty Jones, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Pontypridd Division).
Neil Maclean, Esquire, for the Borough of Glasgow (Govan Division).
Major William Philip Colfax, M.C., for the County of Dorset (Western Division).
George Balfour, Esquire, for the Borough of Hampstead.
Ernest Handforth Goodman Roberts, Esquire, for the County of Flint.
John Grace, Esquire, for the County of Chester (Wirral Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Aashton Powall, O.B.E., for the Borough of Lewisham (East Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert John Acland Trege, C.M.G., D.S.O., for the County of Devon (Tiverton Division).
Clement Edmund Rogers Brocklebank, Esquire, for the Borough of Nottingham (East Division).
William Lindsay Everard, Esquire, for the County of Leicester (Melton Division).
Neville Woodford Smith-Carrington, Esquire, for the County of Parts of Kesteven and Rutland (Rutland and Stamford Division).
Richard James Meller, Esquire, for the County of Surrey (Mitcham Division).
William Preston, Esquire, for the Borough of Walton.
Walter Raine, Esquire, for the Borough of Sunderland.
Major Percy Philip Kenyon-Staney, for the County of Devon (Tavistock Division).
John Morrow Simms, Esquire, for the County of Down.
Brevet-Colonel George Loyd Courthope, M.C., for the County of East Sussex (Rye Division).
Peter Drummond Macdonald, Esquire, for the County of Isle of Wight.
George Pilcher, Esquire, for the County of Cornwall (Penryn and Falmouth Division).
Campbell Stephen, Esquire, for the Borough of Glasgow (Camlachie Division).
Robert MacDonald, Esquire, for the Borough of Glasgow (Cathcart Division).
Lieutenant-Commander Joseph Montague Kenworthy, R.N., for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull (Central Division).
Walter Trevelyan Thomson, Esquire, for the Borough of Middlesbrough (West Division).
John Duckworth, Esquire, for the Borough of Blackburn.
Walter Forrest, Esquire, for the Borough of Batley and Morley.
Edward Augusta St. Aubyn Harvey, Esquire, K.C., for the Borough of South Shields.
Thomas Davis Fenby, Esquire, for the Borough of Bradford (East Division).
Sir Robert John Thomas, Bart., for the County of Anglesey.
Lieutenant-Commander Charles Dennis Burton, R.N., for the County of Midlothian (Edinburgh Division).
Gordon Ralph Hall Caine, Esquire, for the County of Dorset (Eastern Division).
Sir William Baldoe Ress, Knight, for the Borough of Bristol (South Division).
Irving James Albery, Esquire, for the County of Kent ( Gravesend Division).
George Morgan Garro-Jones, Esquire, for the Borough of Hackney (South Division).
Sir Robert William Hamilton, Knight, for the County of Orkney and Shetland.
Sir William Henry Cowan, Knight, for the County of Chester (Wirral Division).
Alfred Roger Jephcott, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (Yardley Division).
Alfred Ravenscroft Kennedy, Esquire, K.C., for the Borough of Preston.
Sir George Geoffrey Gilbert Butler, for the University of Cambridge.
Alexander Naime Stewart Sandeman, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Midleton and Prestwich Division).
Brigadier-General Ernest Makins, C.B., D.S.O., for the County of Chester (Knutsford Division).
Cyril Atkinson, Esquire, M.C., for the County of Chester (Altrincham Division).
Major Charles Glen MacAndrew, for the County of Ayr and Bute (Kilmarnock Division).
Robert Waddington, Esquire, for the Borough of Rossendale.
Walter Graves-Lord, Esquire, K.C., for the Borough of Lambeth (Norwood Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Hamilton Gault, D.S.O., for the County of Somerset (Taunton Division).
Edmund Ashworth Ratford, Esquire, for the Borough of Saltford (South Division).
Major Sir Bertram Godfrey Falle, Baronet, for the Borough of Portsmouth (North Division).
Sir Douglas George Cockram Newton, K.B.E., for the Borough of Cambridge.
George Christopher Clayton, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Willesden Division).
James Stuart, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable James Stuart, for the County of Moray and Nairn.
Sydney Richard Wells, Esquire, for the County of Bedford (Bedford Division).
William Henry Stott, Esquire, C.B., for the Borough of Birkenhead (East Division).
George Aitken Clark Hutchison, Esquire, K.C., for the County of Midlothian and Peebles (Northern Division).
Reginald George Clarry, Esquire, for the Borough of Newport.
James Griffiths Fairfax, Esquire, for the Borough of Norwich.
Sir William Lane Mitchell, for the Borough of Wandsworth (Stratford Division).
Ernest Roy Bird, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Skipton Division).
Samuel Schofield Hammersley, Esquire, for the Borough of Stockport.
Arthur Vernon Dacie, Esquire, O.B.E., for the County of Lancaster (Royton Division).
George Harvey, Esquire, for the Borough of Lambeth (Kennington Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Vivian Leonard Henderson, M.C., for the Borough of Blackpool.
Sir Frank Nelson, Knight, for the County of Gloucester (Stroud Division).
Ian MacIntyre, Esquire, for the Burgh of Edinburgh (West Division).
Sir William Ellis Hume-Williams, Baronet, K.C., for the County of Nottingham (Bassetlaw Division).
Edmund Maurice Burke, Lord Fermoy, for the County of Norfolk (King's Lynn Division).
Albert Bethel, Esquire, for the Borough of Eccles.
Walter James Womersley, Esquire, for the Borough of Great Grimsby.
Colonel Henry Walter Burton, O.B.E., for the County of West Suffolk (Sudbury Division).
Sir Robert John Lynn, for the Borough of Belfast (West Belfast Division).
The Right Honourable Sir John Alsebrook Simon, K.C.V.O., K.C., for the County of York, West Riding (Spen Valley Division).
Sir William James Allen, K.B.E., for the County of Armagh.
Frederick Wolfe Astbury, Esquire, for the Borough of Salford (West Division).
Colonel Herbert Charles Woodcock, for the Borough of Liverpool (Everton Division).
Major George Frederick Davies, for the County of Somerset (Yeovil Division).
William Charles Arcedaleckne, Lord Huntingfield, for the County of East Suffolk (Eye Division).
Edmund Walter Hambury Wood, Esquire, for the County of Chester (Stalybridge and Hyde Division).
James Brown Cooper, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Maryhill Division).

Sir Samuel Chapman, Knight, for the Burgh of Edinburgh (South Division).
Stephen Mitchell, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Lanark Division).
Commander Guy Dalrymple Fanshawe, B.N., for the County of Stirling and Clackmannan (Western Division).
Sir Francis Watson, Knight, for the County of York, West Riding (Pudsey and Otley Division).
Frederick George Penny, Esquire, for the Borough of Kingston upon Thames.
Gerald Joseph Cuthbert Harrison, Esquire, for the County of Cornwall (Bodmin Division).
Major George Humphrey Maurice Brown Lindsay, D.S.O., for the Borough of Glasgow (Partick Division).
Herbert Wragg, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Belper Division).
Golfey Lampson Tenpenny Locker-Lampson, Esquire, for the County of Middlesex (Wood Green Division).
William James Harold Briggs, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Blackley Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Edwin King Perkins, C.B.E., V.D., for the Borough of Southampton.
Commander Carlyon Bellairs, B.N., for the County of Kent (Maidstone Division).
Sir Thomas Vansittart Boteler, Baronet, for the City of London.
Captain William Arthur Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, commonly called the Marquess of Titchfield, for the County of Nottingham (Newark Division).
Sir Edward Manger Hffe, Knight, for the County of Warwick (Tamworth Division).
Samuel Samuel, Esquire, for the Borough of Wandsworth (Putney Division).
Sir Charles William Chadwick Oman, for the University of Oxford.
Sir Francis John Childs Ganzoni, Knight, for the Borough of Ipswich.
Sir Harry Seymour Foster, for the Borough of Portsmouth (Central Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel John Theodore Cuthbert Moore-Brabazon, for the Borough of Rochester (Chatham Division).
George Buchanan, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Gorbals Division).
Henry Snell, Esquire, for the Borough of Woolwich (East Division).
Hastings Bertrand Lees Smith, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Keighley Division).
Cecil Henry Wilson, Esquire, for the Borough of Sheffield (Attercliffe Division).
Charles Edwards, Esquire, for the County of Monmouth (Beckmestry Division).
Evan Davies, Esquire, for the County of Monmouth (Ebbw Vale Division).
Frank Bradley Varley, Esquire, for the County of Nottingham (Mansfield 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.

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

Major Charles William Mackay Price, for the Borough of Pembroke.

Sir John Cecil Power, Baronet, for the Borough of Wimborne.

Brigadier-General Christopher Robert Ingham Brooke, C.M.G., D.S.O., for the County of York, West Riding (Ponfret Division).

Arthur Carlyle Niven Dizey, Esquire, for the County of Cumberland (Penrith and Cockermouth Division).

Sir Henry Cecil Buckingham, Knight, C.B.E., for the County of Surrey (Guildford Division).


Isidore Salmon, Esquire, C.B.E., for the County of Middlesex (Harrow Division).

Charles Kenneth Murchison, Esquire, for the County of Huntingdon.

Herbert William Looker, Esquire, for the County of Essex (South-Eastern Division).

Major John Jacob Astor, commonly called Major the Honourable John Jacob Astor, for the County of Kent (Dover Division).

Germain Rentoul, Esquire, for the County of East Suffolk (Lowestoft Division).

Sir Frank Cecil Meyer, Baronet, for the Borough of Great Yarmouth.

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

Percy Angier Hurst, Esquire, for the County of Wilt (Devizes Division).

James Dale Cussells, Esquire, for the Borough of Leyton (West Division).

Sir Henry Honwood Curtis-Bennett, K.C., for the County of Essex (Chelmmsford Division).

Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, K.B.E., for the Borough of Cardiff (East Division).

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

Cecil Hilton, Esquire, for the Borough of Bolton.

Captain Charles Talbot Foxcroft, for the Borough of Bath.

Sir Philip Wigham Richardson, Knight, for the County of Surrey (Chertsey Division).

Samuel Emile Harvey, Esquire, for the County of Devon (Totnes Division).

Sir Robert Vaughan Gover, Knight, O.B.E., for the Borough of Hackney (Central Division).

John Abraham Timne, Esquire, for the Borough of Liverpool (Wavertree Division).

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

Robert Spear Hudson, Esquire, for the County of Cumberland (Whitehaven Division).

Frederick Alexander Macquisten, Esquire, for the County of Argyle.

Luke Thompson, Esquire, for the Borough of Sunderland.

Sir Charles Cayzer, Baronet, for the County of Chester (City of Chester Division).

Robert John Graham Boothby, Esquire, for the County of Aberdeen and Kincardine (Eastern Division).

Ernest Edward Alexander, Esquire, for the Borough of Leyton (East Division).

Major Richard Whiddon Barnett, for the Borough of St. Pancras (South-West Division).

Captain Charles Waterhouse, M.C., for the Borough of Leicester (South Division).

Thomas Edward McConnell, Esquire, for the Borough of Belfast (North Belfast Division).

The Right Honourable Thomas Holmes, for the Borough of Belfast (South Belfast Division).

The Right Honourable Charles Curtis Craig, K.B.E., C.M.G., for the County of Antrim.

Reginald James Neville Neville, Esquire, for the County of Norfolk (Eastern Division).

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

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

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

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

Austin Uvedale Morgan Hudson, Esquire, for the Borough of Hackney (North Division).

Geoffrey Kelsall Peto, Esquire, C.B.E., for the County of Somerset (Frome Division).

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

Sir Howard Kingsley Wood, Knight, for the Borough of Woolwich (West Division).

The Right Honourable Arthur Neville Chamberlain, for the Borough of Birmingham (Ladywood Division).

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

Sir Philip Albert Gustave David Sassoon, Baronet, G.B.E., C.M.G., for the Borough of Hythe.

The Right Honourable Josiah Clement Wedgwood, for the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

George Richard Lane-Fox, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Barkston Ash Division).

Sir Alfred Butt, for the Borough of Wandsworth (Balham and Tooting Division).

Sir Gerald Fitzroy Hobler, for the Borough of Rochester (Gillingham Division).

Sir Harry Warden Stanley Chilcott, Knight, for the Borough of Liverpool (Waltham Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel James Nockells Horlick, O.B.E., M.C., for the Borough of Gloucester.

Captain Sidney Herbert, for the County of York, North Riding (Scarborough and Whitby Division).

Otho William Nicholson, Esquire, for the Borough of Westminster (Abbey Division).

John Anthony House, Esquire, for the County of Cornwall (St. Ives Division).

Robert Workman Smith, Esquire, for the County of Aberdeen and Kincardine (Central Division).

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

Sir Philip Davison, Knight, for the Borough of Lewisham (West Division).

Edward Charles Grenfell, Esquire, for the City of London.

Major Ralph George Campbell Glyn, M.C., for the County of Berks (Abingdon Division).

William Paterson Templeton, Esquire, for the County of Banff.

Sir Newton James Moore, K.C.M.G., for the Borough of Richmond.

Sir John Arthur Ransome Marriott, Knight, for the Borough of York.

David Davies, Esquire, for the County of Montgomery.

Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle, Knight, for the Borough of Liverpool (Kirkdale Division).

Sir Frederick Gill Rice, Knight, for the County of Essex (Harwich Division).

Sir Murdoch Macdonald, K.C.M.G., C.B., for the County of Inverness, Ross, and Cromarty (Inverness Division).

Sir John de Fonblanque Pennefather, Baronet, for the Borough of Liverpool (Kirkdale Division).

Major Edward Archibald Ruggles-Brise, for the County of Essex (Maldon Division).

Sir Frank Bernard Sanderson, Baronet, for the County of Lancaster (Darwen Division).

Sir Malcolm Martin Macnaghten, K.C.M.G., C.B., for the County of Inverness, Ross, and Cromarty (Inverness Division).

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

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


Alexander Mackenzie Livingstone, Esquire, for the County of Inverness, Ross, and Cromarty (Western Isles Division).

Patrick Joseph Henry Hannon, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (Moseley Division).

Colonel Chichester de Wintell Crookshank, for the County of Berwick and Haddington.

Victor Alexander Cazalet, Esquire, M.C., for the County of Wilts (Chippenham Division).

Lieutenant-General Sir Aymer Hunter-Weston, for the County of Ayr and Bute (Bute and Northern Division).

John Romney Renner, Esquire, for the County of Chester (Macclesfield Division).

James Augustus Grant, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Southern Division).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after seven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

Thursday, 4th December 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 Sir Arthur Herbert Drummond Ramsay Steel-Maitland, Baronet, for the Borough of Birmingham (Kerrington Division).

Henry Buxton Betterton, Esquire, for the County of Nottingham (Rushcliffe Division).

Sir Harry Barnston, Baronet, for the County of Chester (Edisbury Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel George Frederick Stanley, C.M.G., commonly called Lieutenant-Colonel the Honourable George Frederick Stanley, for the Borough of Willesden (East Division).

The Right Honourable Sir Arthur Herbert Drummond Ramsay Steel-Maitland, Baronet, for the Borough of Birmingham (Kerrington Division).

The Right Honourable Sir Robert Arthur Sanders, Baronet, for the County of Somerset (Wells Division).

Sir Patrick Gardiner Hastings, k.c., for the Borough of Walsend.
Guy Molesworth Kindersley, Esquire, for the County of Hertford (Hitchin Division).

Waldron Smithers, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Chislehurst Division).

Sir Henry Jackson, for the Borough of Wandsworth (Central Division).

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

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

Arthur Oswald James Hope, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Sutton Division).

Major Douglas Clifton Brown, for the County of Northampton (Kettering Division).

William Ward Warner, Esquire, for the County of Bedford (Mid-Division).

James Francis Wallace Galbraith, Esquire, for the County of Surrey (Eastern Division).

Major John Boys, for the Borough of Blackburn.

The Right Honourable Sir Sydney Herbert Holcroft Henn, K.B.E., for the County of Essex (Colchester Division).

David Robert Alexander Lindsay, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Lonsdale Division).

Major Douglas Clifton Brown, for the County of Northumberland (Hexham Division).

Herbert Geraint Williams, Esquire, for the Borough of Reading.

Sir Hugh Vere Huntley Duff Lucas-Tooth, Baronet, for the County of Isle of Ely.

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

The Right Honourable Sir Sydney Herbert Holcroft Henn, K.B.E., for the University of Cambridge.

Charles Williamson Crook, Esquire, for the Borough of East Ham (North Division).

Captain Ernest Evans, for the University of Wales.

Colonel Sir Arthur Richard Holbrook, K.B.E., for the County of Hants (Basingstoke Division).

Major John Sewell Courtlaud, M.C., for the Borough of Hammersmith (North Division).

Brigadier-General Howard Clifton Brown, for the County of Berks (Newbury Division).

Algy Foulkes, for the Borough of Barking (East London).

The Right Honourable Sir Sydney Herbert Holcroft Henn, K.B.E., for the Borough of Cardiff (East Division).

Sir Charles Rennell Stirns, Knight, for the County of Devon (North Devon and Barnstaple Division).

Alfred Cooper Rawson, Esquire, for the Borough of Blackpool.

Alexander Munro MacRobert, Esquire, for the County of Berks (Newbury Division).

Sir Sydney Herbert Holcroft Henn, K.B.E., for the County of Glamorgan (Caerphilly Division).

Sir Victor Alexander George Anthony Warrender, Baronet, M.C., for the County of Perth (Perth Division).
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The Right Honourable Sir Hamar Greenwood, Baronet, k.c., for the Borough of Walthamstow (East Division).

Andrew MacLaren, Esquire, for the Borough of Stoke-on-Trent (Burslem Division).

Cuthbert Morley Headlam, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Barnard Castle Division).

Captain Malcolm Bullock, m.b.e., for the County of Lancaster (Waterloo Division).

The Right Honourable Sir William James Bull, Baronet, for the Borough of Hammersmith (South Division).

Lewis Phillips Winby, Esquire, for the County of Leicester (Harborough Division).

Lieutenant Colonel David Watts Morgan, c.b.e., for the Borough of Rhondda (East Division).

Sir Park Goff, Knight, for the County of York, North Riding (Cleveland Division).

Sir George Hopwood Hume, Knight, for the Borough of Greenwich.

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

The Right Honourable Edward Frederick Lindley Wood, for the County of York, West Riding (Ripon Division).

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

Ernest Gordon Graham Little, Esquire, for the University of London.

Oliver Frederick George Stanley, Esquire, for the County of Westmorland.

Sir Berkeley George Digby Sheffield, Baronet, for the County of Parts of Lindsey (Brigg Division).

Rupert Edward Cecil Lee Guinness, Esquire, commonly called Viscount Eversden, for the Borough of Southend-on-Sea.

William George Perring, Esquire, for the Borough of Paddington (North Division).

Shapurji Saklatvala, Esquire, for the Borough of Battersea (North Division).

Major Sir Archibald Henry Macdonald Sinclair, Baronet, c.m.g., for the County of Caithness and Sutherland.


Percy Alfred Harris, Esquire, for the Borough of Bethnal Green (South-West Division).

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

William Brass, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Clitheroe Division).

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after six of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next.
Tuesday, 9th December 1924.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.


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:—

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

Nancy Witcher, Viscountess Astor, for the Borough of Plymouth (Sutton Division).

Sir George Andreas Berry, for the University of St. Andrews, the University of Glasgow, the University of Aberdeen, and the University of Edinburgh.

Lewis Lougher, Esquire, for the Borough of Cardiff (Central Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Frederick Hall, Baronnet, K.B.E., D.S.O., for the Borough of Camberwell (Dulwich Division).

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

Colum Edmund Crichton-Stuart, Esquire, commonly called Lord Colum Edmund Crichton-Stuart, for the County of Chester (Northwich Division).

Maurice Harold Macmillan, Esquire, for the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

Captain David Evan Wallace, for the Borough of Hornsey.

Basil Edward Peto, Esquire, for the County of Devon (Barnstaple Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Albert Lambert Ward, for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull (North-West 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 Dundee, in the room of Edmund Dene Morel, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Spoor.)

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 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 before this House, or any Committee thereof, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

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

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be Privileges. appointed.

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

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, Journal, 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 Loundale 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.

Chairman of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable James Hope be the Chairman of Ways and Means and that Captain the Right Honourable Algernon FitzRoy be the Deputy Chairman.—(The Prime Minister.)

Parliamentary Papers.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command, on or after Tuesday the 18th day of November, being the day on which this Parliament was appointed to meet, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95:

- Copy of Statement relating to the employment of Ex-Service Men in Government Offices on 1st July 1919 and 1st October 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.
- Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st October 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.
- Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st November 1924, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.
- Copy of Memorandum explaining the proposed Financial Resolution relative to Irish Free State Land Purchase (Loan Guarantee).
- Copy of Fourth Report of the War Compensation Court.
- Copy of Third Report of the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors.
- Copy of Report of Committee appointed to review the provisions of the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, and of the Regulations under that Act.
- Copy of Statistics relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the House of Lords, the Supreme Court of Judicature, County Courts, and other Civil Courts for 1923.
- Copy of Return by the Board of Education of the number of full-time pupils attending Secondary Schools in England and Wales on the Grant List on 31st March 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 per 1,000 of the population of the area in which they were resident at the time of admission.
- Copy of Report on the causes of and circumstances attending the Explosion which occurred at the East Pit of the Bickey Colliery, Beighton, Yorkshire, on 23rd February 1924, by Henry Walker, C.B.E., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines.
- 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 March 1924.

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

Colonel Lane-Fox presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Third Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines for 1923 and Annual Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines for the same year, with a Statistical Appendix to both Reports.

Copy of Report of His Majesty's Electrical Inspector of Mines for 1923.

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

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the directions of a Act of Parliament,—Copy of Seventh Annual Report of the Minister of Pensions, from 1st April 1923 to 31st March 1924.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed in February 1924 to consider and advise regarding the general organisation and finance of Agricultural Education and Research in Scotland.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th September 1924, made by the Secretary for Scotland under Acts, entitled the Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Act, 1924, and the Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Regulations, 1924.

Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 135 Universities (Scotland) Act, 1920, to the ordinace No. 4 of the University Court of St. Andrews.

Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the aforementioned 1912, to the Burgh of Grangemouth.

Copy of Rule made by the Secretary for Prisons Scotland, under the Prisons (Scotland) Acts, (Scotland) as to the appointment of a Visiting Committee to the police cells prison at Thurso, and Rule appointing police police in the Burgh of Thurso to the Burgh of Thurso to the detention of prisoners for a period not exceeding fourteen days before, during, or after trial.

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

Mr. M'Neill presented, by His Majesty's Missions Command, Copy of Correspondence with the Treasury respecting the raising of Budapest to the rank of a first-class Mission.

Copy of Correspondence with the Treasury Missions, respecting the raising of Constantinople to the rank of a first-class Mission.

Copy of Report on the Finances, Administration, and Condition of the Sudan in 1923.
Copy of Reports from His Majesty’s Representatives Abroad on the methods adopted in the Parliaments of Foreign Countries for dealing with International Questions.

League of Nations
(Miscellaneous No. 19, 1924.)

Copy of Report by Lord Parmoor (British Representative) on the Thirtieth Session of the Council of the League of Nations.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Copy of Special Report by the Electricity Commissioners under Section 1 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, dispensing with the consent of the Barrow-upon-Sands Rural District Council.

Port of London Authority.

Colonel Ashley also presented, pursuant to the powers of several Acts of Parliament—

Copy of Fifteenth Annual Report, with Accounts of the Port of London Authority for the year ended 31st March 1924.

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 arrangements made in pursuance of Section 19 of that Act—

(1) between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Portsmouth and the Urban District Council of Fareham;

(2) between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Portsmouth and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Chichester.

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 an arrangement made in pursuance of Section 19 of that Act between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Blackburn and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Preston.

Copy of Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under Section 7 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, constituting the Edinburgh and Lochalsh Electricity District.

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

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 Parish of Milton, in the Rural District of Lymington, in the County of Southampton;

(2) the Urban District of Southwick, 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;

(4) the Urban District of Perry Barr, in the County of Stafford;

(5) parts of the Parish of Cambusbarr, in the County of Lanark;

(6) 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;

(7) the Urban Districts of Luddenden Foot, Marsden, Mytholmroyd and Staingland, all in the West Riding of the County of York;

(8) the Borough of Daventry, the Rural District of Potterspury, and parts of the Rural Districts of Brixworth, Daventry, Hardingstone, Northampton, and Towcester, all in the County of Northampton, and the Urban Districts of Bletchley, Newport Pagnell, and Wolverton, and the Rural District of Newport Pagnell, all in the County of Buckingham;

(9) the Rural District of Norton and the Parishes of Coal Aston and Dronfield Woodhouse, in the Rural District of Chesterfield, in the County of Derby;

(10) the Urban District of Adwick-le-Street, in the West Riding of the County of York;

(11) the Urban Districts of Clayton, West Endley, Farley, Tyas, Flockton, Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Lepton, Skelmanthorpe, and Whitley Upper, and part of the Rural District of Halifax, in the County of West Riding of the County of York;

(12) the Urban District of Tetbury and parts of the Parishes of Beverstone, Shipton Moyne, and Tetbury Upton, in the Rural District of Tetbury, all in the County of Gloucester, and part of the Parish of Long Newton, in the Rural District of Tewbury, in the County of Wilts;

(13) part of the Rural District of Walsall and parts of the Parishes of Great Wyrley and Essington, in the Rural District of Cannock, in the County of Stafford;

(14) the Rural District of Ringwood, in the County of Southampton;

(15) the Parish of Harthill Hamlet, in the Rural District of Atherstone, and the Parish of Weddington, in the Rural District of Nuneaton, in the County of Warwick;

(16) the Urban District of Sheringham and the Parishes of Bee Aston Regis, Runton, and Overstrand, in the Rural District of Erpingham, all in the County of Norfolk;

(17) the Urban District of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, in the North Riding of the County of York;

(18) the Urban District of Lymn, in the County of Chester;

(19) the Boroughs of Chippenham and Devizes, the Urban Districts of Bradford-on-Avon, Melksham, Trowbridge, and Westbury, and the Rural Districts of Bradford-
on-Avon, Calne (except the Parish of Calne Without), Chippenham, Devizes, Melksham, and Westbury, and Whorwell-down, all in the County of Wilts;

(20) the Parishes of Cheelyn Hay, Hatherton, and Huntingdon, and parts of the Parishes of Great Wydikey, Penbridge, and Kinner, in the Rural District of Cannock, in the County of Stafford, and for the amendment of the Cannock Electric Lighting Order, 1901;

(21) the Borough of East Retford and the Rural District of East Retford, in the County of Nottingham;

(22) parts of the Rural Districts of Cullham, Headington, and Woodstock, all in the County of Oxford;

(23) the Parishes of Brundall, Blofield, and Witton, and part of the Parish of Great Plumstead, in the Rural District of Blofield, in the County of Norfolk;

(24) the Parishes of East Bedfont, Hamworth, Harmondsworth, Harlington, and Cranford, in the Rural District of Staines, in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes;

(25) the Urban District of Golborne, in the County Palatine of Lancaster;

(26) the Parish of Shepperton and part of the Parish of Littleton, in the Rural District of Staines, in the County of Middlesex;

(27) the Parishes of Kenfig, Pyle, and Tythegston Higher, in the Rural District of Penyborch, in the County of Glamorgan;

(28) the Borough of Dunstable, the Urban District of Leighton Buzzard, and the Rural Districts of Luton and Eaton Bray, in the County of Bedford, the Urban District of Linslade and the Rural District of Wing, in the County of Buckingham, and part of the Rural District of Hemel Hempstead, in the County of Hertford;


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


Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, providing for the revision, amendment, and consolidation of certain of the Regulations appended to certain of His Majesty’s Orders relating to the Royal Air Force, in accordance with the Regulations appended to this Order, and included in a volume entitled the King’s Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force.

Copy of Order revising and amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty’s Order dated 25th July 1924 and included in a volume entitled the King’s Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force.

Copy of—

(1) A Royal Warrant amending the Royal Warrants dated 21st December 1921 and 6th February 1923 by further extending the class of persons eligible for selection as officers in the Reserve of Air Force Officers;

(2) Order pursuant to the above-mentioned Royal Warrant providing for the government, discipline, pay, and conditions of service of officers entered under that Royal Warrant, and further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty’s Order, dated 21st December 1921 as amended by His Majesty’s Orders dated 6th February 1923 and 30th October 1924.

Copy of Order making further provision for Air Force Reserve, including the Reserve of Air Force officers and men of the Royal Air Force Reserve, and amending in certain respects His Majesty’s Orders, dated 21st December 1921 and 6th February 1923.

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

Earl Winterton presented, by His Majesty’s East India Command,—Copy of the Bengal Criminal Law (Crime.) Amendment Ordinance, 1924.

Earl Winterton also presented, pursuant to East India directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Leave of Absence (Allowances) Rules, dated 20th November 1924, made by the Secretary of State in Council under the Government of India Act.

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

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to Diseases of Animals Acts, Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts,—

(1) Authorising the landing of four Sable Antelopes in the Port of London, dated 10th October 1924;

(2) The Imported Animals Order of 1924 (No. 2), dated 13th October 1924;

(3) Revoking Order No. 3,813, of 29th September 1924, and amending the Foreign Animals Order of 1910, dated 16th October 1924;

(4) The Imported Animals Order of 1924 (No. 3), dated 25th October 1924;

(5) Relative to the Importation of Canadian Cattle Order of 1923, dated 1st November 1924;

(6) The Birkenhead Imported Animals Wharf Order of 1924 (No. 2), dated 14th November 1924;

(7) Authorising the landing and isolation of two American Bison at the Port of Glasgow.

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

Air Force Reserve.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th November 1924, made by the Secretary of State under Section 7 of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920, for controlling the manufacture, sale, possession, and distribution of Dangerous Drugs, entitled the Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1924.
Copy of Regulations, dated 20th November 1924, made by the Secretary of State under Section 3 of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920, for controlling the manufacture, sale, possession and distribution of Raw Opium, entitled the Raw Opium Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Order in Council made by the Governor of Northern Ireland uniting the Counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, and Tyrone, and the County of the City of Londonderry, for the purposes of the Winter Assizes, 1924–25.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, President of the Overseas Settlement Committee, from the Delegation appointed to obtain information regarding the System of Child Migration and Settlement in Canada.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Special Orders proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the—
(1) Barry Urban District Council;
(2) Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Morphoe;
(3) Castelford and Whitwood Gas and Coke Company;
(4) Deal and Walmer Gas and Electricity Company;
(5) Halesowen Gas Company;
(6) Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Helston;
(7) Liverpool Gas Company and Hightown Gas and Electricity Company;
(8) Redhill Gas Company;
(9) Urban District Council of Ellesmere Port and Whitby;
(10) Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Morecambe;
(11) Gosport Gas and Coke Company;
(12) Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Company;
(13) Urban District Council of Maryport;

Copy of Abstract of Returns relating to Pilotage in the United Kingdom for 1923.

Copies of Reports on Applications by the Winchester Water and Gas Company, the Solihull Gas Company, and the Wells Gaslight 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 Pilotage be printed.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th November 1924, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Training of Teachers (Amending) Regulation (No. 3), 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 13th October 1924, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Training of Teachers (Amending) Regulations (No. 2), 1924.

Copy of Regulation, dated 13th November Board of 1924, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921 entitled the Higher Education (Maintenance Allowance) Regulation, 1924.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Superannuation directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 3rd December 1924, declaring that Edward Michael Dwyer, Boy Sorter, General Post Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 19th November 1924, granting a retired allowance to Mr. William Storey, Assistant Superintendent, General Post Office, under the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Account of Receipts and Expenditure of the Supreme Court of Judicature, in respect of the Funds of 29th February 1924, and Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Supreme Court of Judicature and Housing Act, 1914, be printed.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of (1) Recommendation adopted by the International Labour Conference of the League of Nations at its sixth session, 16th June to 5th July 1924 (Authentic Text); and (2) Texts adopted by a Provisional Vote of the Conference at its sixth session.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland also presented, Trade Boards pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Special Orders, dated 6th August 1924, made under Sections 1 and 2 of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, entitled—
(1) The Trade Boards (Stamped or Pressed Metal Wares) Order, 1924;
(2) The Trade Boards (Button Making) Order, 1924.
Copy of Regulations, dated 7th August 1924, made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Exemption from Periodical Reports) Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 19th September 1924, made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Repayment and Return of Contributions) (Amendment) 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 Refunds) Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Draft of proposed Order under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Postal Workers) Inclusion Order, 1924.

Copy of Order, dated 2nd October 1924, made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Order, 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 19th October 1924, made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, and the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Act, 1924, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Night Work) Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 9th October 1924, made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, and the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Act, 1924, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Repayment and Return of Contributions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1924.

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

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copies of Two Orders in Council under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, dated 9th October and 7th November 1924, entitled:

1. The Government of Ireland (County of Antrim Registration of Title) Order, 1924;


Copy of Order in Council under the Greenwich Hospital Acts, dated 9th October 1924, approving an Admiralalty Memorial praying sanction to a proposal that retired officers who have served in time of war or emergency be allowed to count such service towards the periods of qualifying service for Greenwich Hospital Pensions.

Copy of Order in Council under the Copyright Act, 1911, dated 9th October 1924, entitled the Berne Copyright Convention (Syria and Lebanon) Order, 1924.

Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts by the Governing Body of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and approved by the University of Cambridge Commissioners on 4th August 1924, adding a Chapter (Xa) to the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts by the University of Oxford and approved by the University of Oxford Commissioners on 23rd May 1924, in repeal of and substitution for Statute Titulus XIII, Section II., of the Statutes of the University.

Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Cambridge, and approved by the University of Cambridge Commissioners on 24th June 1924, repealing Chapter XII. of the College Statutes and substituting a new Chapter XII. therefor.

Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts by the Governing Body of University College, Oxford, and approved by the University of Oxford Commissioners on 24th June 1924, repealing Statute III., 24 (Mynors Fellowship), of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statute made under the University of London Act, 1898, by the Senate of the University of London on 22nd October 1924, amending Statute 108 of the University.

Copy of Two Orders in Council under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 9th October 1924, entitled:

1. The Air Force Reserve Order, 1924;

2. The Auxiliary Air Force Order, 1924.

Copy of Order in Council under the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881, and the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 9th October 1924, entitled the East Africa Fugitive Offenders Order in Council, 1924.

Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 9th October 1924, entitled the Palestine (Appeal to Privy Council) Order in Council, 1924.

Copy of Order in Council under the Treaties of Peace (Austria and Bulgaria) Act, 1920, entitled the China (Treaty of Peace) (Austria) Order in Council, 1924.

Copy of Order in Council under the Finance Act, 1923, dated 7th November 1924, entitled, the Relief from Double Income Tax on Shipping Profits (United States of America) Declaration, 1924.

Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts by the Governing Body of Cambridge Commissioners on the 9th August 1924, repealing Statute B, Chapter II., and substituting a new Chapter therefor.

Copy of Order in Council, Treaty of Peace (Hungary) Act, 1921, dated 9th October 1924, entitled the China (Treaty of Peace) (Hungary) Order in Council, 1924.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement, showing as regards each spending authority in England and Wales, the amount of the Grant which the Minister of Health paid under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1923, in respect of the year 1923-24, and the reduced assessable value at the commencement of that year of the area for which the authority acts, distinguishing the value of agricultural land.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th November 1924, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Joint Committee and the Scottish Board of Health, acting jointly, entitled the National Health Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Order (Scotland) 1924.

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

National Health Insurance (Joint Committee.)

Copies of Statutes made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts by the University of Oxford, and approved by the University of Oxford Commissioners on 11th June 1924, amending Statute Title III. and Statute Title IV. of the Statutes of the University.

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

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 11th November 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health, acting jointly, and Regulations made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Scottish Board of Health, acting jointly, entitled the National Health Insurance Deposit Contributors Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1924.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 1st December 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance Reserve Sunk Expense Fund Regulations. 1924.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 8th November 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army, and Air Force) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1924.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 11th November 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health, acting jointly, and Regulations made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Scottish Board of Health, acting jointly, entitled the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons Amendment) Regulations. 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 18th November 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance Valuation Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th October 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance Arrears Amendment Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Special Order, dated 11th July 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health, acting jointly, entitled the National Health Insurance (Seilby Islands Insolvency Committee) Amendment Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Special Order, dated 24th November 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health, acting jointly, entitled the National Health Insurance (Seilby Islands Insolvency Committee) Amendment Regulations, 1924.

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Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 1st December 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance Reserve Sunk Expense Fund Regulations. 1924.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 8th November 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army, and Air Force) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1924.
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 Sixth Schedule (superseding Schedules previously laid before Parliament), containing a List and Particulars of classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of His Majesty's Postmaster General which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for year ended 1st July 1924.

Mr. Speaker reported His Majesty's Speech, 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.

The campaign of hostility to British rights and interests in Egypt and the Sudan, inspired rather than discouraged by the Government of Zaghoul Pasha, culminated in the murder of Sir Lee Stack in the streets of Cairo and obliged My Government to demand redress.

Their demands, which the present Egyptian Government have accepted, are designed to secure respect for those interests which are of vital concern to My Empire and which My Government specifically reserved to their absolute discretion when My Protectorate over Egypt was withdrawn.

I follow with deep interest the important deliberations of the League of Nations. My Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has proceeded to Rome to act as British representative at the meeting of its Council. He is taking the opportunity of this journey to meet the Prime Ministers of France and Italy.

My Government have not yet had time to study, in consultation with the Governments of the Dominions, the protocol for the pacific settlement of disputes, drawn up at the last Assembly of the League of Nations with the attention which its character demands. They have already begun to examine this weighty question.

My Government are unable to recommend to your consideration the treaties with the Governments of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, signed on the 8th August. It is My desire that normal intercourse between the two countries shall not be interrupted. I trust that the attainment of this object will be made possible by the strict fulfilment of those conditions of friendly international intercourse which have been repeatedly placed before the Soviet Government, and accepted by them, particularly at the moment of the establishment of diplomatic relations. The Treaty Agreement of the 18th March, 1921, does all that is at present possible to foster mutual trade.

I have concluded a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation with the President of the German Reich in order to put the commercial relations of the two countries on a stable footing. You will be invited to give legislative effect to its provisions.

A Bill will be laid before you for giving approval to the Treaty with Italy signed in July for the cession of a portion of the provinces of Jubaland, in the Kenya Colony and (Protectorate.

The visit of My eldest son, the Prince of Wales, to South Africa, which was unavoidably postponed this year, has now been arranged to take place in the spring of next year. In the course of his journey he will also visit My possessions in West Africa and St. Helena. I have no doubt that the happy results which attended his previous visits to other parts of My Dominions will be repeated on this occasion.

I have received an invitation from the President and Government of the Argentine Republic for the Prince of Wales to visit the Argentine next year. I have gladly accepted this invitation on behalf of My son.

It is the firm conviction of My Government that in the closest co-operation with the Governments of My Dominions and of India in all matters of mutual concern lies the key both to industrial progress and to the increasing unity and strength of the Empire, and this will be a guiding principle of their administration.

The policy of encouraging Empire settlement and mutual trade between the various parts of My Empire is one which My advisers deem to be of the greatest importance, and to which they will steadfastly adhere. Proposals based upon the recommendations of the Imperial Economic Conference of last year will be submitted for granting further preferences on goods imported into this country from the Empire.

My Government propose, in accordance with the resolution of the last Imperial Conference, to proceed with plans already made for enlarging the Naval Base at Singapore.

Members of the House of Commons,

Estimates for the public services will be laid before you in due course. Every effort will be made to reduce public expenditure to the lowest possible limit consistent with the security and efficiency of the State. The present heavy burdens of the taxpayer are a hindrance to the revival of enterprise and employment. Economy in every sphere is imperative if we are to regain our industrial and commercial prosperity.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

While I am glad to note the signs of improvement in the state of trade and industry, the present extent of unemployment continues...
to cause Me grave concern and will receive the constant attention of My Ministers. More stable economic and political conditions throughout the world, and the greater development of facilities for inter-Imperial commerce, will, I hope, promote the growth both of our internal and our overseas trade. A Bill is under consideration, and will be submitted to you at an early date, for safeguarding employment in efficient industries wherever, after inquiry, the need for such exceptional action is established.

The various schemes which have already been initiated for the relief of unemployment, including those relating to juvenile unemployment, will be examined with great care, and you will be asked to make provision for the continuance and extension of all such measures as are likely to alleviate the present distresses.

But no less important for the prosperity of My country than the action of Parliament is the avoidance of any improvement in other conditions without which full advantage cannot be taken of any improvement in other conditions.

My Ministers are deeply impressed by the continued shortage of housing accommodation. They are convinced that the encouragement of the private builder and the occupying owner is an essential element in the successful treatment of the problem, and substantial progress has been made in this direction. My Ministers will devote their attention to overcoming the rising cost of houses and the shortage in the available supplies of skilled labour. With this object they will endeavour to supplement the housing resources of the country by encouraging new methods of construction calculated to promote the rapid production of houses of approved design and moderate cost, and, at the same time, to assist in the reduction of unemployment.

The housing problem is not merely one of overcrowding, but also of the existence of large numbers of houses which fall below modern standards of propriety and sanitation. Something is already being done under existing legislation to clear the worst areas and to remedy sanitary and structural defects in those which remain. As new building increases, it will be possible largely to develop this process, and My Government will take every opportunity of pressing it forward with vigour.

My Ministers are engaged upon enquiries into the possibility of combining with existing systems of insurance, provisions for improved old age pensions and pensions for widowed mothers. They will also endeavour, in co-operation with the Local Education Authorities, to promote the steady and continuous development of the public system of education.

A Conference of representatives of landowners, farmers and workers has already been invited to consider whether an agreement can be arrived at by these different interests which might provide the stable basis of a national agricultural policy. Meanwhile, measures will be laid before you to give effect to the proposals of the late Government for the encouragement of the sugar beet industry; to provide where practicable for the marking of imported foodstuffs and for dealing with the readjustment and redemption of Tithe Rentcharge.

Steps will be taken to carry out the principal recommendations of the Committee on the use of preservatives and colouring matter in food and for the ascertaining of costs and profits in the distribution of milk.

In view of the prevalence of high food prices and their adverse effect upon the cost of living, I have appointed a Commission to investigate the extent and causes of the differences between the prices received by producers of foodstuffs and those paid by consumers.

Measures will be presented for the consolidation of the Law of Property and of the enactments relating to the procedure of the Supreme Court, for the reform of the system of rating and valuation in England and Wales and of rating in Scotland, for the prolongation of the Rent Restriction Act and of the Agricultural Rates Act, 1925. You will be asked to facilitate the completion of 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.

Bills will be introduced dealing with legislation dealing with the Property and Endowments of the Church of Scotland and with the foundation of a National Library for Scotland.

Preparations are being made for legislation dealing with the wages of the case of shipwreck and with medical examination and stoke-hold employment of young seamen, to validate certain charges imposed during the war, and to amend and consolidate the Factory and Workshop Acts and the law with regard to the use of road vehicles.

My Government are hopeful that, with the support of the community at large, they may be able, on the lines here indicated and to be developed as time proceeds, to expedite the solution, in a spirit of unity, of many of the problems that are weighing heavily on the national life, and in this way to remove some of the obstacles that have not ceased, since the termination of the war, to retard the industrial and economic recovery of My people.

Your labours upon these and all other matters I humbly commend to the blessing of Almighty God.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, and the Question being put, (Motion for an Address.)

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. Ellis) —And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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 two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 5.]

Wednesday, 10th December 1924.

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

P R A Y E R S.

Members take the Oath.

THE following Members took and subscribed the Oath:—

Fred William Lindley, Esquire, for the Borough of Rotherham.
The Right Honourable William Graham, for the Borough of Edinburgh (Central Division).
Commander Oliver Stillingfleet Locker-Lampson, R.N.V.R., for the Borough of Birming-
ham (Handsworth Division).

Colonel Sir John Gilmore presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Buckhaven and Methil Burgh:

And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant December; and to be printed.

The House was moved, That the Standing Order of the 9th day of October 1924, relating to Private Bills suspended in the last Session of Parliament might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—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 1924; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Return of the Amount of Notes issued by the Bank of England more than forty years, and outstanding on 29th October 1924, which have been written off.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all the Draft Provisional Orders under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, which in the Session of 1924 have been reported on by Commissioners; together with the names of the Commissioners; the first and also the last day of the sittings of each group; the number of days on which each Commissioner has served; the number of days on which each Provisional Order before Commissioners; the number of days on which each Draft Provisional Order before Commissioners; the Draft Provisional Orders the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; and the Draft Provisional Orders the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved;

And also a Statement showing how all Draft Provisional Orders of the Session of 1924 have been dealt with.—(Colonel Sir John Gilmore.)
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 names of every Member returned to serve in the Thirty-third Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, appointed to meet the eighth day of January 1924 and dissolved the ninth day of October 1924, specifying the name of the County, City, University, or place for which each Member was returned (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 134, of Session 1924).—(Sir William Bull.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by (Sir William Bull.), containing a Bill to continue in force for one year the Agricultural Rates Act, 1923; to provide for the application to the Isles of Scilly: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, supported by Mr. Edward Wood and Colonel Sir John Gilmour, presented a Bill to continue in force for one year the Agricultural Rates Act, 1923; to continue for so long as the said Act remains in force the charge on the Consolidated Fund in respect of the additional annual grants payable thereunder, and to amend the said Act in its application to the Isles of Scilly: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Guinness presented a Bill to continue certain expiring Laws: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Minister of Health (Lords), Order Bill [Lords.] 

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Order to confirm a Provisional Order of the Health of 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 to be printed.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, supported by Mr. Edward Wood and Colonel Sir John Gilmour, presented a Bill to provide for the application to the Isles of Scilly: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1919, in respect of the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District Council of Maryport, which was presented on the 9th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Mr. Secretary Amery, supported by Mr. M'Neil, presented a Bill to approve a Treaty between His Majesty and the King of Italy: 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 put, That, until the Adjournment of the House for Christmas, Government Business do have precedence at every Sitting, that no Bills other than Government Bills be introduced, and that no Ballot be taken for determining the precedence of such Bills.—(The Prime Minister;)}

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

Tellers for the \{Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs : 277.\}

Tellers for the \{Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Maxton : 81.\}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 9th day of this instant December, 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. Thomas Kennedy.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Barry Urban District Council, which was presented on the 9th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Liverpool Gas Company and the Hightown Gas and Electricity Company, which was presented on the 9th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Urban District Council of Maryport, which was presented on the 9th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made Electricity 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 Adwick-le-Street, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel Ashby.)}
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 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, which was presented on the 9th day of December, 1924, be approved. —(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Perrry Barr, in the County of Stafford, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved. (Colonel Ashley.)

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 Carnbrooke, and parts of the Parishes of Great Wyrley, Cannock, and Huntington, and parts of the Parishes of Great Wyrley, Cannock, and Huntington, and parts of the Parish of Penkridge, and Kinvaston, in the Rural District of Cannock, in the County of Stafford, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved. (Colonel Ashley.)

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 Parish of Cambuslang, in the County of Lanark, which was presented on the 9th day of December, 1924, be approved. —(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Parish of Brundall, at the commencement and close of the year; together with Copy of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. —(Mr. Guinness.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till three minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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 confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Aberdeen Harbour, 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 the Edinburgh Chartered Accountants Annuity, &c., Fund; 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 the Law of Property Act, to postpone the coming into operation of this Act, 1899, 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 of Property Act, 1922, and the enactments thereby affected, and to facilitate the consolidation of the Law relating to conveyancing and property, settled land, trustees, the registration of pending actions, annuities, writs, orders, deeds of arrangement and land charges, the administration of estates, the registration of title to land and university and college estates; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Law of Property (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Law of Property Act (Postponement) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Aberdeen Harbour (Rates) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Edinburgh Chartered Accountants Annuity, &c., Fund Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Scrabster Harbour Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Expiring Laws Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

The Agricultural Rates (Additional Grant) Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Secretary Amery, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, 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. 71, 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. Guinness.)

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.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty representing that the state of business in the King's Bench Division requires that vacancies (not exceeding two) should be filled in the number of puisne Judges of the King's Bench Division, notwithstanding that the number of those Judges amounts to fifteen or upwards, and praying that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to fill such vacancies accordingly in pursuance of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1910.

(Mr. Attorney General.)

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglo-Italian Treaty (East African Territories) Bill;

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 Borough of East Retford and the Rural District of East Retford, in the County of Nottingham, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.

(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Parish of Hartshill Hamlet, in the Rural District of Atherstone, and the Parish of Weddington, in the Rural District of Nuneaton, in the County of Warwick, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.

(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Brixworth, Daventry, Hardicester, Northampton, and Towcester, all in the County of Northampton, and the Urban Districts of Bletchley, Newport Pagnall, and Wolverton, and the Rural District of Newport Pagnall, all in the County of Buckingham, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.

(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Parish of Hartshill Hamlet, in the Rural District of Atherstone, and the Parish of Weddington, in the Rural District of Nuneaton, in the County of Warwick, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.

(Colonel Ashley.)

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdeen Harbour (Rates) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Edinburgh, and took into consideration the Edinburgh Chartered Accountants Annuity, &c. Fund Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Scrabster, and took into consideration the Scrabster Harbour Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.
Mr. Guinness presented—Return to an Order dated the 11th day of this instant December, for a Return relative to Civil Contingencies Fund, 1923-24.

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

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Monday next. (Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

The Law of Property Act (Postponement) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

The Law of Property (Amendment) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Canals (Continuance of Charging Powers) 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.

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.

Mr. Guinness 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 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 upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in page 3, to leave out ll. 42 and 43. (Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, to leave out ll. 45 to 48. (Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, to leave out ll. 45 to 47. (Mr. Morris.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, to leave out ll. 20 and 22. (Mr. Scour.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Commander Eyres-Monsell, 176.

Colonel Gibbs: 37.

Tellers for the

Mr. Scour, 176.

Mr. Barker: 37.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, to leave out ll. 42 to 44. (Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, to leave out ll. 45 to 48. (Mr. Macquisten.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, to leave out ll. 11 and 12. (Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

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

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 China Indemnity (Application) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of February next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglo-Italian Treaty (East African Territories) Bill;

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

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then seventeen minutes before Two of the clock, till Monday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

[No. 8.]

**Monday, 15th December 1924.**

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

**PRAYERS.**

The Vice Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 11th day of this instant December relative to High Court of Justice, King’s Bench Division, had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following answer:

I have received your Address praying that, in pursuance of the first section of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1910, two Judges may be appointed to the High Court of Justice to fill vacancies in the King’s Bench Division thereof, and I will issue directions in accordance with your desire.

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath:

The Right Honourable Joseph Austen Chamberlain, for the Borough of Birmingham (West Birmingham Division).

Francis Nicholas Blundell, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Ormskirk Division).

The Aberdeen Harbour (Rates) 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 Scrabster Harbour 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

The House was moved, That the Standing Order of the 9th day of October, 1924, relating to Private Bills suspended in the last Session of Parliament might be read; and the same being read;

The Ancient Monuments Preservation Order Confirmation Bill (suspended) was read the first time.

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

Colonel Ashley 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 Rural District of Ticehurst, in the Administrative County of East Sussex;
(2) Parts of the Counties of East Lothian and Midlothian;
(3) the Parish of Chaldon, in the Rural District of Rugeley, and the Parishes of Woldingham, Chelsham, and Parleigh, and parts of the Parishes of Godstone, Bletchingly, and Tandridge, in the Rural District of Godstone, all in the County of Surrey.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum (Validity) and Annexes on proposed Ways and Means Resolution relative to War Charges (Validity).

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

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans Army, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons.

Copy of Regulations governing the Formation, Army Organisation, and Administration of Territorial Cadet Units in the British Isles.
Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army.

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

Diseases of Animals Acts.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 6th December 1924, substituting quarantine station in Zoological Park, Murrayfield, Edinburgh, for that described in Order 3,877, dated 28th November 1924.

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


No. 7.

Mr. Guinness 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 1924, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Judicial Statistics (Scotland.)

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report on the Judicial Statistics of Scotland for 1923.

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

Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 10.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Motions for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 10, showing the date of such Motion, the name of the Member proposing, the definite matter of urgent public importance, and the result of any Division taken thereon during Session 1924 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 137, of Session 1923).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Business of the House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, with reference to Session 1924, (1) the total number of days on which the House sat; and (2) the days on which Business of Supply was considered (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 137, of Session 1923).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 26).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 26 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1924, (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:—

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into the House of Commons and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in Session 1924, classed according to the following subjects:—:

Railways; Tramways; Tramroads; Subways; Canals and Navigations; Roads and Bridges; Water; Waterworks; Gas; Gas and Water; Lighting and Improvement; Local Legislation; Corporations, &c. (not relating to Local Legislation or to Lighting and Improvement Schemes); Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks; Pilotage; Churches, Chapels, and Burying Grounds; Markets and Fairs; Gaols and other County Buildings; Inns and Drainage; Estate; Patent; Divorce; and Miscellaneous.

Of all the Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1924 have been reported on by Committees on Opposed Private Bills or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last day of the sitting of each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each selected Member has served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved; and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed:

Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in Session 1924, have been referred by the Committee of Selection, to the Committee on Unopposed Bills, together with the names of the Members who served on each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each Member has served; the number of days on which each Member attended;

And, of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the parties, those Bills being specified which have been referred to Committees and dropped during the sittings of the Committee (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0,001, of Session 1923).—(The Deputy Chairman.)
Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Bills, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during Session 1924; showing the number which received the Royal Assent; the number which were passed by this House, but not by the House of Lords; the number passed by the House of Lords, but not by this House; and distinguishing the stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were dropped or postponed and rejected in either House of Parliament (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.002, of Session 1923).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Petitions presented and printed in Session 1924, with the total number of signatures in each Session (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.003, of Session 1923).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Select Committees appointed in Session 1924 and the Court of Referees; the subjects of inquiry; the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the number of days each Committee met, and the number of days each Member attended; the total expense of the attendance of witnesses at each Select Committee, and the name of the Member who moved for such Select Committee; also the total number of Members who served on Select Committees (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.004, of Session 1923).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1924 of the number of Members who served on Standing Committees appointed under Standing Order No. 47, showing, with regard to each Committee, the number of hours after eleven p.m.; and the number of entries in each day’s Votes and Proceedings.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1924 of (1) the total number and the names of all Members (including and distinguishing Chairman) who have been appointed to serve on one or more of the six Standing Committees appointed under Standing Order No. 47, showing, with regard to each such Member, the number of sittings at which he was present; (2) the number of Bills considered by all and by each of the Standing Committees, the number of days on which each Committee sat, and the names of all Bills considered by a Standing Committee, distinguishing where a Bill was a Government Bill or was brought from the House of Lords, and showing, in the case of each Bill, the particular Standing Committee by whom it was considered, the number of days on which it was considered by the Committee, and the number of Members present on each of those days (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.005, of Session 1923).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:—
Major Charles Ainsworth, for the Borough of Bury.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks, sup-Northern ported by Lord Eustace Percy, presented a Bill Ireland to amend the Law relating to the Occupation Bill 13, 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 Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Irish Business of Free State Land Purchase (Loan Guarantee) Bill 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 resuming King’s the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Audience Speech for the 4th day of the instant December, an Address.) That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words “But humbly regret the policy that Egyptian and is being pursued by Your Majesty’s advisers with regard to Egypt and Russia.”—(Mr. Powney.)

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. Spoor, Yeas, 132.
[M. Frederick Hall : ]

Tellers for the (Commander Eyres-
Noes, Monsell, 363.
Colonel Gibbs :

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main 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.

The Irish Free State Land Purchase (Loan Irish Free Guarantee) 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.

(—Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Law of Committee on the Law of Property Act (Postponement) Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, [Lords.] resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the Law of Property (Amend-
ment) Bill [Lords];
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Anglo-Italian Treaty
(East African Territories) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by
the Electricity Commissioners under the Elec-
tricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and
confirmed by the Minister of Transport under
the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect
of parts of the Rural Districts of Cullam,
Headington, and Woodstock, all in the County
of Oxford, which was presented on the 9th
day of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel
Moore-Brabazon.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by
the Electricity Commissioners under the Elec-
tricity (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 Ringwood, in the
County of Southampton, which was presented
on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.
—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by
the Electricity Commissioners under the Elec-
tricity (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 Norton and the Parishes
of Coal Aston and Dronfield Woodhouse, in the
Rural District of Chesterfield, in the County
of Derby, which was presented on the 9th day
of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel
Moore-Brabazon.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by
the Electricity Commissioners under the Elec-
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 Sheringham, and the
Parishes of Beeston Regis, Runton, and Over-
sirand, in the Rural District of Eppingham, all
in the County of Norfolk, which was presented
on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.
—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by
the Electricity Commissioners under the Elec-
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 Southwick in the
County of Sussex, which was presented on the

A Motion was made, and the Question being Electricity
proposed, That the Special Order made by (Supply Acts,
the Electricity Commissioners under the Elec-
tricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and
confirmed by the Minister of Transport under
the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect
of the Parishes of East Bedfont, Hanworth,
Harmondsworth, Horton, and Cranford, in the
Rural District of Staines, in the County of
Middlesex, and for other purposes, which was
presented on the 9th day of December 1924,
be approved.—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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

And then the House, having continued to
sit till seventeen 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 House, according to Order, proceeded Glasgow
Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant Public
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Utility
Copy of Report on an application by the
St. Ives (Hunts) Gas Company, Limited, to Issues)
the Board of Trade under the Public Utility
Companies (Capital Issues) Act, 1920.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Police and
Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the
Committee appointed by the Secretary of the Men
State to inquire into the Claims of the Men
dismissed from the Police and Prison Services
on account of the Strike of 1919.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, by His Majesty's British Sugar
Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the pro-
posed Financial Resolution and Ways and Means Resolution relative to the British Sugar
Subsidy Bill.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Captain Elliot presented, pursuant to the National
directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Health
Copy of Regulations made by the Scottish
Board of Health, entitled the National Health (Regulations)
Insurance (Decision of Questions) Regulations
(Scotland), 1924.
16th December. 1924.

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

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.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make further 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 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 to 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 confirm a Provisional Order under the Power Supply Company Bill, 1899, relating to Banff Town Hall; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Banff Town Hall Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House was moved, That Standing Order No. 9 of the 9th day of October 1924 relating to Private Bills suspended in the last Session of Parliament might be read: And the same being read:

The County of London Electric Supply Company Bill [Lords] (suspended) was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords] (suspended) was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords] (suspended) was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords] (suspended) was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Irish Free State Land Purchase (Loan Guarantees) Bill 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant December, 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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words:—"But humbly regret that your Majesty's advisers are committed to a policy of leaving the solution of the housing problem mainly to private enterprise and the operation of occupying ownership, thus ignoring the importance of carrying out a long-term scheme of building houses to be let at rents within the means of the working-classes, and failing to take every advantage for increasing employment in the building and auxiliary industries."—(Mr. Wheatley.)

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 Yeas,

Mr. Frederick Hall, 136.

Mr. Parkinson.

Tellers for the Noes,

Commander Egremont, 356.

Colonel Gibbs:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Free State Land Purchase (Loan Guarantee) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Classes No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Law of Property (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-Italian Treaty (East African Territories) Bill;

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

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 Tetbury, all in the County of Gloucester, and part of the Parish of Long Newton, in the Rural District of Tetbury, in the County of Wilts, which was presented on the 6th day of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Tetbury and parts of the Parishes of Beverstone, Shipston Moyne, and Tetbury Upton, in the Rural District of Tetbury, all in the County of Gloucester, and part of the Parish of Long Newton, in the Rural District of Tetbury, in the County of Wilts, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Beaminster, Bredington, and part of the Parish of Lillaton, in the Rural District of Beaminster, in the County of Dorset, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 part of the Urban District of Lyneham, in the County of Wiltshire, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 part of the Urban District of Tetbury, all in the County of Gloucester, and part of the Parish of Long Newton, in the Rural District of Tetbury, in the County of Wilts, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 part of the Rural District of Walsall, and parts of the Parishes of Great Wyrley and Essington, in the Rural District of Cannock, in the County of Stafford, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Chippenham and Devizes, the Urban Districts of Bradford-on-Avon, Mells, Melksham, Trowbridge, and Westbury, and the Rural Districts of Bradford-on-Avon, Calne (except the Parish of Calne Without), Chippenham, Devizes, Melksham, and Westbury, and Whorwell, all in the County of Wilts, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)
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 Edinburgh and Lothians Electricity District, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1929.

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 Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting Company, which was presented on the 9th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1929.

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 Morecambe, which was presented on the 9th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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 Parishes of East Bedfont, Hanworth, Harmondsworth, Harlington, and Cranford, in the Rural District of Staines, in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes, which was presented on the 9th day of December 1924, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to pass the Town Hall Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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.

Mr. Forsyth-Walker, Colonel Gretton, Mr. Selection.

Griffiths, Mr. Frederick Hall, Sir Robert Hatchi

son, Colonel Nicholson, Sir John Pennefather, Mr. David Reid, Colonel Wheler, Mr. Cecil Wilson, and Colonel Murrough Wilson were nominated Members of the Committee of Selection.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Secretary Sir William Joyson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Northern Memorandum explaining the proposed Finan

cial Resolution in connection with the Northern Ireland Land Bill.

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

The Irish Free State Land Purchase (Loan Guarantee) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Mr. Speaker's

Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Certificate.

JOHN HENRY WHITLEY, Speaker).

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech

the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant December, 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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words: "But humbly regret that, Fiscal policy, while making no mention of constructive proposals for dealing with unemployment, the gracious Speech foreshadows the introduction of tariffs and preference which will increase the burden of taxation, raise prices, increase the cost of living, hamper industry, and reduce employment."—(Captain Wodehouse Benn.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

[No. 10.]

Wednesday, 17th December 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 the Oath.

The Right Honourable Harry Gover, for the Borough of Stepney (Whitechapel and St. George's Division).

The Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the [Sir Godfrey Collins, 
Sir Robert Hutchison :
Yea,
[Commander Eyres-Monsell,
Colonel Gibbs :
No.]

151.
339.

So it passed in the Negative.
And the Main Question being put:

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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

Ways and Means.

Law of Property Act (Postponement) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Law of Property Act (Postponement) Bill [Lords];

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

Law of Property (Amendment) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Law of Property (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

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

Anglo-Italian Treaty (East African Territories) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglo-Italian Treaty (East African Territories) Bill;

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

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 Helston, which was presented on the 9th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1909.

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 Gosport Gas and Coke Company, which was presented on the 9th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn— (Commander Eyres-Monsell);

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. 11.]

Thursday, 18th December 1924.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Buckhaven and Methil Burgh Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Colonel Sir John Gilmour presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Dunfries and Maxwelltown Bridge: And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of February next; and to be printed.

Captain Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations made by the Scottish Board of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Compensation Agreements) Regulations (Scotland), 1924.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, — Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant October, for a Return relative to Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 Skogness Urban District Council.

Copy of Report on an application by the Selsey Water Company to the Board of Trade under the Public Utility Companies (Capital Issues) Act, 1929.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of the Covenant of the League of Nations, embodying an Amendment of Article 6, in force from 19th August 1924, and Amendments of Articles 12, 13, and 15, in force from 26th September 1924.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant Local to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Government Act, 1888.

— Copies of Orders of the Minister of Health confirming Orders made by the County Councils of Gloucester and Wilt's, Lancaster, and the North Riding of Yorkshire under the Local Government Act, 1888.

Copy of Rules, dated 3rd December 1924, Housing made by the Minister of Health, with the approval of the Treasury, under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, entitled the Housing (Form of Undertaking) Rules, 1924.

Copy of Rules, dated 3rd December 1924, Housing made by the Minister of Health under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, entitled the Housing (Determination of Appropriate Normal Rents) Rules, 1924.

Copy of Regulations made by the Lords National Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Investment Account) Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Regulations made by the Minister of Health under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Consolidated Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Special Order made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health, acting jointly, under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Outworkers) Order, 1924.

Copy of Special Order made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health, acting jointly, under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Consolidated Order, 1924.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Twenty-third Annual Report as to the condition and working of the Banavie to Mallaig Railway, the Rates and Charges for Traffic, and the Receipts and Expenditure of any Compendium in working the railway, for the year 1923-24.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Correspondence with the Governments of the self-governing Dominions relative to matters of Foreign Policy and General Imperial Interest.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, so far as particulars are available, the total expenditure (other than out of loans) in England and Wales under certain Acts of Parliament during the years ended the 31st day of March 1891, 1901, 1911, 1921, 1923, and 1924, respectively, and the total number of persons directly benefiting from the expenditure for the year 1923, together with similar particulars for Scotland in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 26, of Session 1924. — (Major Hennessy.)
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 Land Purchase (Loan Guarantee) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Canals (Continuance of Charging Powers) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Ancient Monuments Preservation Order Confirmation Bill be printed.

Mr. Edward Wood, supported by Mr. Secretary Amery and Colonel Sir John Gilmour, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the landing in Great Britain of pedigree animals brought from His Majesty's Dominions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Colonel Sir John Gilmour, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Captain Elliot, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Teinds and to the Settlement of Pedigree Animals, and Captain Elliot, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Teinds and to the Settlement of Pedigree Animals.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and acquainted the House, 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.

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 being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Attorney General, 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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Edward Wood, 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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Ancient Monuments Preservation Order Confirmation Bill be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Law of Property (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 12 agreed to.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 15, at the end, to insert the word,—

"(c) The words 'provided also that where, by the custom of the manor, the tenant has an unrestricted right of demising and otherwise dealing with the land without the licence of the lord, subject only to surrender and admittance, no compensation shall be payable under this paragraph unless the Minister otherwise determines' shall be inserted after the word 'accordingly' in the proviso."—(Mr. Waddington.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Third Schedule agreed to.

Fourth Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 62, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words,—

"'(c) The following words shall be added at the end of paragraph (f) of section sixty-four of the principal Act, namely:—

This paragraph shall apply to costs and expenses incurred for the protection of the settled land in opposing any such proposed scheme as aforesaid, whether or not a scheme is made.'"—(Colonel Courthope.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted; but the Chairman, finding the Amendment to be out of order, ruled it out of order.

Schedule agreed to.

Schedules 5 to 11 agreed to.

Second Schedule.

First Schedule agreed to.

Clauses No. 1 to No. 12 agreed to.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Secretary Amery and Colonel Sir John Gilmour, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the landing in Great Britain of pedigree animals brought from His Majesty's Dominions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Ancient Monuments Preservation Order Confirmation Bill be printed.

Mr. Edward Wood, supported by Mr. Secretary Amery and Colonel Sir John Gilmour, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the landing in Great Britain of pedigree animals brought from His Majesty's Dominions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Attorney General, 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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Edward Wood, 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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Attorney General, 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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.
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 for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to continue in force the Agricultural Rates Act, 1923, it is expedient—

(a) to provide that the additional annual grant and the additional annual grant for Scotland payable under the said Agricultural Rates Act, 1923, shall continue to be charged on the Consolidated Fund for so long as that Act (whether by virtue of the said Act of the present Session or of any subsequent Act) continues in force, and

(b) to amend the said Act in its application to the Isles of Scilly.—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)

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. Edward Wood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to British Sugar (Subsidy), proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71A, in Committee of the whole House, ordered, That the Motion relating to British Sugar (Subsidy) be charged on the Consolidated Fund for so long as that Act (whether by virtue of the said Act of the present Session or of any subsequent Act) continues in force, and not less than 45 per cent. of sweetening matter.

(b) to make such incidental provisions as are necessary or expedient in relation to the said subsidy.—(Mr. Edward Wood):

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—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, 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. Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1924.
5. Law of Property (Amendment) Act, 1924.
6. Aberdeen Harbour (Rates) Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
8. Scrabster Harbour Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
9. Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1924.
10. Banff Town Hall Order Confirmation Act, 1924.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee on British Sugar (Subsidy).

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed. Amendment proposed, to leave out line 13.

—(Mr. Hannon.)

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

Main Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs); 223.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Barnes, Mr. Scarr); 22.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

British Sugar Subsidy.

1. Resolved, That the exemption from duties of excise given by section six of the Finance Act, 1922, in respect of sugar and molasses manufactured from beet grown in Great Britain or Northern Ireland shall be deemed to have ceased on the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and that the excise duty now chargeable on sugar and molasses manufactured otherwise than from such beet as aforesaid shall be, and shall be deemed as from the date aforesaid to have been chargeable in respect of sugar and molasses manufactured in Great Britain or Northern Ireland from such beet.—(Mr. Guinness.)

War Charges (Validity).

2. 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.—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

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 tomorrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglo-Italian Treaty (East African Territories) 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."

—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Land 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 o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday the 10th day of February 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.

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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Company, which was presented on the 9th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Lawson);
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Kennedy,

Tellers for the Sir Harry Burniston,

Yeas, Mr. Warne:

Noes, Major Hennessy:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put;

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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Company, which was presented on the 9th December and published, be approved.

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 Ellesmere Port and Whitby, which was presented on the 9th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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

[No. 12.]

Friday, 19th December 1924.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

King's Speech (Answer to Address.)

The Lord Advocate, presented, by His Small Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twelfth Report of the Scottish Land Court under the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, 1886 to 1911, for the year 1923.

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

Mr. Guinness, 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.

No. 11.

Mr. Guinness also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant December, for a Return relative to Public Social Services (Total Expenditure under certain Acts of Parliament).

No. 12.

Mr. Guinness also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 13th December 1924, guaranteeing the payment of principal and interest upon a loan to be raised by the Government of the Soudan for a nominal amount sufficient to raise £1,500,000.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, that the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate and Return be printed.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, presented,—Re-Trade and Navigation Order and Regulations.

No. 13.

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

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Supplementary Reserve Order and Regulations.

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 Schedule containing a List and Public Particulars of documents in the custody of the Foreign Office which accrued during the existence of the Foreign Trade Department of the Foreign Office and which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Elementary a Return showing, for every Local Education Authority for elementary education in England and Wales, (a) the number of rooms used for teaching which, on the 21st day of May 1924, contained two, three, four, or more classes and the number of children taught in those rooms; together with (b) the total number of departments, classes, and children in the public elementary schools in each authority's area; and (c) the relation expressed as a percentage between the figures given under the foregoing two heads.—(Major Cadogan.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn till Tuesday 10th February.—(Christmas.) (The Prime Minister.)
Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee on British Sugar (Subsidy) a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of sugar or molasses manufactured in Great Britain within the period of ten years beginning on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, from beet grown in Great Britain of a subsidy in respect of every hundredweight of sugar or molasses at the rates following:

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Rates bearing the same proportion to the rates specified as aforesaid in the case of molasses containing not more than 50 per cent. and not less than 45 per cent. of sweetening matter as the percentage of sweetening matter bears to 50 per cent.

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

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee Ways and Means of the 18th day of this instant December, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

British Sugar (Subsidy).

1. That the exemption from duties of excise British Sugar given by section six of the Finance Act, 1922, in respect of sugar and molasses manufactured from beet grown in Great Britain or Northern Ireland shall be deemed to have ceased on the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and that the excise duty now chargeable on sugar and molasses manufactured otherwise than from such beet as aforesaid shall be, and shall be deemed as from the date aforesaid to have been, chargeable in respect of sugar and molasses manufactured in Great Britain or Northern Ireland from such beet.

War Charges (Validity).

2. That it is expedient to give legal validity War Charges to the imposition and levying of certain charges (Validity) 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.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the British said Resolution and upon the Resolution Sugar (Subsidy) reported from the Committee on British Sugar (Subsidy); and agreed to by the House: and to provide for the payment of a subsidy in Great Britain during a period of ten years, beginning on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, from beet grown in Great Britain, and to charge a duty of excise on sugar and molasses manufactured in Great Britain and Northern Ireland from beet grown in those countries: And that the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1oth day of February next; and to be printed.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the War Charges said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Guinness, and Sir Burton Chadwick do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Edward Wood accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the payment of a subsidy in respect of sugar and molasses manufactured in Great Britain during a period of ten years, beginning on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, from beet grown in Great Britain, and to charge a duty of excise on sugar and molasses manufactured in Great Britain and Northern Ireland from beet grown in those countries: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1oth day of February next; and to be printed.

The War Charges (Validity) Bill.
war: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon
Tuesday the 10th day of February next; and to be printed.

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee
on Agricultural Rates (Additional Grant) Con-
tinuance, a Resolution; which was read, as
followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the
present Session to continue in force the Agri-
cultural Rates Act, 1923, it is expedient—
(a) to provide that the additional annual
grant and the additional annual grant for
Scotland payable under the said Agricul-
tural Rates Act, 1923, shall continue to
be charged on the Consolidated Fund for so
long as that Act (whether by virtue of the
said Act of the present Session or of any
subsequent Act) continues in force, and
(b) to amend the said Act in its application
to the Isles of Scilly.

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

Ordered, That the London Electricity Supply
Company Bill [Lords] be read a second time
upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the London Electricity Supply
Company Bill (No. 2) [Lords] be read a second time upon
Thursday next.

Ordered, That the North Metropolitan Electric
Power Supply Company Bill [Lords] be read a
second time upon Thursday next.

The Buckhaven and Methil Burgh 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 Order of the day being read, for taking
into consideration the West Lothian (Bathgate
District) Water Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-
sideration upon Tuesday next.

The Dumfries and Maxwelltown Bridge
Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be
taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

Aire and Calder Navigation.

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Hunting-
donshire Electricity.

Bexhill Corporation.

Blackpool Improvement.

Boothferry Bridge.

French Protestant Episcopal Church of the
Savoy.

Great Yarmouth Haven Bridge.

Horley District Gas Company (Electricity
Supply).

Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District Council.

Ipswich Corporation.

Kingston upon Hull Corporation.

Leek Urban District Council Water.

London Electricity Supply
Company Bill [Lords]
15 GEO. V. 10th February.

Copy of Second Interim Report of the House Committee on New Methods of House Construction.

Copy of Third Interim Report of the Committee on New Methods of House Construction.

Copy of Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on the Rating of Machinery and Plant in England and Scotland.

Copy of Rules relating to Procedure and Safeguarding Inquiries in connection with Safeguarding of Industries.


Copy of Return showing the number of Commissioners of Assize appointed by the Lord Chancellor during the year ending 31st July 1924, the cost of such appointments, and the reasons therefor.

Copy of Tables of Comparison with regard to the Law of Property to the Property Consolidation Bills.

Copy of Protocol recording the Arrangements for Repayment Payments by Bulgaria. Signed at Sofia, 21st March 1923.


Copy of Agreement between Great Britain Treaty Series and Denmark for the Mutual Recognition of Lead-line Certificates. Signed at London, 18th December 1924.

Copy of Agreement between Great Britain Treaty Series and Denmark for the Reciprocal Exemption from Income Tax in certain cases of Profits accruing from the Business of Shipping. Signed at London, 18th December 1924.


Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the British Delegates to the League of Nations (in continuation of Miscellaneous, No. 21, 1924).

Copy of Report by the British Delegate to the Thirty-first Session of the Council of the League of Nations.

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

Copy of Index to Treaty Series, 1924.


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

Earl Winterton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for British India from 1912–13 to 1921–22.

Copy of Minutes of the Evidence recorded by the Indian Mercantile Marine Committee, 1923–24.

Earl Winterton also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendment of Council of State Electoral Rules made by the Governor General of India in Council with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council under Section 64, read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act.

Copy of Amendments of Indian Legislative Rules and of Provincial Legislative Council Rules made by the Governor General of India in Council with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council under Sections 67 and 72B, read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act.

Copy of Amendment to the Coorg Devolution Rules made by the Governor General of India in Council with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council under Section 40A, read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act.

Copy of Amendments to Rules of Business of Provincial Legislative Councils framed by the Governor General of India in Council with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council under Section 72D (5), read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act.

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 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 monies raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which moneys have been raised during the half-year.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Amendments made by the Minister of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance Joint Committee,—

(1) dated 19th December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Discharged Seamen, Soldiers, and Airmen) Regulations, 1924;

(2) dated 3rd December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Regulations, 1924;

(3) dated 23rd December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Seamen's Medical Benefit) Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Regulations made by the Minister of Health,

Nurses Registration Act, 1919.

Copy of Amendment of Rule 16a by the General Nursing Council, under the Nurses Registration Act, 1919.

Copies of Regulations made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee,—

(1) dated 24th December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1924;

(2) dated 15th December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Isle of Man Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations, 1924;

(3) dated 23rd December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Reserve and Trader Values) Regulations, 1924;

(4) dated 23rd December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army, and Air Force) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 24th December 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, 1924.

Copies of Regulations made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, the Minister of Health, and the Scottish Board of Health,—

(1) dated 30th December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Regulations, 1924;

(2) dated 15th December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations, 1924;

(3) dated 18th December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1924;

(4) dated 30th December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Amendment Regulations, 1924.
Copies of Regulations made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, the Minister of Health, the Scottish Board of Health, and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland,—

(1) dated 23rd December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Mercantile Marine) (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, 1924;

(2) dated 23rd December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations, 1924;

(3) dated 18th December 1924, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army, and Air Force) Regulations, 1924.

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

Lord Eustace Percy also presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report showing, for every Local Education Authority for Elementary Education in England and Wales in the year 1922-23.

(a) the number of rooms used for teaching which on 21st May 1924 contained two, three, four, or more classes, and the number of children taught in those rooms; (b) the total number of schools, classes, and children in the public elementary schools in each authority's area; and (c) the relation, expressed as a percentage, between the figures given under the foregoing two heads.

Board of Education (England and Wales).

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

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921:

(1) The Elementary Education Provisional Code, 1922, Amending Regulations, No. 2, 1924, dated 1st January 1925;

(2) The Elementary Education Provisional Code (Wales), 1922, Amending Regulations, No. 2, 1924, dated 21st January 1925;

(3) The Elementary Education (Substantive Grant, Amending) Regulations, No. 1, 1924, dated 30th December 1924;

(4) The Higher Education (Substantive Grant, Amending) Regulations, No. 1, 1924, dated 23rd December 1924;

(5) The Board of Education (Adult Education) Regulations, 1924, dated 7th January 1925;

(6) The Regulations for Secondary Schools, Wales (including Monmouthshire), 1924, dated 18th December 1924.

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 the County Borough of Southampton in respect of the year 1922-23.

Copy of Report of the Board of Education in the matter of Christ's Hospital School Foundation, in the City of Winchester.

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

Mr. Bridge presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Representation, dated 15th November 1924, relative to the Dominion of Canada of Canadian Naval Reserve Lands.

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

Mr. Brodick presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Representation, dated 15th November 1924, relative to the distribution of the Dawes Annuities among the United States of America, Brazil, Greece, Italy, Japan, and Canada, and to the creation of the Slovene State, and Czechoslovakia, regarding the distribution of the Dawes Annuities.

Signed at Paris, 14th January 1925.
Treaty Series (No. 15, 1923.), Treaty Series (No. 16, 1923.)

Copy of Provisional Agreement between the Governments of Egypt and Palestine with the United Kingdom and the Netherlands relating to Air Navigation. Signed at the Hague, 11th July 1923. Ratifications exchanged at the Hague, 7th January 1925.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.

Copy of Order authorising the construction of a railway and other works, and the acquisition compulsorily or by agreement of lands in the Borough of Ramsgate, and the Urban District of Broadstairs and Saint Peters, in the County of Kent, by the Southern Railway Company.

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 Bognor Regis, in the County of Sussex ;
(2) the Borough of Harwich, in the County of Essex ;
(3) the Borough of Clacton-on-Sea, in the County of Essex ;
(4) the Boroughs of Ramsgate and St. Margate, in the County of Kent ;
(5) the Borough of Lowestoft, in the County of Suffolk ;
(6) the Borough of Lowestoft, in the County of Suffolk ;
(7) the Borough of Clacton-on-Sea, in the County of Essex ;
(8) the Borough of Southend-on-Sea, in the County of Essex ;
(9) the Borough of Southend-on-Sea, in the County of Essex ;
(10) the Borough of Hornchurch, in the County of Essex ;
(11) the Borough of Hornchurch, in the County of Essex ;
(12) the Borough of Romford, in the County of Essex ;
(13) the Borough of Romford, in the County of Essex ;
(14) the Borough of Chipping Ongar, in the County of Essex ;
(15) the Borough of Chipping Ongar, in the County of Essex.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Command. Revised Estimate of the further sum required in the year ending 31st March 1925 for the Ministry of Pensions.

Mr. Guinness also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the Amendment of the National Debt (Municipal Sinking Fund) Act, 1920. An Estimate of the further sum required in respect of the Municipal Sinking Funds for the year ending 31st March 1925 to be raised by the issue of Treasury Stock, together with a Copy of the Draft of the Charter applied for.

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

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Copy of Report by the Board of Trade on the cases in which they have exercised their powers under Section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, during the year 1924.

Copy of Reports on applications by the—

1. Frimley and Farnborough Districts Water Company;
2. Petersfield and Selborne Gas Company;

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

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the College directions of an Act of Parliament, the Estimate of the further sum required in the year ending 31st March 1925 for the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, referred by His Majesty in Council for the consideration and report of a Committee of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, together with a Copy of the Draft of the Charter applied for.

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

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 28th January 1925, guaranteeing the payment of the principal and interest 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 1925.

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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 said Appropriation Accounts be printed.

Mr. Edward Wood also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 23rd December 1924, made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, entitled the Colorado Beetle Order of 1924.

Mr. Edward Wood also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 22nd December 1924, made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, entitled the Birkenhead Imported Animals Wharf Order of 1924.

Mr. Edward Wood also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 19th December 1924, made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, entitled the Antelopes at East India Dock, in the Port of London, and defining quarantine station for the detention of the same animals, dated 17th January 1925.


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

Captain Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th December 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Scottish Board of Health, acting jointly, entitled the National Health Insurance (Collection of Contributions) Regulations (Scotland) 1924.

Copy of Order, dated 22nd December 1924, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Scottish Board of Health, acting jointly, entitled the National Health Insurance (Exclusion and Inclusion) Order (Scotland), 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 19th December 1924, made by the Scottish Board of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Consolidated Regulations (Scotland) 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd December 1924, made by the Scottish Board of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Regulations (Scotland), 1924.

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

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Regulations, dated 19th December 1924, made under Section 11 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, entitled:—

(1) The Trade Boards (Button-making Trade) (Great Britain) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1924;

(2) The Trade Boards (Stamped or Pressed Metal-ware Trade) (Great Britain) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th December 1924, made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Deceased or Insane Persons) (Appointment of Representatives) Regulations, 1924.

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

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans Army, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Annual Report on the British Army for the year ended 30th September 1924, with which is incorporated the Annual Report on Recruiting.

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 Second Schedule, containing a List of Existing or Acquiring in the Offices of the Department of Overseas Trade (Development and Intelligence) which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for 1922. Part A, Appendix (A).

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 5th January 1925.

Return to the Lord Chancellor of the number of 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 1924.

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

Thomas Johnston, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Dundee, was sworn.

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

"Byelanes,"

Gorway,

Walsall,

2nd January 1925.

My dear Mr. Speaker,

I send you herewith copy of the letter which I have received from the Secretary to the General Post Office, with copy of my reply thereto.

Immediately I received the letter from the Secretary to the General Post Office I took legal advice as to my position, and I am informed that, although the contracts referred to were entered into prior to my adoption as a candidate and were trivial in amount, the fact that I held them at the date of the General Election made me incapable of being elected a Member of Parliament.

Under these circumstances I desire to express to you, Sir, and to the Members of the House, my sincere apology for
taking part in the proceedings of the House, whilst at the same time assuring you that in so doing I acted in absolute good faith.

I am, dear Mr. Speaker,
Your obedient servant,

Wm. Preston.

The Right Honourable J. H. Whitley, M.P., Speaker,
House of Commons.

Walsall Borough Writ.

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 Borough of Walsall, in the room of William Preston, Esquire, who, having held a Contract entered into for the Public Service at the time of his Election for the said Borough, was incapable of being elected for the same.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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 communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz., That it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

Consolidation Bills.

Ordered, That no Bills, other than Government Bills, be introduced in anticipation of the Ballot, and that all Members who desire to ballot for Bills do hand in their names at the Table during the Sitting of the House this day or to-morrow; and that a copy of the Notice of such Bill be handed in at the latest during the Sitting of the House on Thursday.

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

Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Bill.

Mr. Speaker declines to propose Question (Abuse of Rules.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Bill;

Mr. Scrymgeour moved, That this House do now adjourn; 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 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. Barr.)

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, {Commander Eyres-Monsell : } 282.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Barr, Colonel Gibbs : } 110.

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. Duncan Graham);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Johnston : } 82.

Tellers for the Noes, {Commander Eyres-Monsell : } 218.

So it 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 British Sugar (Subsidy) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Importation Second Reading of the Importation of Pedigree Animals Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the China Second Reading of the China Indemnity (Application) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Northern Ireland Land Bill upon the 18th day of December last, That the Northern Ireland Land 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 War Charges Second Reading of the War Charges (Validity) 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 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 Supply 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 twenty-two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 14.]

Wednesday, 11th February 1925.

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 respect of the Bills comprised in the Report laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker as intended to originate in the House of Lords, he had certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with in the following cases, viz.:

- Aire and Calder Navigation.
- Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire Electricity.
- Bexhill Corporation.
- Blackpool Improvement, Bootsherry Bridge.
- French Protestant Episcopal Church of the Savoy.
- Great Yarmouth Haven Bridge.
- Horley District Gas Company (Electricity Supply).
- Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District Council.
- Ipswich Corporation.
- Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation.
- Leek Urban District Council Water.
- Lloyd's.
- London and North Eastern Railway (General Powers).
- London and North Eastern Railway (Nottingham and Retford Railway).
- London, Midland and Scottish Railway.
- Mansfield Corporation.
- Mid-Glamorgan Water Board.
- Newbury Corporation.
- Newquay Water.
- Nottingham Corporation.
- Oldham Corporation.
- Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board.
- Poole Harbour.
- Rochdale Corporation.
- Royal Exchange Assurance.
- St. Mary's Church, Birmingham, and General Hospital.
- St. Mildred's Churchyard.
- Scarborough Corporation.
- South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Company.
- Southern Railway.
- Stock Conversion and Investment Trust.
- Surrey County Council.
- Uckfield Gas and Electricity.
- West Ham Corporation.

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.:

- Tyne Bridge.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dumfries and Maxwelltown Bridge Order Confirmation Bill.

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

The Order made upon the 10th day of this instant February, That the Paper relative to Education (England and Wales) do lie upon the Table was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to College College Charter Act, 1871, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Merchant Merchant Shipping Acts (Dispensing Powers), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant February, be printed.

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

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

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Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks 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:

- County of York (West Riding) (Urban District of Yeadon).

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

Colonel Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 19th January 1925, declaring that Mr. Frederick Chandler, Roy Sorter, General Post Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 22nd January 1884, granting a Retired Allowance to an Act of Parliament.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders confirming Orders made by the County Councils of Cornwall and Worcester, and the Councils of the County Boroughs of Dewsbury and Southampton, under Section 37 of the Local Government Act, 1888.

Copies of Orders relating to dissolution of

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the formation of the Stepney Union, made
under the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1868.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Earle Winterston presented, pursuant to
the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy
of
Amendments of Devolution Rules (Rules 14 (1)
(b), 46a, 47, and Schedule I., Part II., item 32)
made by the Governor General of India in
Council with the sanction of the Secretary of
State in Council under Section 128a of the
Government of India Act.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson presented, in
pursuance to the directions of several Acts
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 1924.
Copy of Regulations, dated 31st December
1924, made by the Postmaster General, entitled
the National Health Insurance (Stamps) Regu-
lations, 1924.
Copy of Regulations, dated 31st December
1924, made by the Postmaster General and the
Commissioners of Inland Revenue, entitled the
Unemployment Insurance (Stamps) Regu-
lations, 1924.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table; and that the said Account be
printed.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, supported by
Viscount Wolmer, presented a Bill to re-enact
and amend the Law relating to wireless tele-
graphy, and to make provision with respect to
visual and sound signalling and the use of
etheric waves for the transmission of energy:
The same was ordered to be read a second
time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order made upon the 18th day of
December last, That the Anglo-Italian Treaty
(East African Territories) 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
(The Prime Minister.)

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

In the Committee.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments
Supplementary Estimates, 1924-25.

Class I.
1. £58,000, Supplementary, for Expenditure
in respect of Royal Parks and Pleasure
Gardens
2. £4,020, Supplementary, for Expenditure
in respect of Diplomatic and Consular
Buildings
3. £54,000, Supplementary, for Expenditure
in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great
Britain, including Historic Buildings, Ancient
Monuments, and Brompton Cemetery.
4. £10, Supplementary, for Expenditure in
respect of the erection of Houses by the Office
of Works on behalf of Local Authorities pro-
ceeding with assisted Housing Schemes ap-
proved by the Ministry of Health in accordance
with the provisions of the Housing, Town
Planning, &c., Act, 1919.
5. £61,975, Supplementary, for Expenditure
in respect of Housing Schemes under the
Management of the Office of Works.
6. £47,000, Supplementary, for Rates and
Expenses of the Department of Overseas
Trade.

Class II.
7. £11,000, Supplementary, for the Salaries
and Expenses of the Department of His
Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign
Affairs, including the News Department.
8. £7,000, Supplementary, for the Salaries
and Expenses of the Department of Overseas
Trade.

9. Motion made, and Question put, That a
Supplementary sum not exceeding £10 be
granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge
which will become payable during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1925
for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of
His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and
Subordinate Offices Expenses under the In-
ebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, Expenses under
the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland)
Act, 1899, a Subsidy for Steamers Services to
the Hebrides, and Grants in respect of Unem-
ployment Schemes.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "[Colonel Gibbs,
1284.
Yeas." [Major Hennessy : ]

Tellers for the [Mr. Kirkwood,
119.
Noes, [Mr. Buchanan : ]

Class III.
10. £10, Supplementary, for the Salaries
and Expenses of the Department of Overseas
Trade.

Class V.
11. £10, Supplementary, for sundry Colonial
Services, including Expenditure in connection
with Ex-Service Men in the Irish Free State
and certain Grants in Aid.
12. £10, Supplementary, for sundry Middle
Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary
of State for the Colonies, including certain
Non-effective Services and Grants in Aid.
13. £205, to make good the Net Loss on
Transactions connected with the raising of
Money for the various Treasury Chests Abroad
in the year 1923-24.
14. £10, for a Grant in Aid to the Sudan
Government.

Class VI.
15. £5,000, Supplementary, for the Expenses
of Pensions, Compensation Allowances and
Gratuities awarded to retired and disbanded
members and staff of the Royal Irish Con-
stabulary, and to widows and children of such
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.

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 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 Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 15.]

Thursday, 12th February 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for Second Reading of the County of London Electric 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 Order of the day being read, for Second Reading of the London Electricity Supply (No. 1) 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 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 Thursday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

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.

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

Ordered, That Standing Orders 119, 150, and 173a apply to all such Bills.

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

Ordered, That Four be the quorum of the Committee.

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

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

The Dumfries and Maxwelltown Bridge 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.

Colonel Sir John Glaimour presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Dunedee Corporation and Water and Gas: And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Trade Command,—Copy of Memorandum on Expenditure likely to be incurred under the Trade Facilities Bill.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Rules, dated 7th January 1925, Lunacy, made by the Commissioners of the Board of Control, with the approval of the Lord Chancellor, under the Lunacy Acts, 1890 to 1911.

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

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924–25. Class VI.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £158,500 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 1925 for Expenditure in connection with British Government Exhibits and Sundry Displays at the British Empire Exhibitions, 1924 and 1925:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £158,400 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Percy Harris)—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,000 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 Mission of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to South Africa, other parts of Africa, and South America:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £1,900 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Kirkwood.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Kirkwood, Yeas, Mr. Buchanan:"

90. (Mr. Percy Harris)

Tellers for the "Commander Eyres-Monsell, Noes, Colonel Gibbs:"

304. (Mr. Percy Harris)

Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Commander Eyres-Monsell, Yeas, Colonel Gibbs:"

295. (Mr. Percy Harris)

Tellers for the "Mr. Kirkwood, Noes, Mr. Buchanan:"

87. (Mr. Percy Harris)

3. £509,885, Supplementary, for a Grant in Aid of the Irish Sailing and Soldiers Land Trust.
Northern Ireland Land 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 War Charges Second Reading of the War Charges (Validity) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

[No. 16.]

Friday, 13th February 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A BILL to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burghers of the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness to provide and work omnibuses and trolley vehicles; to make further provision with regard to the tramways, gas, water, electricity, market, and other undertakings of the Corporation; to make provision for increasing the number of wards of the Borough and the number of Councillors and Aldermen; to consolidate the rates of the Borough; and to make further provision with regard to the health, local government, and improvement thereof, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bedwellty to provide and run omnibuses, to confer further powers upon them in regard to their water and electricity undertakings; to provide for the consolidation of the rates of the city; to make further provision with regard to the health, local government, 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 Urban District Council of Bedwellty to provide and run Omnibuses, to make further provision in regard to the water and gas undertakings of the Council, and the health, local government, and improvement of the District, to consolidate the rates of the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Harbour Bill.

Bideford in respect of their harbour under-
taking, 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 Burgesses of the County Borough of Bolton to construct additional waterworks and execute a street improvement; to confer upon them further powers of running omnibuses; to make further provision with reference to their gas undertaking and to the improvement, health, and good government 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 enable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Bradford to construct waterworks and acquire lands; to authorise them to run omnibuses; to make further provision for the health, improvement, and good government 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 authorise the Burgess Hill Water Company to acquire lands; to construct new works; to extend their limits for the supply of water; to raise further moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Corporation of Burnley to construct street works, waterworks, and tramways; and to erect an electricity generating station; to confer further powers upon the Corporation as to the running of omnibuses and in regard to their tramways, water, gas, and electricity undertakings and the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough; to alter the boundary of the Borough and to provide for the consolidation of the rates thereof, 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 Burgesses of the County Borough of Darlington to substitute trolley vehicles and omnibuses for their light railways, 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 Citizens of the City of Leicester to execute street improvements, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Leeds in regard to the construction of tramways, new streets, and street improvements; to authorise the Corporation to run omnibuses without the City; to enlarge the City; to extend the powers of borrowing moneys for the waterworks undertaking, 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 Citizens of the City of Bradford to construct and work tramways; to make provision with respect to their electric trams, and to provide for the consolidation of the undertakings of the Corporation of Burnley, and to confer further powers upon the Corporation as to the running of omnibuses; to extend the power and duty of maintaining the highways of the said County, 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 Middlesex County Council and the Metropolitan Borough Councils; to make provision for putting into operation the London metropolitan drainage system of sewage and drainage from the Urban Districts of Walthamstow and Leyton, 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 County Council to construct and work tramways; to make a new street, widenings, and other works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Manchester Ship Canal 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 Middlesex County Council and the Metropolitan Council Bill, Electric Tramways, Limited, in reference to their light railways and tramways and to make further provision in regard to those light railways and tramways; to empower the said Council to construct street improvements and tramways; to make further provision in reference to roads in the County of Middlesex, 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 street works, the deviation of a railway, and the closing of part of a canal in the County Borough of Newport; to enlarge the powers of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough with respect to their water, electricity, tramway and omnibus, and markets undertakings; to authorise the provision of a new market;
to make further provision for the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough; to authorise the establishment of an insurance fund, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to alter and increase the rates, tolls, and dues leviable by the Shoreham Harbour Trustees; to authorise them to acquire lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the County Council of the Administrative County of Nottingham to acquire the undertaking of the Gunthorpe Bridge Company; to authorise the County Council to construct a new bridge at Gunthorpe across the River Trent, 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 transfer to the Urban District Council of Oakengates of certain waterworks of the Most Noble George Granville, Duke and Earl of Sutherland, and the acquisition by that Council of certain water mains in their District and adjoining areas, and to authorise the Council to construct and maintain waterworks and supply water; to make further provision in regard to the health and local government of the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Oxford to construct a street improvement; to enlarge their powers in regard to their water undertaking; and to make further and better provision for the improvement, health, local government, and finances of the City of Oxford, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Port of London Act, 1920, relating to rates and charges, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for providing for the regulation of certain roads on the Slough Trading Estate, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to allow of agreements between the South Metropolitan Gas Company and other gas undertakers for mutual assistance, 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 Southampton to erect a town hall; to consolidate the rates of the said Borough; to confer further powers upon the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess, 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 purchase of the undertakings and business of the Haverton-on-Tees Corporation, Limited, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees; to extend the area of supply for gas and electricity of the Stockton-on-Tees Corporation; to confer further powers on the Corporation with regard to the supply of gas and electricity and the consolidation of rates, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Tyne Improvement Commissioners; to amend the Acts relating to the Commissioners; to establish a joint board with powers for the licensing and control of foyboatmen; to make provision as to the ownership and repair of the swing bridge over the Tyne and matters incidental thereto, 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 Walsall to provide and work trolley vehicles on further routes; to empower them to purchase lands for various purposes and to confer further powers with regard to the improvement of the Borough and the consolidation of rates, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to constitute the West Cheshire Water Board; to transfer to them the undertaking of the West Cheshire Water Company and certain works of the Wirral Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make provision with regard to Westminster City Council and to confer various powers upon the Westminster City Council, 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 Wolverhampton to provide and work trolley vehicles and to confer further powers upon them with regard to the provision and working of omnibuses; to empower the Corporation to construct street improvements; to make further provision with regard to the tramway, omnibus, and electricity undertakings of the Corporation and the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough; to amend the law with regard to the making, assessment, and collection of rates in the Borough and the Wolverhampton Poor Law Union, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Acts, 1905 and 1924: 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. Edward Wood, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to consider the outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease which occurred in 1923-24.

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

Mr. Secretary Asquith, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Governor and Executive Council of Trinidad on 18th December 1924, allowing male prisoners in the ordinary and special grades to purchase pipes and tobacco.

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

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

Accounts of the Land Purchase Commission (Northern Ireland), for the year ended 31st March 1924, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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 1924 to 31st January 1925, and the answers of the said Court thereto.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Mr. Cape, supported by Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Smillie, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. William Adamson, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Thomas Shaw and Mr. Walsh, presented a Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act 1923: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Whiteley, supported by Mr. Arthur Henderson, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Patelik-Lawrence, Mr. Landsbury, Mr. William Murdoch Adamson, Sir Henry Stosser, Mr. Loss-Smith, and Mr. Snowden, presented a Bill to assimilate the parliamentary franchises for men and women and to reduce the qualifying age for the university and local government franchises for women: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Macquisten, supported by Mr. Greatheed, Lord, Mr. Belfour, Commander Fanshawe, Captain Answorth, Mr. Penny, Sir Robert Davies, Major Ropner, Mr. Bird, Captain Arthur Evans, Major Kindelsey, and Captain Fairfax, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the raising and application of funds by Trade Unions for political purposes, and for other matters incidental thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Warde, supported by Captain Charles Craig, Sir John Simon, Mr. A. Henderson, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Commander Rawson, Sir Edward Grigg, Mr. Lumley, Lieutenant-Commander Kennedy, Sir Robert Nestor, Mr. Grotrian, and Mr. Rhys Davies, 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 13th day of March next; and to be printed.

Captain Bourne, supported by Sir Henry Allotments Cadby, Sir Douglas Neuteon, Mr. Samuel Bill, Roberts, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Greene, and Brigadier-General Clifton Brown, presented a Bill to facilitate the acquisition and maintenance of Allotments, and to make further provision for the security of tenure of tenants of Allotments: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Walsh, supported by Mr. Smillie, Mr. Coal Mines Cape, Mr. Farley, Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Lavoisier, Mr. Don Cameron, Graham, Mr. William Adamson, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. Hartshorn, and Mr. Greenall, presented a Bill to amend the Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Act, 1912: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Geoffrey Butler, supported by Sir Robert Adoption of Neuman, Captain Wedgewood Benn, Mr. Dalton, Children Bill, Major Ropner, Mr. Robert Hudson, and Viscountess Aextor, 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 the 3rd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Driew, supported by Mr. Blundell, Seeds Act Colonel Courthope, Major Wheeler, Major Harvey, (1920) Amendment Bill, Mr. Dean, and Mr. Lamb, presented a Bill to amend the Seeds Act, 1920: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Buchanan, supported by Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Broud, Mr. Compton, Mr. Mundy Jones, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Lindley, and Mr. Short, presented a Bill to limit the hours of work in industrial undertakings: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Rostoll, supported by Mr. Clarry, Mr. Clayton, Major George Davies, Major Edwards, Mr. Fairfax, Captain Vaughan-Morgan (1918) Amendment Bill, and Mr. Womersley, presented a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1918, in respect of absent voters: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. March, supported by Mr. Wheatley, Building Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Moutagne, Mr. Vint Bill, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Moutagne, Mr. Vint (Charges and Mr. Lindley, Mr. Maxton, and Mr. Hastings, Supply) Bill, 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 Friday the 15th day of May next; and to be printed.
Mr. Oliver, supported by Mr. Webb, Sir Henry Steers, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Lebour, Mr. Hayday, and Mr. William Graham, presented a Bill to make provision for the Prevention of Unemployment, to provide for the proper treatment of unemployed persons, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Rennie Smith, supported by Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Hayes, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Patrick-Lawrence, presented a Bill to provide for the abolition of capital punishment and to substitute other punishments therefor, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Henry Cown, supported by Mr. Pielou, Major Cohen, Colonel Watts-Morgan, Colonel James, Colonel Sir Philip Richardson, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Vice-Countess Astor, Mrs. Philipson, General Charteris, and Captain Fraser, 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 24th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Reginald Shaw, supported by Sir Herbert Yield, Mr. Macquisten, Mr. Grobian, Captain Crookshank, Captain Walter Shaw, Mr. Basil Peto, and Colonel McInnes Shaw, presented a Bill to promote the more general adoption of Co-partnership between capital and labour by statute and other companies: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Womersley, supported by Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, Sir Douglas Newton, Sir Charles Wilson, Mr. Frederick Roberts, Sir Philip Richardson, and Mr. Smelley Crooke, presented a Bill to amend the Public Health Acts, 1875 to 1907, and the Baths and Washhouses Acts, 1846 to 1899, in respect of matters for which provision is commonly made in local Acts, and for other purposes relating to the public health: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Robert Young, supported by Mr. Thomas Henderson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Snowden, and Mr. Frederick Roberts, presented a Bill to amend the Blind Persons Acts, 1920: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Dennis, supported by Mr. Barnes, Mr. William Thorne, Mr. Palia, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Wheadley, 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 13th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Philip Richardson, supported by Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook, Sir William Sugden, Sir Douglas Newton, Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle, Mrs. Philipson, Mr. Penny, Colonel Burton, and Mr. Smelley Crooke, presented a Bill to prevent the teaching of sodomy and blasphemous doctrines and methods to Children, and for other purposes in connection therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Hanson, supported by Major George Vincent Bill. Davies, Mr. Binns, Mr. Jephcott, Mr. Smelley Crooke, Mr. Herbert Williams, and Sir Philip Dawson, presented a Bill to prevent the fraudulent sale of liquids or products made in imitation of and purporting to be Vinegar: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of March next; and to be printed.

Captain Crookshank, supported by Sir Henry Ratting of Buckingham, Mr. Duff Cooper, Captain Gunston, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hornby, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Reginald Shaw, Marquess of Titchfield, and Mr. Womersley, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to hereditaments containing Machinery: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir Alfred Knox, supported by Mr. Hard, Rural Major George Davies, Sir Thomas Davies, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Philipson, Colonel Rea, Colonel Courthope, Brigadier-General Clifton Browne, and Mr. Somervile, presented a Bill to provide housing accommodation for agricultural workers: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Major George Davies, supported by Sir Henry Sale of Food Cawley, Captain Bowyer, Major Colosco, Mr. and Drugs Act 1875, by regulating the liability of Geoffery Peto, and Mr. Crompton Wood, pre- milk-producers in respect of milk adulteration: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Batey, supported by Mr. George Hall, Nationalisation Mr. John, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. David Gresfel, and Minerals of Mines and Minerals of Great Mr. Smillie, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Barker, Mr. Charles Bill. 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 22nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Robert Newman, supported by Viscountess Sex Astor, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Patrick- Disqualification of amines, Mr. John, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. David Gresfel, and Minerals of 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 22nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Rennie Smith, supported by Lord Strathmore and Mr. Philipson, Mr. Penny, Colonel Burton, and Mr. Smelley Crooke, presented a Bill to prevent the teaching of sodomy and blasphemous doctrines and methods to Children, and for other purposes in connection therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of April next; and to be printed.

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Leases Bill.

Renewal of Bill.

Protection and Musical Bill.

Rabbits and Rating Bill.

Restriction Moneylenders' Bill.

Bastardy Bill.

Captain Boeyer, supported by Sir Robert Nevan and Major George Davies, presented a Bill to amend the Bastardy Laws and to make further and better provision with regard to bastard children, and for other purposes in connection therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

Rating of Land Values Bill.

Mr. Hugh Edwards, supported by Captain Wedgwood Benn, Sir Godfrey Collini, and Mr. Harris, presented a Bill to provide for the valuation of land and for the rating of Land Values, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of May next; and to be printed.

Rabbits and Rooks Bill.

Mr. Lamb, supported by Captain Eden, Mrs. Philipson, Sir Thomas Davies, Sir Douglas Nceton, Mr. Wright, Mr. Waterlain-Mille, Mr. Oliver, and Mr. Thomas Williams, presented a Bill to enable Local Authorities in certain cases to provide for the destruction of Rabbits and Rooks: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of March next; and to be printed.

Performing Animals Bill.

Brigadier-General Cockermill, supported by Colonel Bentine, Mr. Wotriairts Freer, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Sir Robert Nevan, Colonel Asheton Powell, Mr. Wignall, and Sir Sydney Bews, presented a Bill to regulate the exhibition and training of Performing Animals: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of March next; and to be printed.

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

(To be printed.)

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924-25.

Class VII.

1. £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 Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1924, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Special Services arising out of the War.

2. 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 1925 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 Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1924, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Special Services arising out of the War:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £5 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Thomas Henderson)—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £422,000 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 Ministry of Labour and Subordinate Departments, including the Contributions to the Unemployment Fund, and to Special Schemes, and Payments to Associations, Local Education Authorities and others for administration under the Unemployment Insurance and Labour Exchanges 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), and certain Grants in Aid;

And it being Four 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 upon Tuesday 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 make Progress in the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday 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.

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

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

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 11th February 1925, relative to the gift of a Rescue Tug to the Government of New Zealand.

Mr. Guinness also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 5th February 1925, 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.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 29th January 1925, 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. Guinness also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of Guarantees which the Treasury have stated their willingness to give up to 31st December 1924 under the Trade Facilities Acts.


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

Colonel Spender Clay presented a Bill to confirm a scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charities in the County of London called or known as the Elizabeth Fry Refuge and for the Institute: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. William Graham, supported by Mr. Charles, Mr. Dalby, Mr. Ryes Davies, and Miss Wilkinson, 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 29th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Philip Currie-Lister, supported by former Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, Mr. Arthur Michael Esienblythalersnaoval)'s Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, Mr. Arthur Michael EnienblythAtiliens. presented a Bill to repeal certain enactments imposing disabilities on former enemy aliens: 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 Safeguarding proposed, That the policy of the Government of Industries, with regard to the Safeguarding of Industries as disclosed in Command Paper, No. 2227, and the methods by which it is proposed to carry this policy into effect, must lead to a system of general tariffs which will not enlarge the volume of trade and safeguard the interests of the workers as regards employment, wages, and conditions.—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

The Prime Minister 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:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Griffiths, Yeas, Mr. Parkerison;}

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Tellers for the 'Commander Eyres monell, Nos, Colonel Gibbs;}

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So it passed in the Negative.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling 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 Anglo-Italian Treaty (East African Territories) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Sugar (Subsidy) 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 Importation of Pedigree 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 China Indemnity (Application) 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 18th day of December last, That the Northern Ireland Land 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 War Charges (Validity) 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 Guardianship of Infants 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;
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 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 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 Agricultural Returns 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 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 Regulation proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Deal and Walmer Gas and Electricity Company, which was presented on the 26th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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 Skegness Urban District Council, which was presented on the 18th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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 Urban District Council of Soutorthorpe and Eldrington, which was presented on the 10th February and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Monuments Preservation Order Confirmation Bill, he has made the following Special Report:

SPECIAL REPORT.

Ancient Monuments Preservation Order Confirmation Bill.

Availing himself of the powers given him by Standing Order 78, the Examiner begs to report in regard to the Ancient Monuments Preservation Order Confirmation Bill that if it is to be treated as a Hybrid Bill he finds that Standing Orders have not been complied with, inasmuch as it has not been proved to him that notice of the intended application to Parliament has been published in the "London Gazette" or in any newspaper published in the County of Essex, or that application in writing has been made to the owners, lessees, and occupiers affected.

If it is to be treated as a Provisional Order Confirmation Bill, he finds that no Standing Orders apply.

When a Public Bill is referred to the Examiners (commonly called a Hybrid Bill) no directions are given them either by the House directly or by the Standing Orders. The practice has been to assume that the House directs them to treat it as possibly a Private Bill, i.e., a Bill affecting limited local or individual interests, and they inquire whether such interests are, in fact, affected, and, if that is the case, whether the Standing Orders which would apply to a Private Bill affecting similar interests have been complied with.

In the case of Provisional Order Confirmation Bills, which are in form Hybrid Bills, there are equally no directions to the Examiners, and the practice is that no Standing Orders are inquired into with the exception of Standing Orders 38 and 39.

It may be said that the inclusion of two Standing Orders as applicable to Provisional Order Bills excludes the application of the other Standing Orders, but the Provisional Order Bills existed before these Standing Orders were made, and were not inquired into. This practice of the Examiners, for which we can trace no directions of either House, probably arose from the fact that the Public Departments entrusted with the duty of making Provisional Orders are directed by the General Acts under which these Provisional Orders are made to carry out a procedure of notice and hearing which affords to persons affected a protection similar to that afforded by the Standing Orders to persons affected by Private Bills.

On page 833 of the 13th Edition of May's Parliamentary Practice there is the following paragraph, viz.:

"Prior to their introduction in a confirming Bill, Parliament takes no cognizance of Provisional Orders; and, with one or two exceptions mentioned later (page 856), the Standing Orders regulating the preliminary proceedings in the promotion of a Private Bill are not applicable to a Provisional Order. Those interests, however, which, in the case of a Private Bill are protected by the Standing Orders, do not suffer; for in this respect the Government Department takes the place of Parliament, and, in the promotion of a Provisional Order, secures the observance of rules and regulations—similar in nature and effect to the Standing Orders—as to notice by advertisement of the objects of the Order, notice to owners and occupiers, consents, and deposit of documents, and as to other matters which are laid down by the provisions of the enabling Acts or made by the Department.

The Examiner finds, that, under the Ancient Monuments Consolidation and Amendment, Act, 1913, no such protection is necessarily afforded to persons affected by the restrictions placed on their user of their property; indeed, there is special provision in Section 6 that, in cases of urgency, Orders may be summarily made. This summary action might be necessary to prevent damage to the monument or even its removal, but the Examiners may point out that on their report that Standing Orders have not been complied with, it is open to the Standing Orders Committee, on reason shown, to report to the House that it is expedient that the Standing Orders should be dispensed with in the particular case, or, under Standing Order 94 in the case of a special Report, either to determine whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with, or to consider the question of dispensing with the Standing Orders. Such being the facts, the Examiner, considering that, as far as he can find, no instructions have ever been given the Examiners by either House, and that the practice in force has been evolved by themselves and their predecessors, and in the words of Standing Order 78, "feeling doubts," desires the instructions of the House whether they should assume that Rules and Regulations similar in nature and effect to the Standing Orders of the House for the protection of limited local and individual interests have been complied with by the Department, or whether they should treat Bills such as this, which may hereafter be numerous, as Hybrid Bills, and inquire whether limited local and individual interests are affected, and, if so, whether they have received the protection contemplated by the Standing Orders applicable.

EDWARD GULLY,
Examiner for Standing Orders.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Westlothian (Bathgate District) Water Order Confirmation Bill.—And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Gross Amount of all Bank Annuities and any Annuities for terms of years and other securities transferred, and of all sums of money paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; and the Gross Amount of Annuities for lives and for terms of years, &c., granted within the year ended 5th January 1925:

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the formal investigation of the accident to the aircraft G-EBBX, at Croydon, on 24th December 1924, held under the Air Navigation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations, 1922:

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had selected the following Nine Members to be the Chairmen’s Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of the Six Standing Committees appointed under Standing Order No. 47:—Major Barnett, Mr. James Brown, Sir Cyril Cobb, Sir Robert Hamilton, Mr. William Nicholson, Mr. Samuel Roberts, Sir Robert Sanders, Mr. Short, and Mr. Twyford.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee A:—Colonel Acland-Troyte, Major Annesworth, Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Barker, Captain Beamish, Mr. Beckett, Captain Bourne, Mr. Briggs, Major Clifton Brown, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Cluse, Mr. Ernest Craig, Brigadier-General Sir Henry Page Croft, Major George Davies, Mr. Dennison, Mr. Hugh Edwards, Captain Fairfax, Sir Bertram Falle, Mr. David Greswell, Mr. Gratton, Captain Gunston, Captain D’ArCY Hall, the Marquess of Hartington, Colonel Henderson, Mr. William Hirst, Lieutenant-Commander Kenneth, Brigadier General Mackinnon, Mr. March, Mr. Wardlaw Milne, Mr. Foot Mitchell, Mr. Hugh Morrison, Mr. Nutting, Mr. Basil Peto, Major Roper, Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Ronchi Smith, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Luke Thompson, Mr. Trevelyan, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Waddington, Colonel John Ward, Brigadier-General Warner, Sir Francis Watson, Mr. Watts, Mr. Wignall, Commander Charles Williams, and Dr. John Williams.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; that they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Standing Committee:—Mr. Archibald Sinclair, the Marquess of Titchfield, Dr. John Williams, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, Mr. Tinne, Mr. David Grenfell, Mr. Grotian, Captain Gunston, Sir James Brown, Sir Cyril Cobb, Sir Robert Sanders, Mr. Short, and Mr. Twyford.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time upon Performing Animals Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to indemnify and relieve William Preston, Esquire, from any penal consequences which he may have incurred or suffered by sitting or voting as a Member of the House of Commons during a time when he was executing, holding, or enjoying a contract, agreement, or commission made or entered into with the Postmaster General and for purposes incidental thereto; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.
17th February. 1925.

Motor Races Bill.

Bill 66. Sir Philip Dauzon, supported by Colonel Assheton-Powrell, Mr. Benjamin Smith, Rear-Admiral Sir Guy Gurney, Sir Nicholas Gattan Doyle, Sir Robert Bird, and Sir Edward Hilde presented a Bill to provide for the authorisation of races with motor cars: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Housing (Additional Powers.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent any reduction in the existing facilities for the housing of the people: And that Mr. Trelwynan Thomson, Viscountess Astor, Captain Welwood Benn, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Harris, Captain Garro-Jones, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Mr. MacKenzie-Livingstone, and Mr. George Thorne do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Trelwynan Thomson accordingly presented a Bill to prevent any reduction in the existing facilities for the housing of the people: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Trusts and Combines.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the collection of information with respect to Trusts and Combines and to restrain abuses thereof: And that Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Barnes, Captain Welwood Benn, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Patrick-Lawrence, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, and Mr. Robert Morrison do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Albert Alexander accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the collection of information with respect to Trusts and Combines and to restrain abuses thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

Supply.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924-25.

Class VI.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,096,000 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 Ministry of Pensions, and for sundry Contributions in respect of the administration of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, the War Pensions Acts, 1915 to 1921, and sundry Services.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the collection of information with respect to Trusts and Combines and to restrain abuses thereof: And that Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Barnes, Captain Welwood Benn, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Patrick-Lawrence, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, and Mr. Robert Morrison do prepare and bring it in.

Trusts and Combines Bill, a Bill to provide for the collection of information with respect to Trusts and Combines and to restrain abuses thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class VI.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,096,000 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 Ministry of Pensions, and for sundry Contributions in respect of the administration of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, the War Pensions Acts, 1915 to 1921, and sundry Services.

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

Resolved, That this House desires to leave no avenue unexplored which may lead to a permanently satisfactory solution of the question of employment of disabled ex-service men.

(Captain Fairfax.)

Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a Supply, Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,096,000 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 Ministry of Pensions, and for sundry Contributions in respect of the administration of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, the War Pensions Acts, 1915 to 1921, and sundry Services, 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.

Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a Supply, Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,096,000 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 Ministry of Pensions, and for sundry Contributions in respect of the administration of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, the War Pensions Acts, 1915 to 1921, and sundry Services, 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 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the House proceeded to consider the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant February; ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the House proceeded to consider the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant February; ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the House proceeded to consider the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th 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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Charges (Validity) 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 Guardianship of Infants Bill;

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

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the 10th 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. —(Colonel Gibbs.)

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. —(Colonel Gibbs.)

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

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir James Ayg-Gardiner, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Compton, Sir Walter de Frece, Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle, Mr. Dunnico, Sir Park Goff, Mr. George Harvey, Major Hennessy, General Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, General Sir Robert Hutchison, Mr. Ian Macpherson, Mr. Marchison, Sir Herbert Yield, Mrs. Finiphson, Mr. Rawlinson; and Miss Wilkinson.

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

Ordered, That three be the quorum of the Committee. —(Colonel Gibbs.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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 Gas Light and Coke Company Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Manchester Ship Canal Bill was read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

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

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

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

The Bedford Urban District Council Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

The Burgess Hill Water Bill was read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

The Darlington Corporation (Transport, &c.) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

The Bedford Urban District Council Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

The Burgess Hill Water Bill was read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

The Darlington Corporation (Transport, &c.) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Fylde Water Board Bill was read a second time, and committed.
The Newport Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Gunthorpe Bridge) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Oakengates Urban District Council Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

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

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

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

The Stockton-on-Tees Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

The West Cheshire Water Board Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Westminster City Council (General Powers) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The Westlothian (Bathgate 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.

Copied of Four Orders in Council under the Merchant Shipping Acts:

1. Further postponing the operation of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914.
2. Relating to the Registration as British Ships of vessels belonging to the Commonwealth of Australia.
3. The Colonial Light Dues (Great and Little Basses and Minicoy) Order, 1925.
4. Relating to the exemption of Danish ships from certain provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts.

Copy of Statute made under the University of London Act, 1888, by the Senate of the University of London on 28th January 1925, amending No. 41 of the Statutes of the University.

Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892, dated 6th February 1925, entitled the Foreign Marriages Order in Council, 1925.

Copies of Three Orders in Council under the Finance Act, 1923, dated 6th February 1925, relating to relief from double income tax on shipping profits, viz. : (1) Norway, (2) Sweden, (3) Denmark.

Copy of Order in Council under the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, dated 6th February 1925, relating to additional allowances to pensioners admitted to hospitals or infirmaries at the expense of Greenwich Hospital Funds.


Copy of Order in Council under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, entitled the Government of Ireland (Assurance Companies) Order, 1924.

Copy of Order in Council under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, dated 6th February 1925, relating to the Dockyard Port of Portland.


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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Superannuation Act, 1887, Treasury Minute, dated 4th February 1925, giving a Retirement Allowance to Mr. George Miller, Officer, Customs and Excise Department, under the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the East India Act, 1919, entitled:—Copies of Select Committee Reports for the examination of selected candidates for the Indian Civil Service.

Copies of Amendment of the Indian Legislative Rules made by the Governor General of India Council with the sanction of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, 1925.
read with Section 129a of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 appointed a Committee consisting of six Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider of all Consolidation Bills in the present Session, and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Theatrical Employers' Registration Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of employers of theatrical employees, and for purposes incidental thereto: And that Sir Walter de Frece, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Bowerman, Colonel Woodcock, Mrs. Philipson, Colonel Day, Sir Nicholas Gratton Doyle, and Mr. Rose do prepare and bring it in.

Sir Walter de Frece accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the registration of employers of theatrical employees, and for purposes incidental thereto: 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 British Sugar (Subsidy) 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, whilst was, with leave of the House, word "That" to the end of the Question, by leaving out from the words proposed to be retained by the mere act of marriage with an alien, but that it should be open to her to make a declaration of alienage.— (Major Harvey.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "whilst a British woman on marrying an alien normally acquires her nationality, it should be open to her to make an effective declaration that she wishes to retain her British nationality.— (Sir Henry Stiles.)

A Motion was made, 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;

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, a British woman should not lose or be deemed to lose her nationality by the mere act of marriage with an alien, but that it should be open to her to make a declaration of alienage.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, Women who marry Aliens, a British woman should not lose or be deemed to lose her nationality by the mere act of marriage with an alien, but that it should be open to her to make a declaration of alienage.— (Mr. Guinness.)

A Motion was made, 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;

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, Women who marry Aliens, a British woman should not lose or be deemed to lose her nationality by the mere act of marriage with an alien, but that it should be open to her to make a declaration of alienage.
Trade Facilities (Money.)

Postponed Proceeding resumed.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 to 1924—
(1) by increasing from sixty-five million pounds to seventy million pounds the limit on the aggregate capital amount of the loans in respect of which guarantees under those Acts may be given; and
(2) by extending by one year the period within which such guarantees may be given;

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 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.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 to 1924 Bill;

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

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Commander Eyres-Monsell);

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 1 (Sittings of the House):—

I hereby nominate—

The Right Honourable John Frederick Peel Radcliffe, k.c., Sir Archibald Henry Macdonald Sinclair, Baronet, C.M.G., Dennis Henry Herbert, Esquire,

Charles Edwards, Esquire, and Major Clement Richard Attlee,
to act during this Session as a temporary Chairman of Committees when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

J. H. WHITLEY, Speaker.

18th February 1925.

In pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919 (9 & 10 Geo. V., c. 76, s. 2 (2), I hereby nominate the following Fifteen Members of the House of Commons to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee:—

The Right Honourable Lord Hugh Cecil.
The Right Honourable Charles William Bowes.
Sir Robert Hunt Stapylton Dudley Lydston Neenan, Baronet.
Sir Thomas Vansittart Boosey, Baronet, Brigadier-General Howard Clifton Brown, D.L., J.P.
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Joseph Nall, D.S.O.
Sir Henry Slesser, k.c., Major Horace Evelyn Crawford.
Major John Dearman Birchall, J.P.
Frank Bariat, Esquire.
The Reverend Herbert Dunnico, J.P.
Doctor Leslie Haden Guest.
George Lansbury, Esquire.
Robert Geoffrey Ellis, Esquire, D.L., J.P.
Joseph Compton, Esquire.

J. H. WHITLEY, Speaker.

18th February 1925.

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.,
The Right Honourable Thomas Power O'Connor.
Captain William Wedgwood Benn, d.s.o., D.F.C.,
William James Thorne, Esquire.

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 eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

J. H. WHITLEY, Speaker.
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, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Great Western Railway [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 Gas Light and Coke Company Bill;

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

The London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Middlesex County Council Bill;

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

The Port of London Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Slough Trading Company Bill;

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

The South Metropolitan Gas Bill was, according to Order, 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 Tyne Improvement 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 Walsall Corporation Bill;

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

The Westminster City Council (General Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wolverhampton Corporation Bill;

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,— Copy of Eighth Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of Scotland (Monuments and Constructions in the County of East Lothian or Haddington).

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen’s Panel; That they had come to Panel the following Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House:

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.

That there, on two successive sittings of a Standing Committee called for the consideration of a particular Bill, the Committee has to be adjourned by reason or the absence of a quorum within the first twenty minutes of the time for which the said Committee was summoned, the Chairman do instruct the Clerk to place the particular Bill at the bottom of the list of Bills then waiting consideration of that Committee and that the Committee shall forthwith be convened to consider the other Bill or Bills then waiting.

That it is the undoubted and established right of the Chairman who is appointed to a Standing Committee for the consideration of a particular Bill to name the day and hour on which the consideration of the Bill shall begin.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Chairmen’s Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Samuel Roberts to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Agricultural Rates (Additional Grant) Continuance Bill); and Sir Cyril Cobb to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Bill).

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had dis-charged the following Member from the standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Bill);—Mr. Morgan Jones; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Snell.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Brigadier-General Cockerill, supported by Performing Animals [No. 2] Bill.

Ordered, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Anglo-Italian Treaty (East African Territories) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Assent to Treaty).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, after the word "and" to insert the words "after submission to the Legislative Council of Kenya Colony."—(Sir Sydney Henn.)

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

Clause agreed to.
Clause 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 18th day of December last, That the Northern Ireland Land 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.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Northern Ireland Land [Advances, &c.] 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, for carrying out the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to the occupation and ownership of land in Northern Ireland, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the creation of guaranteed four and a half per cent. bonds for raising any money required for the Irish Land Purchase Fund (including the Land Purchase Aid Fund), and to charge on the Consolidated Fund, in certain contingencies, the payment of the interest on such bonds; and

(b) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of certain sums payable by the Land Purchase Commission (Northern Ireland), if and so far as the receipts of the said Commission may be insufficient for the purpose.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee.

The Importation of Pedigree Animals Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Agricultural Returns Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The William Preston Indemnity Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Trade Facilities [Money.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 to 1924—

(1) by increasing from sixty-five million pounds to seventy million pounds the...
limit on the aggregate capital amount of the loans in respect of which guarantees under those Acts may be given; and
(2) by extending by one year the period within which such guarantees may be given.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, 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 War Charges (Validity) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.

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

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

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

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Colonel Sir William Allen, Mr. Walter Baker, Sir Vercoe Beckett, Mr. Briggs, Sir Henry Craik, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Gillett, Mr. William Graham, Mr. Guinness, Sir Robert Hamilton, Mr. Harmanworth, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Colonel Asheton Rosewall, Major Salmon, and Sir Frederic Wise.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Public Petitions.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be 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 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 Murdoch Adamson, Major Ainsworth, Vol. 180.

Mr. Batey, Mr. Blundell, Captain Bourne, Sir William Bull, Sir Charles Cayzer, Mr. Chitty, Mr. Foot Mitchell, Admiral Sir Guy Gault, Colonel James, Major Kenyon-Stanley, Mr. George Oliver, Sir Robert Thomas, and Mr. Robert Wilson.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) 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, whilst earnestly desiring the better organisation of the electricity supply industry on lines which further the public interest, declines to proceed with a Bill which is based on the principle that the industry shall be developed on the lines of a private trust instead of a public service, which prevents the people of London, by postponing purchase until 1971, from exercising the right of municipal purchase in 1931, and which legalises a sliding scale involving high profits that will be injurious to the interests of the consumers and retard the maximum development of the industry,"—(Mr. Scurr),—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:

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:—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 [Sir George Hume, 252.
Yeas, 252. [Sir Harry Brittain ]
Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, 135.
Noes, 135. [Mr. Robertson ]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time and committed.

The London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill London Electricity Supply (No.3) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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 [Lords] upon Monday 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 Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twelve 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. 21.]

Friday 20th February 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

The Slough Trading Company Bill was, according to Order, 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 Walsall Corporation Bill;

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

Mr. Broad, Mr. Cadogan, Mr. Grundy, Captain Howard, Major-General Sir Newton Moore, Mr. Neville, Mr. Somervelle, Mr. George Thorne, Colonel Dalrymple White, Mr. Charles Williams, and Mr. Robert Young were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Standing Orders.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

The Dundee Corporation and Water and Gas Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the 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 Clydebank Burgh Extension, &c. Order, the Glasgow Boundary Order, the Paisley Burgh Extension Order, the Renfrew Burgh Order, the Rutherglen Burgh Order and the Standard Life Assurance Company Order are of such a nature that they ought to be dealt with by Private Bill and not by Provisional Order; (2) 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.

Mr. Bridgesman, by His Majesty’s Navy Command.—Copy of International (No. 16, 1925,) Convention relating to the Simplification of Customs Formalities and Protocol of Signature. Geneva, 3rd November 1923. (British Ratification deposited 29th August 1924.) (Came into operation 27th November 1924.)

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the East India directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Bengal Criminal Law Amendment Act, No. 34, 1925, passed under the procedure prescribed by Section 72b of the Government of India Act.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Imperial Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Financial Resolution to be proposed relative to the Imperial Institute.

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 Expenses of each Candidate at the General Election of October 1924 in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as declared to the returning officer pursuant to the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Act, 1883, and of the number of votes polled to each candidate, the number of polling districts and stations, the number of electors and the number of absent voters (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 151, of Session 1924).—(Sir Harry Barnston.)

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A; Mr. Edward Wood; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Thomas Davies.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain, supported by Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Guiness, and Sir Kingsley Wood, presented a Bill to amend the Third Schedule to the Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869, in relation to the making and revision of the valuation list which will come into force on the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks, supported by Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Separation and Maintenance Orders: 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 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 in the early stages of a new Parliament to accord a Second Reading to a Franchise Bill, involving as it would a General Election with the consequent interruption of important legislative and administrative work, and records its opinion that a considered scheme of franchise reform should be brought before this House at a suitable opportunity within the lifetime of the present Parliament "—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks).—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 for the [Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Parkinson : 153.]
Tellers for the [Commander Eyres- Monsell, Colonel Gibbs : 220.]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added to the word " That " in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question. so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House declines in the early stages of a new Parliament to accord a Second Reading to a Franchise Bill, involving as it would a General Election with the consequent interruption of important legislative and administrative work, and records its opinion that a considered scheme of franchise reform should be brought before this House at a suitable opportunity within the lifetime of the present Parliament.

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

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the arrangements for the 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 Rowland Blades, Mr. Bowmer, Mr. Hall Caine, Mr. Gutter, Mr. Leek, Mr. Naylor, Colonel Perkins, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Frederick Roberts, and Mr. Hore-Belisha.

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

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

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.

Monday, 23rd February 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

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 Wednesday next at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

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 Wednesday next at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tyne Improvement Company Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Walsall Corporation Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Dundee Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill take into consideration the Dundee Corporation Confirmation Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to Pensions of the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Minute by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, showing the reason for the grant to 1913.
23rd February.

Sir Henry Hesketh Joudou Bell, O.C.M.G., of a pension at the rate of £813 3s. 4d. per annum.  

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

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty’s Command—Estimate for Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1926, with Memorandum.

Estimate showing the several Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1926.

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

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Order under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, dated 20th February 1925, entitled the Colorado Beetle Order of 1925.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 18th February 1925, made by the Minister of Transport under the London Traffic Act, 1924, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Regulations, 1925.

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

Protection of Birds Bill.  

Bill 74.

Mr. Samuel Roberts, supported by Rear-Admiral Sir Guy Gaunt, Colonel Applin, Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook, Colonel Morden, Major Barnett, Captain Gee, and Colonel James, 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 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

Royal Fide Traveller-Bill.  

Bill 73.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the management of the Imperial Institute: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Imperial Institute Bill.  

Bill 75.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924–25.

Class VI.

1. £2,096,000, Supplementary, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Pensions, and for sundry Contributions in respect of the Administration of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, the War Pensions Acts, 1915 to 1921, and sundry Services.

Unclassified Services.

2. £10, Supplementary, for Relief arising out of Unemployment, including a Grant in Aid.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,250,000 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 Revenues of the Government of Northern Ireland:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put. That a sum not exceeding £1,249,900 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Snowden.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne:  

Commander Eyres-Monsell, Major Hennessy:  

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. warne:  

Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Commander Eyres-Monsell, Sir Harry Barnston:  

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Warne:  

4. £2,895,000, to meet the balance of Civil Pay to certain Civil Servants who served with His Majesty’s Forces during the Great War. 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.

Commander Eyres-Monsell reported from the Supply Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant February, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Supplementary Estimates, 1924–25.

Class I.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £58,000 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 Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £4,020 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 Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

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3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £4,900 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 sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, including Historic Buildings, Ancient Monuments, and Brompton Cemetery.

4. 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 1925 for Expenditure in respect of the erection of Houses by the Office of Works on behalf of Local Authorities proceeding with assisted Housing Schemes approved by the Ministry of Health in accordance with the provisions of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

5. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £9,975 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 Housing Schemes under the Management of the Office of Works.

6. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £47,000 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 Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c., in respect of Government Property, and for Rates on Houses occupied by Representatives of Foreign Powers, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department, and for a Contribution towards the Expenses of the London Fire Brigade.

Class II.

7. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £11,000 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 Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, including the News Department.

8. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £7,000 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 Department of Overseas Trade.

9. 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 1925 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 Subsidy for Steamer Services to the Hebrides, and Grants in respect of Unemployment Schemes.

Class III.

10. 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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts, including Bonus to County Court Judges.

Class V.

11. 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 1925 for sundry Colonial Services, including Expenditure in connection with Ex-Service Men in the Irish Free State and certain Grants in Aid.

12. 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 1925 for sundry Colonial Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain Non-effective Services and Grants in Aid.

13. That a sum not exceeding £635 be Treasury 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 to make good the Net Loss on Transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury Chests Abroad in the year 1923-24.

14. That a sum not exceeding £10 be granted Sudan, Grant 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 to the Sudan Government.

Class VI.

15. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £8,000 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 Expenses of Pensions, Compensation Allowances, and certain extra Statutory Payments.

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

Commander Eyres-Monsell reported from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant February, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924–25.

Class VI.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £15,500 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 1925 for Expenditure in connection with British Government Exhibits and Sundry Displays at the British Empire Exhibitions, 1924 and 1925.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,000 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 Mission of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to South Africa, other parts of Africa, and South America.
3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £699,885 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 Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust. 

4. That a sum not exceeding £17,500 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 1925 for a Grant in Aid of the Government Hospitality Fund. 

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

Commander Eyres-Monsell reported from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant February, several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924-25.

1. 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 1925 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 Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1924, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Special Services arising out of the War. 

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 1925 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Scottish Board of Health, including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, Public Utility Companies, &c., sundry Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1924, certain Grants in Aid, and certain Special Services arising out of the War. 

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

Commander Eyres-Monsell reported from the Committee of Supply of the 17th day of this instant February, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924-25.

Class VII.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £422,000 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 Ministry of Labour and Subordinate Departments, including the Contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Fund, and to Special Schemes, and Payments to Associations, Local Education Authorities and others for administration under the Unemployment Insurance and Labour Exchanges 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); and certain Grants in Aid. 

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

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 receiving the Report from the Committee on Northern Ireland Land [Advances, &c.] [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 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 the Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (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 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 Guardianship of Infants Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Facilities [Money];

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 Valuation (Metropolis) 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 Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Privileges.
Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges do consist of Ten Members.
The Committee was accordingly nominated of The Prime Minister, Mr. Attorney General, Lord Hugh Cecil, Colonel Spender Clay, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Sir Ellis Rawlinson, and Sir John Simon.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.
Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee—(Colonel Gibbs.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after 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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[No. 23.]

Tuesday, 24th February 1925.

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

Prayers.

The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:
John Wells Wainwright Hopkins, Esquire, for the Borough of Saint Pancras (South-East Division).

Mr. Guinness 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.

Copy of Statement relating to the employment of Ex-Service Men in Government Offices on 1st July 1919 and 1st January 1925, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st January 1925, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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

And that the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Air Force Reserve.

Copy of Order making further provision for the conditions of service of the Air Force Reserve and further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order of 25th July 1924, and included in a volume entitled "The King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force."

Ordered, That the said Papers 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:

Temporary Laws.

No. 38.

Local Legislation Committee.

Selection (Unopposed) Bill Committees (Panel).

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That in pursuance of the provision 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 John Baird, Sir George Berry, Sir Samuel Chapman, Sir Henry Craik, Mr. Ford, Mr. Hardie, Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Henniker-Hughan, Sir Harry Hope, Lieutenant-General Sir Aygill Hunter-Weston, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Livingstone, Mr. MacAndrew, Mr. Murdoch Macdonald, Mr. MacIntyre, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Maxton, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Mr. Sandeman, Mr. Shelton, Sir Alexander Sprat, Major Steel, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Frederick Thomson, and Mr. MacLean Watson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection: That, in pursuance of Section 1, subsection (3), of the Parliament (Parliament Procedure) Act, 1911, they had appointed Mr. Short 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.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: —Major Raper and Mr. Tree; and had nominated the following Members to Standing Committee A: —Sir William Allen, Mr. Buchanan, Captain Charles Craig, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Durno, Sir Charles Falls, Mr. John, Sir William Joynon-Hicks, Mr. McConnell, Sir Malcolm Macnaughton, Mr. Maxton, Mr. Males, Major Owen, Lord Eustace Percy, and Mr. David Reid.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had nominated the following Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Northern Ireland Land Bill): —Colonel Sir William Allen, Mr. Buchanan, Captain Charles Craig, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Durno, Sir Charles Falls, Mr. John, Secretary Sir William Joynon-Hicks, Mr. McConnell, Sir Malcolm Macnaughton, Mr. Maxton, Mr. Males, Major Owen, Lord Eustace Percy, and Mr. David Reid.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had nominated the following Members to Standing Committee B: —Mr. Attlee, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Beckett, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Buxtton, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Fenby, Mr. William Greenwood, Mr. John Guest, Colonel Sir Frederick Hall, Mr. Hanbury, Major Samuel Harvey, Mr. Haslam, Captain Robert Henderson, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Colonel Sir Arthur Holtbrook, Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Holland, Colonel Horlick, Mr. Hurd, Sir Edward Hiff, Mr. Jacob, Colonel James Mr. Jephcott, Captain Loder, Major-General Sir Richard Lace, Captain Macdonald, Mr. Neil Maclean, Colonel Mason, Sir Frank Nelson, Mr. Penny, Colonel Perkins,
Mr. Geoffrey Pele, Mr. Rollefords, Mr. Rowson, Mr. Risdon, Mr. Rye, Viscount Sandon, Mr. Scrymgeour, Mr. Geoffrey Shaw, Colonel Sinclair, Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Stephen, Lord Colman Crickton-Stuart, Captain Styles, Sir Wilfrid Sugles, Mr. Trevor-Jones, Colonel Dalrymple White, Mr. C. P. Williams, and Sir Samuel Hill-Wool.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the British Sugar (Subsidy) Bill, the Importation of Pedigree Animals Bill, and the Agricultural Returns Bill) — Mr. Albert Alexander, Sir Henry Cautley, Colonel Courthope, Mr. Garro-Jones, Colonel Sir John Glamoun, Mr. William Graham, Mr. Guinness, Mr. Hansom, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Neville, Sir Douglas Newton, Mr. Shypperson, Mr. Thurtle, Mr. Edward Wood, and Mr. Wright.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had agreed to the following Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House —

That, after a Bill has been under consideration in a 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.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mardy Jones, supported by Mr. Broad, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Gibbins, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mackinder, Mr. Montague, Mr. George Ball, Mr. Dunsico, Mr. David Grenfell, and Mr. Sexton, presented a Bill to consolidate, amend, and extend enactments relating to the receipt and recovery of possession, and to the rate of interest on and the calling in of certain securities, 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 Friday the 13th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Clarry, supported by Sir Henry Cantley, Mr. Clayton, Major Colfo, Sir Henry Croan, Major George Davies, Sir Ellis Huane-Williams, Mr. Hugon Jones, Mr. Louger, Brigadier-General Makino, Mr. Rentoul, and Colonel Hall-Hamers, 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.

Mr. Rhyd Davies, supported by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Vaint, Mr. William Thorne, and Mr. Windsor, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Housing: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of March next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 to 1924—

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 to 1924 —

(1) by increasing from sixty-five million pounds to seventy million pounds the limit on the aggregate capital amount of the loans in respect of which guarantees under those Acts may be given; and

(2) by extending by one year the period within which such guarantees may be given.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Depute 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 itself into a Committee on the War Charges Bill (Validity) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker resume the Chair; and the Depute 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.

Major Hennessy reported from the Committee on the Northern Ireland Land (Advances, &c.) [Money] a Resolution; which was read, and passed, as follows:

That, for carrying out the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to the occupation and ownership of land in Northern Ireland, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the creation of guaranteed four and a half per cent. bonds for raising any money required for the Irish Land Purchase Fund (including the Land Purchase Aid Fund), and to charge on the Consolidated Fund, in certain contingencies, the payment of the interest on such bonds; and

(b) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of certain sums payable by the Land Purchase Commission (Northern Ireland), if and so far as the receipts of the said Commission may be insufficient for the purpose.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;  
Resolution. That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Major Hennessy reported from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of the instant February, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924–25.

Class VI.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,006,000 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 Ministry of Pensions, and for sundry Contributions in respect of the Administration of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, the War Pensions Acts, 1915 to 1921, and sundry Services.

Unclassified Services.

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 1925 for Relief arising out of Unemployment, including a Grant in Aid.

Northern Ireland Grant in Aid.

3. That a sum not exceeding £1,250,000 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 Revenues of the Government of Northern Ireland.

Civil Pay (Arrears.)

4. That a sum not exceeding £2,895,000 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 to meet the balance of Civil Pay to certain Civil Servants who served with His Majesty's Forces during the Great War.

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

Ways and Means.

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

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

Guardianship of Infants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Guardianship of Infants Bill;

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

Imperial Institute Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imperial Institute Bill;

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

Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill.

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 to-morrow.

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Resolved, That it is desirable that all possible Juvenile steps should be taken to prevent the demoralisation consequent upon Juvenile Unemployment.—(Mr. Harrison.)

The Performing Animals (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and Animals committed to a Standing Committee.

The Elizabeth Fry Refuge and Refuge for the Destitute Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolution. That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.  

(Colonel Spender Clay.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(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 Mr. Charles Edwards 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 Motor Races Second Reading of the Motor Races Bill; Bill.

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Theatrical Employers' Registration Bill;

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

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

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till three minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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[No. 24.] Wednesday, 25th February 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Chairman of Ways and Means reported 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 Bill should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:

Standard Life Assurance Company (substituted Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Attorney-General presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Report of the Poor Persons Rules Committee.

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

Mr. Samuel Roberts reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Agricultural Rates (Additional Grant) Continuance 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.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Beckett; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. William Thorne.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Vivian Henderson, supported by Sir Godfrey Collins, Sir James Remnant, Sir Robert Neuman, Colonel Mason, Major Glyn, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Clarry, and Mr. Cooper, presented a Bill to make provision respecting the retirement, pensions, allowances, and gratuities of professional firemen who are members of fire brigades in Great Britain, and their widows, children, and dependants: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Samuel Chapman, supported by Mr. Kidd, Mr. Mitchell, Captain Welywood Benn, Mr. Skelton, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Robert MacDonald, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Ford, presented a Bill to amend the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act, 1917: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill to provide for the registration and inspection of Nursing Homes: And that Mr. Hurst, Colonel Fremantle, Mrs. Philippsen, Lieutenant-Commander Astbury, Mr. Penny, Sir Henry Slezer, Sir George Berry, Miss Wilkinson, Captain Bourne, Captain Loder, Major Birchall, and Mr. Macfadyen do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Hurst accordingly presented a Bill Nursing Homes (Registration) to provide for the registration and inspection of Nursing Homes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel reported from the Trade Committee on Trade Facilities [Money], a Resolution: which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to amend the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 to 1924—

(1) by increasing from sixty-five million pounds to seventy million pounds the limit on the aggregate capital amount of the loans in respect of which guarantees under those Acts may be given; and

(2) by extending by one year the period within which such guarantees may be given.

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 and Mr. Guinness do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Guinness accordingly presented a Bill to Trade amend the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 to 1924, Facilities Bill by increasing the maximum limit of the loans in respect of which guarantees may be given under those Acts and by extending the period within which such guarantees may be given:

And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

The War Charges (Validity) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

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

JOHN HENRY WHITLEY.

Speaker.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 of the day being read, for the County of London Electric Supply Company 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 six months."—(Mr. Barnes.)
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, [Colonel Sir Frederick Hall, Mr. Hannon : 183.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Robertson, Mr. Griffiths : 80.
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.
The House divided.

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 North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Protection of Birds Bill was, according Protection to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Second Reading of the Housing (Additional Powers) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The postponed Proceeding on the Question, Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, [Colonel Gibbs, Mr. Frederick Thomson : 261.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Robertson, Mr. Warne : 101.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
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 Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill:
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
And it being after 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 Second Reading of the Performimg Animals (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 Performing Animals (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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.

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[No. 25.]

Thursday, 26th February 1925.

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 respect of the following Private Bills, That in the case of the following Private Bills, That in the case of the following, Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords] (Substituted 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 Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

South Metropolitan Gas Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Provisional Order Bills [Lords], (No Standing Orders applicable.)

Marriages Provisional Order Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords].

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report the Middlesex County Council Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords].

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Order in Council, Ireland Rules, dated 24th October 1924, made by the Governor of Northern Ireland with the concurrence of the Judges of the Supreme Court and making certain Rules of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the East London directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Draft Certificate of the Minister of Transport for the extension of time for sale of superfluous lands by the East London Railway Company.

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

Mr. Bridgeman presented, pursuant to the Naval Prize directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Moneys showing the Receipts and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other Moneys between 1st April 1923 and 31st March 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Imperial Institute Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Buckhaven and Methil Burgh Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, to the effect that the Lords have agreed to the Dumfries and Maxwelltown Bridge Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Publications and Debates' Reports in Session 1924 be referred to the Select Committee on Publications and Debates' Reports. — (Sir Rowland Blades.)

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel, that they had appointed Sir Robert Sanders to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Northern Ireland Land Bill), and Mr. Samuel Roberts of Standing Committee B (in respect of the British Sugar (Subsidy) Bill, in respect of the Importation of Pedigree Animals Bill, and in respect of the Agricultural Returns Bill).

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 the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House appointed to act as Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899:—Major Steel.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Standing Committee B, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Colonel James and Mr. Trevelyan Thomson: and had appointed in substitution: Brigadier-General Clifton Brown and Major Sir Archibald Sinclair.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the British Sugar (Subsidy) Bill, the Importation of Pedigree Animals Bill, and the Agricultural Returns Bill):—Captain Garro-Jones: and had appointed in substitution: Sir Godfrey Collins (in respect of the British Sugar (Subsidy) Bill, and Mr. Ellis Davies (in respect of the Importation of Pedigree Animals Bill and the Agricultural Returns Bill).

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gates, supported by Mr. Greaves-Lord, Major Barnett, Mr. Samuel Samuel, Sir Henry Constable, Sir Henry Jackson, Colonel James, Major Malone, Colonel Grant Mordan, Sir Newton Moore, Sir Philip Dawson, and Mr. Hopkins, presented a Bill to amend the Licensing Act, 1921: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Guinness presented a Bill to authorise Forestry Bill, an increase of the number of Forestry Commissioners, and for purposes consequential thereon: 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 put, That the Proceedings of the Committee the House, of Supply 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, (Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs)
289.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Robertson, Mr. Warne)
112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Air Estimates)—(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare);

An Amendment was proposed to be made Accidents, to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "it is essential for the encouragement of the development of aviation that early notification of accidents be given to the relatives of persons injured, and that every reasonable step should be taken by investigation and research to prevent or reduce the number of accidents"—(Mr. Greaves-Lord), 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;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs)
270.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Warne)
101.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply, the Committee of Supply.

(At the Committee.)


1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Air Forces not exceeding 36,000, 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 1926;
Ordered, That a Select Committee of Six 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.

The Committee was nominated of Colonel England, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Mr. Neville, Mr. Short, Mr. Robert Hudson, and Colonel Windsor-Cleve.

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

Resolved, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

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

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

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nine minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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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.

[No. 26.]

Friday, 27th February 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A BILL to extend the boundaries of the Burgh of Clydebank, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the municipal and police boundaries of the Royal Burgh of Renfrew, in the County of Renfrew, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
The Marriages Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 21st February 1925, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Lawrence Stanley Rendle, Assistant Auditor, Exchequer and Audit Department, under the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 29th November 1923, 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 1924; also Statement showing the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Transmission of Seamen's Wages during the year ended 31st March 1924.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Moneylenders' Restriction Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "having regard to the extensive amendment of the Law effected by the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, which has only been in operation just over 12 months, and which provided for largely increased benefits both for the workman and his dependants, having regard to the fact that the whole question of workmen's compensation was discussed at length by Parliament both on the proceedings of the Bill of 1923 and on previous occasions during that Session, and seeing that the proposals in the present Bill are on all important points identical with proposals which were brought forward but rejected by Parliament at that time, this House is of opinion that no useful purpose would be served by reopening the matter after such a short interval and declines to accord a Second Reading to the present Bill.

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, the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeses, Mr. Robertes, 147.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Warne, 227.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added to the word "That" in the Main Question;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That having regard to the extensive amendment of the Law effected by the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, which has only been in operation just over 12 months, and which provided for largely increased benefits both for the workman and his dependants, having regard to the fact that the whole question of workmen's compensation was discussed at length by Parliament both on the proceedings of the Bill of 1923 and on previous occasions during that Session, and seeing that the proposals in the present Bill are on all important points identical with proposals which were brought forward but rejected by Parliament at that time, this House is of opinion that no useful purpose would be served by reopening the matter after such a short interval and declines to accord a Second Reading to the present Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment 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.

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 Thursday next.

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

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

The 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.

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. AMASON, MR. ASTOR, MR. WUTER BAKER, MR. BROCKETT, MR. CHARLTON, MR. CRAY, MR. DALTON, MR. DAVIES, MR. ELIS, MR. ERICK, MR. FREDERICK HALL, MR. HANCOX, MR. HEADLAM, MR. HEADSON, MR. KINDERLEY, MR. MACKINDER, MR. MARRIOT, MR. PEACE, MR. PENNY, MR. PHILIP PILDITCH, MR. POTTS, MR. ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, MR. SPENDER CLAY, MR. VAUGHAN-MORGAN, MR. THOMAS WILLIAMS, MR. FREDRIE WISE, AND COLONEL WOODCOCK.

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 APPOINT 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.

WHEREUNOR 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.

[NO. 27.]

MONDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1925.

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 TYNE IMPROVEMENT 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 WALSELL CORPORATION BILL;

ORDERED, THAT THE BILL BE READ A SECOND TIME TO-MORROW.

MR. BRIDGEYER PRESENTED, BY HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND, AN ESTIMATE FOR THE NAVY FOR THE YEAR 1925-26.

ORDERED, THAT THE SAID ESTIMATE BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY; AND BE PRINTED.

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Roman Catholic subjects: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Colonel Ashley, supported by Colonel Moore, Bralshaw, 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 to-morrow; and to be printed.

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

Mr. Wells, supported by Sir William Davison, Colonel Asheton Powall, Mr. William Graham, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, Captain O'Connor, and Major Edmondson, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the administration of Criminal Justice in England, and otherwise to amend the Criminal Law: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wells, supported by Sir William Davison, Colonel Asheton Powall, Mr. William Graham, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, Captain O'Connor, and Major Edmondson, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to persons carrying on business as Moneylenders, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The Trade Facilities 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. Guinness.)

That it is expedient to amend the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Act, 1920, and the British Empire Exhibition (Amendment) Act, 1922, by increasing from one hundred thousand pounds to one million one hundred thousand pounds the amount up to which a guarantee may be given thereunder, and by providing that those Acts shall have effect as if they had authorised the giving of a guarantee in respect of any loss resulting from the holding of a British Empire Exhibition in the years nineteen hundred and twenty-four and nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

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 Amery, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Mr. Guinness, and Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel accordingly presented a Bill to amend the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Act, 1920, and the British Empire Exhibition (Amendment) Act, 1922, by increasing from one million one hundred thousand pounds the amount up to which a guarantee may be given thereunder, and by extending the operation of the said Acts to any loss resulting from the holding of the British Empire Exhibition in the year nineteen 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 the Second Reading of the Valuation (Metropolis) 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 of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company 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 six months."—(Mr. Robert Morrison.)

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 [Sir Herbert Nield, Mr. Dennis Herbert: 221.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Parkinson: 91.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The postponed Proceeding on the Question, Valuation (Metropolis) Bill be now read a second time, was resumed.

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 taking Agricultural Rates (Additional Grant) Continuance 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 Guardianship of Infants Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling Bill;

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

China Indemnity (Application) Bill.

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.

Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Imperial Institute Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imperial Institute 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.

Trusts and Combines Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trusts and Combines Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant March.

Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) Bill;

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

Motor Races Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Races Bill;

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

Theatrical Employers' Registration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Theatrical Employers' Registration Bill;

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

Housing (Additional Powers) Bill.

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

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

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

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

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Councillors and apportionments of the amounts payable to the General Council by the Branch Council for the year 1924.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 Biggleswade and District Gas Company, Limited.

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 St. Mary's Church, Birmingham, and General Hospital Bill [Lords].

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the St. Mildred's Churchyard Bill [Lords].

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the French Protestant Episcopal Church of the Savoy Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the said Reports be referred to the Committees on the Bills.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the Ministry of Health confirming an Order made by the County Council of Norfolk, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888.

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

Message from the Lords.

Consolidation Bills.

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, at Eleven 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.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill) — Viscountess Astor, Mr. R. Davies, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harney, Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, Secretary Sir William Joyce-Konstant, Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Sir Herbert Nield, Mr. Ramsden, and Mr. Rautlinson.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Wiggall; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Scour.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee B (during the consideration of the British Sugar (Subsidy) Bill, the Importation of Pedigree Animals Bill, and the Agricultural Returns Bill) — Mr. Jacob; and had appointed in substitution: Lord Balileid.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from standing Committee C:—Mr. Allen, Colonel Appleby, Lord Apsley, Commander Astbury, Mr. John Baker, Mr. Bethell, Sir Robert Bird, Captain Brass, Mr. Briant, Sir Charles Cayzer, Sir Arthur Churchman, Mr. Connolly, Major Courtauld, Mr. Thomas Davies, Mr. Dean, Colonel England, Captain Arthur Evans, Mr. Everard, Lord Fermoy, Mr. Forrest, Sir John Gason, Captain Gauvo-Jones, Captain Gee, Mr. Greenall, Mr. Greene, Mr. Hartland, Mr. Haylay, Sir Henry Jackson, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Mardy Jones, Mr. Kelly, Sir Alfred Knox, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lucker, Captain Macmillan, Captain Marory, Mr. Philipson, Sir John Power, Sir Frederick Ripe, Sir Frank Sandersen, Mr. Savory, Captain Walter Shaw, Viscountess Astor, Mr. John Scurr.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Scottish Committee C:—Mr. Allen, Colonel Appleby, Lord Apsley, Commander Astbury, Mr. John Baker, Mr. Bethell, Sir Robert Bird, Captain Brass, Mr. Briant, Sir Charles Cayzer, Sir Arthur Churchman, Mr. Connolly, Major Courtauld, Mr. Thomas Davies, Mr. Dean, Captain Arthur Evans, Mr. Everard, Lord Fermoy, Mr. Forrest, Sir John Gason, Captain Gauvo-Jones, Captain Gee, Mr. Greenall, Mr. Greene, Mr. Hartland, Mr. Haylay, Sir Henry Jackson, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Mardy Jones, Mr. Kelly, Sir Alfred Knox, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lucker, Captain Macmillan, Captain Marory, Mr. Philipson, Sir John Power, Sir Frederick Ripe, Sir Frank Sandersen, Mr. Savory, Captain Walter Shaw, Viscountess Astor, Mr. John Scurr.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Performing Animals (No. 2) Bill and the Protection of Birds Bill) — Captain Bowyer, Sir Harry Brittain, Brigadier-General Cockerill, Sir Martin Conway, Sir Walter de Frece, Mr. Douglas, Mr. George Hirst, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, and Sir Douglas Newton.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Local Authorities to establish and maintain savings and housing banks, and for other purposes in connection therewith.—(Mr. Scurr.)

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. Scurr. 111.
Mr. William Murdoch 110.
Mr. Adamson 111.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hurst 204.
Mr. Clarry 204.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 leaving out from the words "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, not being satisfied that there are adequate guarantees for the money to be administered by the Committee under the China Indemnity (Application) Bill being devoted primarily to educational purposes, declines to give a Second Reading to the Bill.—(Mr. James Hudson),—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.

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 guarantees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words "provided that such loans shall not be guaranteed in future unless the guarantee is qualified by such conditions as shall ensure the participation by the public in the value of the assets created."—(Mr. William Graham.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Griffiths 107.
Yeas: [Mr. Warne :]

Tellers for the [Commander Eyres 248.
Monsell, [Colonel Gibbs :]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words: "The additional five million pounds to be used exclusively for such capital undertakings as are not able without such guarantees to secure the loans applied for."—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(3) A policy committee shall be set up which will be responsible to the Treasury for the consideration of national requirements and the promotion of suitable schemes in this connection."—(Mr. Maxton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

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 strongly condemns Subversive Propaganda (Great Britain and the Empire by the Empire) carried on in Great Britain and the Empire by Communists and others and will support the Government in any action necessary to suppress it.—(Mr. Geoffrey Peto.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "recognising that the ordinary process of Law is sufficient to deal with acts of violence, declines to assent to any proposals which would prevent any subject of the British Crown in any part of the Empire from advocating any political or economic change; declares that freedom of speech is the inalienable right of every British subject; and holds that the rapid and sympathetic redress of grievances is the method whereby violence in deed and propaganda is rendered useless"—(Mr. Scurr),—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. Geoffrey Peto rose in his place and Closure claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, declined then to put that Question:—assented.

Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Geoffrey Peto rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker witheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—assented.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Sir Joseph Nall and Mr. Samuel Roberts were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, and Mr. Scurr was appointed Tellers for the Noes, but, on the Tellers coming to the Table, it appeared that another Member had acted as one of the Tellers for the Ayes, whereupon Mr. Speaker declared that the Division was irregular;

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 Theatrical Employers' Registration 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 (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 Rabbits and Rooks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Trade Postponed Proceeding on Amendment proposed on consideration of Clause 1 of the Trade Facilities Bill, resumed.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Agricultural Rates (Additional Grants) Continuance 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 Guardianship of Infants Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Forestry Bill.

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

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 to-morrow.

Criminal Justice Bill.

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

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 to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) 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 Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling 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 25th day of February last, That the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 Imperial Institute 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 the Ways and Means 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 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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[No. 29.]

Wednesday, 4th March 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Walsall Corporation Bill was, according Walsall Corporation Bill to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Secretary Sir William J. H. pre-Spenser, 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 con-
firmed, with Amendment, by the Secretary of
State for the Home Department:—

County of Nottingham (Urban District of
Carlton and Rural Parish of Gedling).

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy
of Appropriation Account of the Sums granted
by Parliament for Navy Services for 1923–24,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon, and upon the Store
Accounts of the Navy.

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy
of Amendments to the Provincial Legislative
Council Rules made by the Governor General
of India in Council, with the sanction of the
Secretary of State in Council, under Section 72a,
read with Section 129a, of the Government of
India Act.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy
of Order of the Ministry of Health con-
firming an Order, made by the County Borough
of Southport, under Section 57 of the Local
Government Act, 1888.

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

Mr. Neslie Chamberlain presented, pursuant
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of Order of the Ministry of Health con-
firming an Order, made by the County Borough
of Southport, under Section 57 of the Local
Government Act, 1888.

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

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions
for Private Bills do examine the Air Ministry
(Croydon Aerodrome Extension) Bill with
respect to compliance with the Standing Orders
relative to Private Bills.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Committee on the Ministry of Health
Provisional Order (Blackpool) Bill [Lords];
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 Port of London Bill, without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third
time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
the Isle of Wight Highways Bill, with Amend-
ments.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the War Charges
(Validity) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dundee
Corporation and Water and Gas Order Con-
firmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled
An Act to amend the Law with respect to
the jurisdiction and business of the Supreme
Court in England and with respect to the
judges, officers, and offices thereof, and other-
wise with respect to the administration of
justice; to which the Lords desire the con-
currence of this House.

The Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] Administra-
tion of Justice Bill [Lords.]

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

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported Standing
Orders, being read the first time, and ordered to be read
a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Second and Third Resolutions, being
read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

Colonel Sir John Gilmore, by His Majesty's Church of
Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty,
having been informed of the subject;
and matter of the Motion relating to Church of Endowments
Scotland (Property and Endowments), pro-
mobed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71f, in Committee of the whole House
recommends it to the consideration of the
House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71f, 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 Law relating to telden
to the stipends of ministers of the Church
of Scotland, and the tenure of the property
and endowments of that Church, and for
purposes connected therewith, it is expedient—

(1) to authorise the Treasury to contract for
the redemption by payment of a capital
sum or sums of all or any of the payments
to or on behalf of that Church, or the
General Assembly, or any committee or
institutions of the Church, or any minister or precentor, which are now charged on and payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom;

(2) to authorise the Treasury to borrow from the National Debt Commissioners any capital sum or sums which may be necessary for carrying into effect any contract for such redemption;

(3) to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of repaying any such loan, to create in favour of the said Commissioners a terminable annuity for a period not exceeding twenty years from the date of the loan, to be calculated with interest at such rate as may be agreed, and to charge any such annuity upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or the growing produce thereof.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 9, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that such capital sum or sums shall not exceed the amount, together with interest thereon, necessary for discharging in full all existing life interests.—(Mr. Barr.)"

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Barr.

Yeas:

Mr. Maxton : 101.

Commander Eyres-Monsell : 294.


Tellers for the

Noes:

Main Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed :—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being again proposed :—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Commander Eyres-Monsell : 272.

Col. Gibbs : 115.

Mr. Robertson : 115.

Mr. Parkinson : 115.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Agricultural Rates (Additional Grant) Continuance 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 Guardianship of Infants Bill was ordered, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Forestry Second Reading of the Forestry 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 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 Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Ministry Second Reading of the Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) 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 Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Wireless Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling Bill;

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

The Imperial Institute Bill was, according to Order, read a second time;

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 Royal proposed, That the composition and the proceeedings of the Royal Commission on Food Prices are not such as to inspire public confidence, and this House is of opinion that action, legislative or otherwise, based upon the large mass of evidence already available and designed for the protection of the public against profiteering in the sale of food, should be undertaken without delay (Mr. Lansbury):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Griffiths 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.
4th—5th March.

The House divided.

The Yeas were as follows:

Mr. Parkinson, 126;
Mr. Warne, 129.

The Noes were as follows:

Mr. Gee, 112;
Mr. Lamb, 122.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Additional Powers) 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 upon Monday next.

Imperial Institute Bill.

The postponed Proceeding on the Imperial Institute Bill was resumed.

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 Three 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 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.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Supply.

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

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

Ways and Means.

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

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

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Commander Eyres-Monsell); 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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[No. 30.]

Thursday, 5th March 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills.

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

The Tyne Improvement Bill was, according Tyne to Order, read a second time, and committed, Improvement Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Blackpool) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

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

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the City Royal Burgh of Glasgow and of the County of the City of Glasgow, to alter and adjust the boundaries of the Counties of Lanark, Renfrew, and Dumbarton, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the municipal and police boundaries of the Burgh of Paisley, in the County of Renfrew; to apply to the extended Burgh the provisions of the local Acts and Orders relating to the existing Burgh and to make other provisions in relation thereto, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks pre-Certified his Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Seventy-fourth Report of the Church Estates Commissioners for the year preceding the 1st March 1925.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks also Metropolitan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Moneys received and paid by the Chamberlain of the City of London in relation to the Metropolitan
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords hath been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Preston Indemnity Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Westlothian (Bathgate District) Water Order Confirmation Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Westlothian (Bathgate District) Water Order Confirmation Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sir Robert Sanders reported from the Chairman's men's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Panel, Short to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill): and Sir Robert Sanders (in respect of the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill); also Mr. Morgan Jones to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Performing Animals (No. 2) Bill) and the Protection of Birds Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Friday the 16th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Groves, supported by Mr. William Murdoch Adamson, Mr. Scarr, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, Mr. Percy Harris, Mr. Compton, and Mr. Cussele, presented a Bill to provide for the registration of funeral undertakers, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Major Wheler, supported by Sir Henry Cautley, Movenable Brigadier-General Cockrell, Mr. Forestier-Walker, and Mr. Hurl, presented a Bill to provide for the regulation of Moveable Dwellings: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Lord Apsley, supported by Captain Peter Macdonald, presented a Bill to provide for the preferential employment of British and Overseas Seamen on British owned and British registered ships of the mercantile marine: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments

Estimates, 1925-26 (Vote on Account).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £111,983,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for certain Civil Services

Order, That the Bill do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

No. 45.

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

No. 45.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 92.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.
15 Geo. V.

5th March.

and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1926, viz.:

Civil Services.

Class VII.

Ministry of Labour · 5,500,000

Class I.

Royal Palaces · 40,000
Osborne · 5,500

Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens

House of Commons Buildings · 75,000

Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain · 30,000

Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain · 28,000

Historical and Consular Buildings · 123,000

Revenue Buildings · 88,000

Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain · 165,000

Public Buildings, Great Britain · 598,000

House Building · 5

Housing Schemes · 13,000

Mall Approach Improvement · 3,000

Surveys of Great Britain · 70,000

Peterhead Harbour · 11,000

Rates on Government Property · 770,000

Works and Buildings in Ireland · 30,000

Class II.

House of Lords Offices · 28,000

House of Commons · 120,000

Treasury and Subordinate Departments · 120,000

Home Office · 185,000

Foreign Office · 90,000

Colonial Office · 60,000

India Office · 39,000

Privy Council Office · 4,250

Board of Trade · 200,000

Australian Zinc Concentrates · 160,000

Department of Overseas Trade · 120,000

Mercantile Marine Services · 180,000

Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade · 5

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries · 1,275,000

Ministry of Transport · 52,000

Charity Commission · 14,300

Government Chemist · 18,600

Civil Service Commission · 21,000

Exchequer and Audit Department · 50,000

Friendly Societies Registry · 18,000

Government Actuary · 13,000

Board of Control · 240,000

Mint, including Coinage · 150,000

National Debt Office · 5,000

Public Record Office · 13,000

Public Works Loan Commission · 5

Registrar General's Office · 27,500

State Management Districts · 10

Stationery and Printing · 600,000

Commissioners of Crown Lands, Office of · 9,000

Works and Public Buildings, Office of · 190,000

Secret Service · 80,000

Privy Seal Office · 900

Scotland:

Secretary for Scotland, Office of Board of Agriculture · 50,000

Fishery Board · 40,000

General Board of Control · 29,600

Registrar General's Office · 5,000

Ireland:

Northern Ireland Services · 20,000

Class III.

Law Charges · 100,000

Miscellaneous Legal Expenses · 33,000

Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. · 200,000

Land Registry · 31,700

Public Trustees · 5

County Courts · 5

Police, England and Wales · 3,250,000

Prisons, England and Wales · 500,000


Reformatory and Industrial Schools, England and Wales · 160,000

Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum · 25,000

Scotland:

Law Charges and Courts of Law · 24,500

Scottish Land Court · 4,500

Register House, Edinburgh · 25,110

Police · 580,000

Prisons · 67,000

Reformatory and Industrial Schools · 25,000

Ireland:

Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland · 15,000

Land Purchase Commission, Northern Ireland · 1,100,000

Class IV.

Board of Education · 15,000,000

British Museum · 120,000

National Gallery · 10,000

National Portrait Gallery · 2,500

Wallace Collection · 5,000

London Museum · 1,000

Imperial War Museum · 4,200

Scientific Investigation, &c. · 92,000

Scientific and Industrial Research, Department of · 150,000

Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Intermediate Education, Wales · 775,000

Scotland:

Public Education · 2,750,000

National Galleries · 5,000

Class V.

Diplomatic and Consular Services · 550,000

Colonial Services · 400,000

Overseas Settlement · 105,000

Middle Eastern Services · 2,300,000

League of Nations · 35,000

Class VI.

Superannuation and Retired Allowances · 610,000

Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c. · 650,000

Old Age Pensions · 10,000,000

Ministry of Pensions · 25,000,000

Merchant Seamen's War Pensions · 200,000

Miscellaneous Expenses · 1,500

Royal Commissions, &c. · 19,650

National Savings Committee · 26,000

Imperial War Graves Commission · 100,000

Repayments to the Local Loans Fund · 50,000

Expenses under the Representation of the People Act · 130,000

Development Fund · 35,000

British Empire Exhibition · 44,000

Government Hospitality Fund · 10,000

Class VII.

Ministry of Health · 7,000,000

Scottish Board of Health · 500,000

National Insurance Audit Department · 54,000

Unclassified Services.

Unemployment Grants · 200,000

Relief of Unemployment · 1,000,000

Export Credits · 5,000

Compensation (Ireland) · 134,000

Shipping Liquidation · 5

Railway (War) Agreements Liquidation · 99,000

Prize Claims · 12,000

Revenue Departments.

Customs and Excise · 1,800,000

Inland Revenue · 2,650,000

Post Office · 20,000,000

Total for Revenue Departments · 224,450,000

Total for Civil Services and Revenue Departments · £111,083,000
Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item Class 2, Vote 5 (Foreign Office), be reduced by £100.—(Mr. Fisher.)

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the continued interruptions on the part of Mr. Kirkwood, Member for Dumfriesshire Burghs, and directed the Honourable Member to withdraw from the House, but the Honourable Member refused to withdraw. Whereupon the Chairman named him for disregarding the authority of the Chair, and left the Chair to report the circumstance to the House.

Chairman reports to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that Mr. Kirkwood had been named by him to the Committee as disregarding the authority of the Chair:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Mr. Kirkwood be suspended from the service of the House.—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain.)

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the 'Colonel Gibbons, Yes, 245. 
Captain Hacking; 
Tellers for the 'Mr. Thomas Kennedy', Noes, Mr. Warne: 110.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. Kirkwood to withdraw, and he withdrew accordingly.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed:
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 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. War Charges (Validity) Act, 1925.
2. William Preston Indemnity Act, 1925.
3. Buckhaven and Methil Burgh Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
4. Dumfries and Maxwelltown Bridge Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
5. Dundee Corporation and Water and Gas Order Confirmation Act, 1925.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That Item Class 2, Vote 5 (Foreign Office), be reduced by £100:— Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The 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 Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received 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 Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act (1917) Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Relief (Scotland) Confirmation 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 (Additional Powers) Bill:

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

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 Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 31.]

Friday, 6th March 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Westlothian (Bathgate District) Water Order Confirmation 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 Clydebank Burgh Extension, &c., Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Renfrew Burgh Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Blackpool) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, 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.

A Bill to extend the municipal and police boundaries of the Royal Burgh of Rutherglen, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Races Bill;  

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 5th day of this instant March;  

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.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider which, if any, of the Acts of Parliament now included in the Schedules to the Expiring Laws Continuance Act can with advantage be made permanent or be enacted for periods longer than those prescribed by that Act.

The Committee was nominated of Sir Henry Buckingham, Captain Ballock, Brigadier-General Cockerill, Sir Clement Kieloch-Coote, Mr. Ford, Captain Fozzcroft, Mr. Duncan Graham, Colonel Henseage, Mr. Lougher, Mr. Lunn, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Mr. Basil Peto, Mr. Steuart, Major the Marquess of Titchfield, and Mr. Hilton Young.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

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.

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Civil Services, Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26 (Vote on Account).

That a sum not exceeding £111,083,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account for or towards defraying the charges for certain Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1926, viz.:

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- Miscellaneous Legal Expenses: £35,000
- Supreme Court of Judicature, &c.: £200,000
- Land Registry: £34,700
- Public Trustee: £5
- County Courts: £5
- Police, England and Wales: £3,250,000
- Prisons, England and Wales: £500,000
- Reformatory and Industrial Schools, England and Wales: £150,000
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- Public Education: £2,750,000
- National Galleries: £5,000
- Diplomatic and Consular Services: £550,000
- Colonial Services: £400,000
- Overseas Settlement: £150,000
- Middle Eastern Services: £2,300,000
- League of Nations: £35,000

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Forestry Bill. Second Reading of the Forestry 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 Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice Bill. Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill. Justice Bill. Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Ministry Second Reading of the Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) Bill;

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 Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Church of Scotland [Property and Endowments];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Repeal of the Restriction of Exclusion in the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Bill;

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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, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Manchester Ship Canal Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

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 3rd March, That in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) Bill.

The Port of London Bill was read the third Port of time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ancient Monuments Preservation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Earl Winterton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of—

(1) Report of the Reforms Inquiry Committee, 1924, appointed by the Government of India, and connected papers;
(2) Views of Local Governments on the working of the Reforms in 1923;
(3) Views of Local Governments on the working of the Reforms in 1924;
(4) Appendix 5 to the Report of the Reforms Inquiry Committee, 1924, Written Evidence; and
(5) Appendix 6 to the Report, Oral Evidence, Parts I. and II.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Jagnan-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Docks Regulations, 1925, dated 6th March 1925, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in respect of the processes of loading, moving, and handling goods in, on, or at any dock, wharf, or quay, and the processes of loading, unloading, and coaling any ship in any dock, harbour, or canal.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 16th February 1925, made by the Board of Education under the School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1918, entitled the School Teachers' Superannuation (Amending) Rules, 1925. 

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order by the Minister of Health, confirming an Order by the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Fourth Annual Reports of the Minster of Transport upon the Caledonian and Crinan Canals for the year ended 31st March 1924.

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

Mr. William Graham 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. Frederick Hall reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Panel appointed to serve on Unopposed Bill Committees:—Mr. Philip Pidditch; and had appointed in substitution:—Sir Martin Conway.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Frederick Hall reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill):—Mr. Attorney General, Sir Henry Buckingham, Sir William Bull, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Captain Garro-Jones, Mr. Guinness, Mr. Lansbury, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, Mr. Web, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Mr. Frederick Hall further reported from the Standing Committee; That they had added the following:—Committee A:—Mr. Chairman, Sir Leslie Scott, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Clynes, Sir Martin Conway, Mr. Crawfurd, Captain Howard, Mr. Guiness, Mr. Looker, Sir Murdoch Macdonald, Mr. McNeil, Mr. Ponsonby, Mr. Rawson, and Miss Wilkinson.

Mr. Frederick Hall further reported from the Standing Committee; That they had added the following:—Standing Committee B:—Mr. Chairman, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Crawford, Captain Howard, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Crawford, Captain Howard, Mr. H. Lane, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Palin, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. West Russell, Mr. Simms, Major Steel, Captain Wallace, and Mr. Windsor.

Mr. Frederick Hall further reported from the Standing Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Macmillan.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir Evelyn Cecil, supported by Mr. Fisher, Mr. Clynes, Mr. J. J. Simon, Mr. Leslie Scott, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Herbert Nield, Mr. Attlee, Mr. Runciman, Lord Apsley, Major Birchall, Miss Wilkinson, and Mr. Fredrie Wise, presented a Bill to 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 Friday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the hours of industrial employment. Employment and Mr. Forrest accordingly presented a Bill to amend the hours of industrial employment. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 2nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the period of suspension of Suspension of Mr. Frederick Hall reported from the service of the House of Mr. Kirkwood Member, do terminate this day. (The Prime Minister.)
Supply.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924–25.

**CLASS I.**

1. £1,600, Supplementary, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces, including a Grant in Aid.

**CLASS II.**

2. £45,000, Supplementary, for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service; for the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1924–25.

3. £220,000, Supplementary, for additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:

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Total Surplus - £544,200 + £810,000 = £1,354,200

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Resolutions to be reported.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to 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 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. 3, c. 65, and extension of period for giving guarantees).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(3) A policy committee shall be set up which will be responsible to the Treasury for the consideration of national requirements and the promotion of suitable schemes in this connection."

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Griffiths : 110.

Tellers for the Noses, Major Hennessy : 220.

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 put, That having regard to the recent increase in blackmailing crimes to which attention has been drawn by several of His Majesty's judges, and seeing that only a comparatively small proportion of blackmailers are brought to justice and punished by reason of the unwillingness of the victim to prosecute, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that legislation should be introduced as soon as possible to enable all such cases to be tried in camera—(Captain Arthur Hope)—it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, Hospitals.

a reform of the conditions existing in Mental Hospitals is of urgent importance—(Mr. Taylor)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Theatrical Employers' Registration Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the rabbits and Rooks Bill; Rooks Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (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 Moneymakers (Amendment) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Postponed Proceeding on consideration of Clause No. 1, resumed.
Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;
And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) 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 Roads Improvement 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 Forestry Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Church of Scotland [Property and Endowments];
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Northern Ireland Land 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 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 Second Reading of the Criminal Justice 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 Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) 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 Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Colonel Gibbs);
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-five minutes after Eleven of the clock without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Glasgow Boundaries Glasgow Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford and Cambridge Acts by the Governing Acts. Body of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, on 6th November 1924, and approved by the University of Cambridge Commissioners on 5th January 1925, relating to pensions and superannuation.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement to be made at Geneva on 12th March 1925 by the Right Honourable Austen Chamberlain, M.P., 1925, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, to the Council of the League of Nations, respecting
the Draft Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Scheme for the pulling down of the Church of St. John the Baptist, in the Parish of East Ham, in the County of Essex, and for the sale of the materials and site of the same.

Standing Committee A,
Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill.

No. 49.

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 Wednesday next.

Standing Committee B.

Mr. Short reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Summary Jurisdiction (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.

Mr. Frederick Hall reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the China Indemnity (Application) Bill:—Mr. Trevelyan; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. James Hudson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Standing Orders.

Great Western Railway (Lords.)

Mr. Hopkins reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions, which were read as follow:—

1. That in the case of the Great Western Railway (Lords), 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 leave to dispense with Standing Order 123, in the case of the Petition of the Railway Clerks' Association, against the Bill, the Standing Order ought to be dispensed with, on condition that the Petitioners confine their opposition to Clauses 14 and 15.

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

Bastardy Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Bastardy Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant March.

Mr. Hopkins reported from the Committee on Group A 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; and be printed.

Standing Committees.

Mr. Hopkins reported from the Committee on Group A 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 for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, Sale of Food to-morrow, the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Sir Edward Higgs, supported by Major Boyd-Carpenter, Colonel Horlick, Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Crawford, Sir Harry Brittain, and Mr. Hannah, presented a Bill to prevent the view of traffic from being obstructed at the corners of roads: And the same was Bill 99, 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 amend the Merchandise Marks Acts, 1887 to 1911, in their application to certain articles dealt with in the fancy jewellery and allied trades—(Mr. Hannah); and the Motion being opposed, after a Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 11, to Standing Order No. 17.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas 

Mr. Balfour: 205.

Mr. Jekyll: 128.

Mr. Hannon: 305.

Mr. Jephcott: 128.

Mr. Kennedy: 205.

Mr. Wallhead: 128.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Hannah, Sir Eelco Cecil, Sir Francis Love, Sir Edward Higgs, Commander Locker-Lampson, Mr. Burnham, Mr. Smellie Crooke, Mr. Jephcott, Sir Philip Davenport, and Mr. Raine do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Hannah accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Merchandise Marks Acts, 1887 to 1911, in their application to certain articles dealt with in the fancy jewellery and allied trades; 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) 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, whilst purporting to continue for a limited period the protection of tenants of dwelling-houses, does not amend the Law under which in an increasing number of cases this protection is
The Order of the day being read, for taking Northern Ireland Land 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 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 Criminal Justice Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill;

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That no treaty shall be ratified and the Bill be withdrawn, continues legal sanction for increases in rent no longer justifiable, contains no provisions for simplifying existing legislation in order to reduce litigation, takes no cognizance of the length of time necessary to overcome the housing shortage, and is wholly inadequate to deal with the present situation—(Mr. Wheatley),—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.

—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) 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 Three 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 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.—(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare.)

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 10th 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 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 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 Roads Improvement Bill;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments);

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The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill;

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

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.

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday 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 Boroughs of Bideford and Great Torrington, the Urban District of Northam, and parts of the Rural Districts of Bideford, Barnstaple, and Torrington, all in the County of Devon, which was presented on the 10th day of February 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Bredbury and Romiley, in the County of Chester, which was presented on the 10th day of February 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Calne and the Parish of Calne Without, in the Rural District of Calne, in the County of Wilts, which was presented on the 10th day of February 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 and Urban Districts of East Horsley, West Horsley, and East Molesey, and part of the Parish of Chessington, in the County of Surrey, which was presented on the 10th day of February 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till twelve 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. 158.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, the Proceedings on Report 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. Chancellor of the Exchequer);
The House divided,
The Yeas to the Right ;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the

\[32x349\] Earl Winterton reported from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of February last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow :

\[32x349\] Air Estimates, 1925-26.

\[32x349\] 1. That a number of Air Forces not exceeding 36,000, 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 1926.

\[32x349\] 2. That a sum not exceeding £3,412,000 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 1926.

\[32x349\] 3. That a sum not exceeding £2,572,000 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 1926.

\[32x349\] 4. That a sum not exceeding £1,459,000 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 1926.

\[32x349\] 5. That a sum not exceeding £5,650,000 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 1926.

The first Resolution being read a second time :—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by leaving out " £3,412,000," and inserting " £3,412,000,"—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That £3,412,000 stand part of the Resolution :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Third Resolution being read a second time :

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by leaving out " £2,572,000," and inserting " £2,571,900,"—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That £2,572,000 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.

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

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

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

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 11th day of this instant March was proposed to be made to the Continuation of the Question, That the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) 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 receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 10th March:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday 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 Bognor Regis, and the Parishes of Langford, Astwick, Arlesey, Henlow, Upper Stondon, Wamberley, Clifton, Compton, Shefford, and Shefford Hardwick, in the Rural District of Bognor, all in the County of Bedford, which was presented on the 10th day of February 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Wallingford, and the Parishes of Bedgrove, Astwick, Arlesey, Henlow, Upper Stondon, Wamberley, Clifton, Compton, Shefford, and Shefford Hardwick, in the Rural District of Bognor, all in the County of Bedford, which was presented on the 10th day of February 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Ulverston, and the Parishes of Osmotherley, in the Rural District of Ulverston, in the County of Cumberland, which was presented on the 10th day of February 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply 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 Employment of British Seamen Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act (1917) 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 Roman Catholic Relief 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 Moneylenders (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 Road Improvements (Blind Corners Prevention) 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 Housing (Additional Powers) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Regulations, 1925, dated the 18th day of February 1925, be annulled—(Mr. Harris); And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 13th March 1925:
And the Question being put:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the—
Mr. Harris,
Noes, Captain hacking:

So it passed in the Negative.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-twve minutes before Two of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[No. 36.]

Friday, 13th March 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 1756,—Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Westminster City Council (General Powers) Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

MR. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Lord Balnial and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Jacob.

MR. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Briant; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.
Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Registration of Undertakers of Bill, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant March.

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 adding the words "this House, while approving
the introduction of Summer Time, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which, unless it is limited to the months of May, June, July and August, must inflict grave injury to the industry of agriculture."—(Sir Harry Hope).—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;

Colonel Lambert Ward 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:—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 Colonel Lambert Ward:—
Mr. Cooper Rawson: 289.

Tellers for the Sir Harry Hope,
Mr. David Grenfell: 63.

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 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 Rural Cottages 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest 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 Licensing Act (1921) 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 Nursing Homes (Registration) 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 Races 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 Rabbits and Rooks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant March.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir William Joynson-Hicks Charity Commission presented, by His Majesty’s Command, to the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, a Copy of Seventy-second Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, 1924.

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

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Mr. Guiness presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Bill to amend the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st February 1925, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill): — Sir Henry Buckingham; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Goat.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: — Sir John Ganzoni.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, supported by Captain Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Briant, Sir Robert Neuman, Sir Wilfrid Sugden, and Mr. Ammon, presented a Bill to amend the Education Act, 1921, to add the words "in the opinion of this House, the openings of a broader avenue of promotion in the Army and the abolition of fees at military colleges, to enable the sons of working-class parents to take advantage of the training provided, would promote efficiency of working-class parents to take advantage of the training provided, would promote efficiency.

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):—(Prime Minister); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibbs], Yeas: — Capt. Hacking: 223.
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson], Noes: — Mr. Thomas Kennedy: 80.

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.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply. The Committee divided. Ordained, That this House will, this day,

Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, the Committee may have leave to sit again. The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number not exceeding 100,500 be maintained for the said Service: — (Mr. Crawfor): Tuesday, 17th March 1925:

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibbs], Noes: — Capt. Hacking: 208.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

2. That a sum not exceeding £17,000,000 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 1926:—

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number not exceeding 100,500 be maintained for the said Service:—

2. That a sum not exceeding £17,000,000 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 1926:—

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number not exceeding 100,500 be maintained for the said Service:—

Ordered, That the Committee of Supply do lie upon the Table:

Ordered, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, the Committee may have leave to sit again.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply. The Committee divided. Ordained, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved Air Ministry itself into a Committee on Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) [Money].
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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 Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) 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 Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling 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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 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 upon Monday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Church of Scotland [Property and Endowments];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) 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 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 Moveable Dwellings Bill;
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 Second Reading of the Employment of British Seamen 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 Moneyminders (Amendment) 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 Nursing Homes (Registration) 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 Housing (Additional Powers) 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. 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.

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

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Tuesday, 17th March 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills 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.:

Royal Exchange Assurance Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Cheshire Water Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Major Tyrone presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copy of Royal Warrant, dated 13th March 1925, raising certain percentages of increase under the Pensions Increase Warrant, 1921.

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

Secretary Sir William Johnson-Hicks 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:

County Palatine of Chester.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies 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, Buys, and Beacons in 1924.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Local Government Act, 1888:

(1) The County of Norfolk (Saxlingham Nethergate) Confirmation Order, 1925; and
(2) The Lindsey (Mablethorpe Urban District) Confirmation Order, 1925.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Morgan Jones reported from Standing Standing Committee C, to whom the Performing Animals (No. 2) Bill was referred; That they had gone into Committee C, to whom the Performing Animals (No. 2) Bill.
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 107. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into considera-
tion upon Monday next; and be printed.

Standing Committee C.-Mr. Morgan Jones reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Protection of Birds 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 108. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into considera-
tion upon Monday next; and be printed.

Standing Committee A, Valuation (Metropolis) Bill.-Sir Robert Sanders reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Valuation (Metropolis) 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 109. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into considera-
tion upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Local Legislation Committee. Leicester Corporation Bill.-Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee, Leicester Corporation Bill. That in the case of the Leicester 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 thereunto.

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

Selection (Standing Committees.) Standing Committee C.-Mr. Frederick Hall further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Fourteen Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Theatrical Employers' Registration Bill):—Sir Alfred Batt, Colonel Day, Sir Walter de Frece, Sir Nicholas Gratian Doyle, Mr. Grant, Mr. Hore-Belisha, Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Solicitor General, and Colonel Woodcock.

Mr. Frederick Hall further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Colonel Vaughan-Morgan; and had ap-
pointed in substitution: Captain Charles Craig.

Mr. Frederick Hall further reported from the Standing Committee; That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee C:—Mr. Blandell and Sir Gerald Strickland.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Mental Deficiency Bill to amend section seven of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, for the purpose of enabling a defective to be removed from an institution for the purpose of being placed under guardianship: And that Sir Leslie Scott, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Henry St.abler, Colonel Freeman, and Mr. Gerald Hurst do prepare and bring it in.

Sir Leslie Scott accordingly presented a Bill to amend section seven of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, for the purpose of enabling a defec-
tive to be removed from an institution for the purpose of being placed under guardianship: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, Imperial Institute Bill.

Mr. Hartshorn, Captain Reid, and Major Sir Air Ministry Philip Sassoon were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Imperial Institute Bill. (—Colonel Gibbs.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of put, That the Proceedings on Government the House, Business be suspended, 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, {Captain Hacking : 203.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Parkinson : 128.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to British Sugar (Subsidy) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Accounts of Companies in receipt of Subsidy to be laid before Parliament).—(Mr. Edward Wood.)

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 the word "general."—(Mr. Hopkinson.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "general" stand part of the proposed Clause:—The said proposed Amendment to the proposed Clause was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
The proposed Clause was amended, in l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—

“(2) Such balance sheet and statement of profit and loss shall be drawn up in accordance with rules and the Minister may require such explanations in relation thereto as may seem to him proper.”—(Sir John Simon.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 13, by inserting, after the word “sheets,” the words “and statements of profit and loss and explanations.”—(Mr. Runciman.)

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

The proposed words were amended by leaving out the words “and explanations.”—(Mr. Runciman.)

And the Question being put, That the words “and statements of profit and loss” be there inserted in the proposed Clause;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Sir Godfrey Collins, 137.
Mr. Trevelyan Thompson:

Colonel Gibbs, 269.
Captain Hacking:

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the proposed Clause, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 16, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

“(2) Upon the termination of such period of ten years there shall be allocated to the Treasury from the assets of any undertaking engaged in the manufacture of sugar or molasses, in respect of which a subsidy has been paid under the provisions of this section, shares equal to fifty per cent. of the total amount of the subsidy paid, such shares to rank for dividend after the payment of five per cent. on the ordinary shares, and the Treasury shall be allocated one representative on the board of directors of such undertaking.”

—(Mr. Attlee.)

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

Sir Godfrey Collins,
Mr. Trevelyan Thompson:

Colonel Gibbs,
Captain Hacking:

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 31, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

“(3) If it is found at any time that any person who has obtained any payment by way of subsidy is paying to persons employed by him in connection with the manufacture of sugar or molasses wages less than those settled by the industrial court under the provisions of section two of this Act he shall, in respect of each offence, be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of fifty pounds.”—(Mr. Wignall.)

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 Schedule 1, p. 6, by leaving out column 2.—(Sir Godfrey Collins.)

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

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Schedule 1, p. 7, l. 29, by inserting at the end thereof the words “and for every increase of one shilling per hundredweight in the market price of sugar over the standard price of thirty-five shillings per hundredweight the rate of the subsidy shall be proportionately reduced.”—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Supplementary Estimate, 1924–25.

Class II.

£268,000, Supplementary, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, including Expenses under the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, a Subsidy on Sugar and Molasses Manufactured from Beet grown in Great Britain, Loans to Agricultural Co-operative Societies, Grants for Agricultural Education and Research, Grants in Aid of the Small Holdings Account, and certain other Grants in Aid; and of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of this instant March;
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Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Facilities Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be put, as the interests of British workmen, and that such imports are detrimental to the interests of British workmen, and that such imports are one and indivisible and should be dealt with and declined then to put that Question:—(Mr. Dalton), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, 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.

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 "as the interests of British workmen and of trade unionism cannot be helped by tariffs, and having no confidence in the professions of the Conservative party for trade union principles, this House declines to pass a Resolution which suggests no effective remedy for the problems with which it is supposed to deal and which, while purporting to protect trade unionism against the effects of sweating abroad, fails to recognise that the causes and consequences of sweating at Home and abroad, are one and indivisible and should be dealt with as a whole."—(Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle.)

Sir William Mitchell Thomson reported from the Committee on Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any expenditure incurred by the President of the Air Council under any Act of the present Session, to authorise the President of the Air Council to stop up a portion of a road known as Plough Lane, in the Urban District of Beddington and Wallington, in the County of Surrey, and in lieu thereof to widen an existing road and to construct a new road within the said District, and to acquire such land and carry out such works as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

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

And the Main Question being again proposed:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act (1917) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Rural Cottages Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural Returns 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 importation into consideration the Importation of Pedigree Animals Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till thirteen 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. 39.]

Wednesday, 18th March 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 12th March 1925, authorising the landing of one Axis Deer (female) at the Port of London (Royal Albert Dock), and defining quarantine station for the detention of the animal.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 Gaslight Company.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Agricultural Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Elizabeth Fry Refuge and Refuge for the Destitute Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Douglas Newton do prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Improvement of Land Act, 1899: And that Colonel Courthope and Sir Amadeoend Amendment.

Mr. William Greenwood accordingly presented a Bill to remove the disqualification of Ministers of Religion from being appointed to City, Borough, or District Councils: And that Mr. William Greenwood, Mr. Waddington, Colonel England, Sir Joseph Nall, Sir Wilfrid Sugden, Mr. Duff Cooper, and Mr. Rhys Davies do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove the disqualification of Ministers of Religion from being appointed to City, Borough, or District Councils: And that Mr. Duff Cooper, and Mr. Rhys Davies do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. William Greenwood accordingly presented a Bill to remove the disqualification of Ministers of Religion from being appointed to City, Borough, or District Councils: 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 amend the Improvement of Land Act, 1899: And that Colonel Courthope and Sir Amadeoend Amendment.

Douglas Newton do prepare and bring it in.

Colonel Courthope accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Improvement of Land Act, 1899: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of put, That the Proceedings on Government the House, Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Commander Eyre-Monsell).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Hacking:—286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson:—129.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for, the British Sugar Third Reading of the British Sugar (Subsidy) Bill;
And a Motion being 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 [Colonel Gibbs], Captain Hacking 346.
Tellers for the [Mr. Livingstone], Mr. Penty 56.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Orderd, 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 Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) 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 refuses a Second Reading to a Bill that will increase unemployment amongst British seamen and still further weaken the available reserves of trained seamen for the Royal Navy"—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy)—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.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Captain Margesson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1924-25.

CLASS I.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £1,600 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 Royal Palaces, including a Grant in Aid.

CLASS II.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £45,000 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 Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service; for the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1924-25.

3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £220,000 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 additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:—

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

Captain Margesson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 17th day of this instant March, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimate, 1924-25.

CLASS II.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £268,000 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 Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, including Expenses under the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, a Subsidy on Sugar and Molasses Manufactured from Beet grown in Great Britain, Loans to Agricultural Co-operative Societies, Grants for Agricultural Education and Research, Grants in Aid of the Small
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Glasgow Boundaries 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 Paisley Burgh Extension 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 Rutherglen Burgh 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 Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest 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 Licensing Act (1921) 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 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 Mental Deficiency (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 Mental Deficiency (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution, was resumed.

That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to tithes and to the stipends of ministers of the Church of Scotland, and the tenure of the property and endowments of that Church, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient—

(1) to authorise the Treasury to contract for the redemption by payment of a capital sum or sums of all or any of the payments to or on behalf of that Church, or the General Assembly, or any committee or institution of the Church, or any minister or precentor, which are now charged on and payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom;

(2) to authorise the Treasury to borrow from the National Debt Commissioners any capital sum or sums which may be necessary for carrying into effect any contract for such redemption;

(3) to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of repaying any such loan, to create in favour of the said Commissioners a terminable annuity for a period not exceeding twenty years from the date of the loan, to be calculated with interest at such rate as may be agreed, and to charge any such annuity upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or the growing produce thereof.

The said Resolution being read a second time;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided that such capital sum or sums shall not exceed the amount, together with interest thereon, necessary for discharging in full all existing life interests.—[Mr. Barr.]"

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;
The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Maxton, Yeas, Mr. Johnston : ] 62
Tellers for the [Colonel Gibbs, Noes, Captain Backing : ] 194.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) 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 of Pedigree Animals 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 the 16th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Trade Facilities 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 British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) 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.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Agricultural Returns 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 into consideration the Importation of Pedigree Animals Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration 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.

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

The Paisley Burgh Extension Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Rutherglen Burgh Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Board of Education under the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889, for 1924.

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

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act (Registration), of Parliament,—Copy of Rule, dated 2nd March 1925, made by the Land Judge, with the approval of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland and the Treasury, prescribing fees to be charged in the Land Registry of Northern Ireland.

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 Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on 5th January 1925.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the number of Accidents resulting in death or personal injury known by the police to have been caused by Vehicles in streets, roads, or public places in Great Britain during the year ended the 31st day of December 1924 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 53, of Session 1924).—(Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson.)

Sir Rowland Blades reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Special Report to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee in Session 1924, and referred to the Committee by Order of the House, and Appendices.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Frederick Hall reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Colonel Henderson; and had Committee A, appointed in substitution: Colonel Goul. and

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 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 Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the exemption, in certain circumstances, of Foreign ships and British ships registered outside the United Kingdom from certain provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following 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.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee: That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Special Report to the House, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee in Session 1924.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee in Session 1924 be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, tomorrow, the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill was read, and discharged.

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

Mr. Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn 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.

Mr. Guiness presented a Bill to provide for the conservancy, regulation, management, and improvement of the Port and Haven of Sandwich, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Guiness, supported by Colonel Sperder, presented a Bill to amend the Charitable Trusts Act, 1899: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Lord Eustace Percy, supported by Mr. Teachers, presented a Bill to amend the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1899, and the School Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1924: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Duchess of Atholl, supported by Lord Eustace Percy, presented a Bill to confirm a scheme approved and certified by the Board of Education under the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853, relating to Christ's Hospital School Foundation, in the City of Winchester. And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and to what Business of the House, was 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)—(The Prime Minister): The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—

Tellers for the Noes—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Navy Estimates),

And a Motion being 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)—(The Prime Minister): The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—

Tellers for the Noes—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Colonel Gibbs,
Yees. 238.
Tellers for the Major Hennessy:
Noes. 198.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

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 1925, the sum of £4,137,227 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Guinness.)

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 1926, the sum of £163,314,200 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Guinness.)

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 upon Monday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Valuation (Metropolis) (Separation and Maintenance) 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 Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th March this instant Month;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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 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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural Returns Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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

1. Resolution put, and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon

After consideration of the Report from the Committee of Supply of Monday next.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

Tellers for the Colonel Gibbs,
Yees. 238.
Tellers for the Major Hennessy:
Noes. 198.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Importation of Pedigree Animals 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 Bastardy 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 Roman Catholic Relief 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 Road Improvements (Blind Corners Prevention) 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 Food and Drugs Amendment Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant March.

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 Moveable Dwellings Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Additional 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 Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act (1917) 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 Moneylenders Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 thirteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.
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 Races 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 Nursing Homes (Registration) 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 Moneylenders (Amendment) 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 after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

PRAYERS.

[No. 42.]

Monday, 23rd March 1925.

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

SECRETARY Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, further amending the Act, entitled The Royal Air Force.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on Education Policy in British Tropical Africa submitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Advisory Committee on Native Education in the British Tropical African Dependencies.

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

Secretary Sir William Jaufrin-Hicks presented,—Return to an Address, dated the 19th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Street Accidents caused by Vehicles.

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

Secretary Sir William Jaufrin-Hicks also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report of Proceedings under the Diseases of Animals Acts in Northern Ireland, with Returns of the Exports and Imports of Animals for 1922 and 1923.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Unemployment Fund Act, 1923, an 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 2nd July 1923 to 6th July 1924, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans 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 during the year ended 31st March 1923, and of the Receipts, Interest, and Disbursements during the year ended 31st March 1924, &c.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Sandwich Port and Haven Bill with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills.

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 Guardianship of Infants Bill) —Sir Herbert Yeld.

Standing Committee C.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Summer Time Bill): —Secretary Sir William JopeSon-Hicks; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Goffrey Locker-Lampson.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords.]

Business of the House (Supply.)

Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords.]

Bill 139.

Tellers for the f Colonel Gibb, Yeas, [Sir Harry Barnston : ] 280, Tellers for the f Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Noes, [Mr. Charles Edwards : ] 107, So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Goffrey Locker-Lampson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of this instant March, several Resolutions: which were read, as follow:


1. That 102,675 Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines be employed for the Sea Service, together with 350 for the Marine Police, borne on the books of His Majesty's Ships, at the Royal Marine Divisions, and at Royal Air Force Establishments, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1926.

2. That a sum not exceeding £15,040,300 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Wages, &c. of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marine, and Civilians employed on Fleet Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1926.

3. That a sum not exceeding £2,588,000 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 1926.

4. That a sum not exceeding £4,609,000, be in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1926.

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 " £2,588,000," and inserting " £2,587,900 " —Mr. Ramsay MacDonald,—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That " £2,588,000 " stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noses to the Left;


And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Then the remaining Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Captain Hacking reported from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1925-26.

1. That a number of Land Forces not exceeding 100,000, 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 1926.

Vote on Account.

2. That a sum not exceeding £17,000,000 be Vote on Account granted to His Majesty, on account, for Army Services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1926. viz.:

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

The Second Resolution, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by leaving out "£17,000,000," and inserting "£16,999,900"—(Mr. Morris)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£17,000,000" stand part of the Resolution;
The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Godfrey Collins,
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Morris.

So it was resolved in the Affective.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Resolution which upon the 12th day of this instant March was reported from the Committee of Supply and which was then agreed to by the House be now read; and the same was read, as followeth:

That a number of Air Forces not exceeding 36,000, 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 1926.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army and Air Force: And that Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Mr. Bridgeman, Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, and Captain King do prepare and bring it in.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans accordingly presented a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, 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 Monday next; and to be printed.

Captain Hacking reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 19th 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 ending on the 31st day of March 1925, the sum of £8,137,227 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 1926, the sum of £163,314,200 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 said Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Guinness do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Guinness accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six: 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 Supply Committee of Ways and Means:

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

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

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 Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling Bill:

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

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 Second Reading of the Forestry 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:

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 Rent and Mortgage Interest Bill:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sandwich Port and Haven 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 Charitable Trusts 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 Teachers (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 Board of Education Scheme (Winchester, Christ's Hospital School Foundation) Confirmation 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 Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) 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 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 taking into consideration the Agricultural Returns 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 into consideration the Importation of Pedigree Animals 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 Second Reading of the Registration of Undertakers 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 Employment of British Seamen Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Birds Bill;

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Rural Second Reading of the Rural Cottages Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchise- ment 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 Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Mental Second Reading of the Mental Deficiency (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bastardy Bill, Second Reading of the Bastardy 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 Monday next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
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 Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Former Enemy Committee A: Mr. Hayes; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Robert Richardson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C: That they had charged the following Ten Members to Standing Committee (in respect of the Five Brigade Pensions Bill and the Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) Bill):—Mr. Allen, Mr. Batey, Mr. Bennett, Sir Burton Chadwick, Mr. Crawford, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Mr. Duncan, Sir Sydney Heath, Captain Arthur Hope, and Major Alan McLean.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C: That they had discharged the following Eleven Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Fire Brigade Pensions Bill and the Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) Bill):—Mr. Allen, Mr. Batey, Mr. Bennett, Sir Burton Chadwick, Mr. Crawford, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Mr. Duncan, Sir Sydney Heath, Captain Arthur Hope, and Major Alan McLean.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C: That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee C: Secretary Sir William Jayson-Hicks.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Scottish Standing Committee: That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill and the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill):—Captain Howard and Captain Wallace; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Sinclair and Sir Victor Warrender.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hopkins reported from the Committee on the Leeds Corporation 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; and had amended the Title, as followeth:—A Bill to confer further powers (Title amended.)

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
S.O. No. 11.)

(Ex.) pursuant to

Puts Question

Business of the House.

Coal Supplies.

The Yeas.

The Noes to the Left.

Mr. Neville reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills; that in the case of the Law of Property (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], the Trustee (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], the Administration of Estates (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], the Land Registration (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], and the Land Charges (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee have considered the Bills and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Law (including the Law relating to the administration of criminal justice and to the prevention of crime), and for kindred purposes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Neville reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills; that in the case of the Universities and College Estates Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee have considered the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Rhys Davies, supported by Mr. Morgan Jones and Mr. Cecil Wilson, presented a Bill to amend the Criminal Law (including the Law relating to the administration of criminal justice and to the prevention of crime), and for kindred purposes:—(Mr. Beckett); 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.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Tellers for the Noes,

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So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Proceeding on the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill have precedence during this day's Sitting.—(Commander Eynes-Monsell.)

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Mr. Speaker puts Question (pursuant to S.O. No. 11.)

Criminal Law Bill. No. 68.

Consolidation Bills (Joint Committee.)

Law of Property (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

Settled Land (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

Trustee (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

Registration (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

Amendment of Estates (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

No. 69.

Mr. Neville reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills; that in the case of the Universities and College Estates Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee have considered the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mercantile Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing 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 Standing 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 Northern Ireland Land Act, 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 Standing Committee of the Charitable Trusts Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural Returns 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 importation into consideration the Importation of Pedigree Animals Bill, as amended in the Standing Animals Bill Committee;

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

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message Indian Affairs, of the 19th 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,

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministers of Religion (Removal of Disqualifications) 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 Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords];

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Northern Ireland Land Act;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Committee of the Charitable Trusts 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.
Act, 1919.

Bill.

Corporation Leicester (No. 17, 1925.) His Majesty's Command, Copy of Treaty Treaty Series

Ecclesiastical Registration Nurses' Bill.

Burgh Order Hamilton

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

Mr. Turton reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Summer Time 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Marriages Provisional Order Bill; that they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they 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.

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Mr. Secretary Laming Worthington-Evans presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Fifth Annual Report of the Imperial War Graves Commission, 1923-24.

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

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Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Leicester Corporation Bill, 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 Hamilton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Captain Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Rules of the General Nursing Council for Scotland made under the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919.

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

Secretary Sir William Johnson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Seventy-seventh Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with Appendix.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treaty of Alliance between Great Britain and Irak, signed at Bagdad, 10th October 1922, and Protocol to the said Treaty, signed at Bagdad, 30th April 1923, with Agreements subsidiary to the said Treaty, signed at Bagdad, 25th March 1924 (Ratifications exchanged at Bagdad, 19th December 1924).

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

Treaty Series (No. 17, 1923).
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 Isle of Wight Highways Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Blackpool) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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 consolidate the enactments relating to town planning in England and Wales; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Housing Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to be printed.

The Housing (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to be printed.

The Town Planning Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to be printed.

The Town Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to be printed.

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 Fire Brigade Pensions Bill and the Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) Bill):
—Sir Burton Chadwick; and had appointed in substitution : Captain Carabine.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Secretary Sir William Joyoun-Hicks.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir James Agy-Gardiner reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms) (Special Report.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuance) Bill, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuance) 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 cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which, whilst purporting to continue for a limited period the protection of tenants of dwelling-houses, does not amend the Law under which in an increasing number of cases this protection is withdrawn, continues legal sanction for increases in rent no longer justifiable, contains no provisions for simplifying existing legislation in order to reduce litigation, takes no cognizance of the length of time necessary to overcome the housing shortage, and is wholly inadequate to deal with the present situation"

—instead thereof.

Mr. Roper accordingly presented a Bill to Licensee proposing, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give additional powers to licensing magistrates as to hours of opening licensed premises.—(Mr. Roper.)

And the Motion being approved, a brief Mr. Speaker said 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. Roper, Mr. Dennis Herbert, Dr. Watts, Colonel James, and Captain Arthur Evans do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Roper accordingly presented a Bill to Licensee proposing, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give additional powers to licensing magistrates as to hours of opening licensed premises:—(Mr. Roper.)

And the Motion being approved, a brief Mr. Speaker said 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. Roper, Mr. Dennis Herbert, Dr. Watts, Colonel James, and Captain Arthur Evans do prepare and bring in the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the conveyance of persons to or from the poll, and for purposes connected therewith—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the ['Mr. Oliver :]

Tellers for the ['Mr. Pethick-Lawrence :]

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

And the Motion being approved, a brief Mr. Speaker said 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. Roper :]

Tellers for the ['Mr. Oliver :]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Roper, Mr. Dixey, Dr. Watts, Colonel James, and Captain Arthur Evans do prepare and bring in the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give additional powers to licensing magistrates as to hours of opening licensed premises:—(Mr. Roper.)

And the Motion being approved, an Mr. Speaker said 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. Roper :]

Tellers for the ['Mr. Oliver :]

So it passed in the Negative.
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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 to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the f Colonel Gibbs, Yeas, } 281.
Sir Harry Barnaston : 
Mr. Parkinson : } 131.

Tellers for the f Mr. Parkinson, 
Mr. Warne : 
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill that they have power to insert provisions continuing the application of the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1920, to all dwelling-houses to which that Act now applies, and to amend the provisions in that Act relating to permitted increases in rent—(Mr. Clynes);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the f Mr. Charles Edwards, Yeas, } 138.
Mr. Parkinson : 
Tellers for the f Colonel Gibbs, 
Sir Harry Barnanton : } 234.

So it passed in the Negative.

Coal Prices

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House calls upon the Government to prosecute measures to prevent excessive charges for Coal supplied to household consumers—(Captain Garro-Jones);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the f Mr. Ernest Evans, Yeas, } 119.
Mr. Luke Thompson : 
Mr. Hannon : } 211.

So it passed in the Negative.

Housing Bill

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

Rural Cottages Bill

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

Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill;
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Northern Ireland Land 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 Forestry Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Returns 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 Importation of Pedigree Animals 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 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 Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

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Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Urban District Council of Teignmouth, which was presented on the 10th February and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation Act, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Biggleswade and District Gas Company Limited, which was presented on the 3rd March and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation Act, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act,
1920, on the application of the Welwyn, Knebworth, and District Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 12th March and published, be approved, with the following modifications:—

Clause 20, p. 9, after the words "transfer shall," insert the words "except so far as such Acts and Orders are repealed or amended and."

Clause 20, p. 9, omit the words "continue to apply to the undertaking after that date," and in place thereof insert the words "apply to the whole undertaking of the Welwyn Company."

Clause 44, p. 23, after the words "Section 12 (Power to purchase additional gas leads)," insert the words "Section 15 (Amending obligations as to supply of gas)."

(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Commander Eyres-Monsell);

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. 45.]

Thursday, 26th March 1925.

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 pursuant to the Order of the House of the 23rd day of March, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Sandwich Port and Haven Bill.

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.:

Sheffield Corporation [Lords] Bill.

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

The Marriages Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Hamilton Burgh 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. Edward Wood presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Land Drainage Act, 1918, altering the boundaries of the drainage area and altering or supplementing the provisions of the Black Sluice Acts: 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.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Justice Bill. Memorandum explaining the proposed Financial Resolution in relation to the expenditure of the Probation System under the Criminal Justice Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Borough Lords to the Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Bill be now taken into Consideration. (Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration: 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.

Major Malone reported from the Committee Tyne Improvement on the Tyne Improvement Bill; That they bill, 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.

Major Malone reported from the Committee Private Bills on Group C of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Committee Group C 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 from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Trade Facilities Trade Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the British Sugar British Sugar (Subsidy) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Advertisement An Act to amend the Law with respect to the regulation of advertisements; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Trade Facilities Trade Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Keighley; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House."

The Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Keighley Water Charges) Bill [Lords] was read the first time. 

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Penny; and had appointed in substitution: Captain Crookshank.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Fremantle, supported by Mr. Gerald Hurst, Mr. Morris, Dr. Haden Guest, and Sir Henry Slesser, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to certification of deaths and the disposal of the dead: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Colonel Perkins presented a Bill to provide, by amending the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, for the preferential employment of British and Overseas seamen on British-owned and British-registered ships of the Mercantile Marine: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of April next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply; and that the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted 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 [Colonel Gibbons Yes. 375. Sir Harry Barnston: Yes. 137. Noes. Mr. Parkinson: Teller, Mr. Warne. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)

The House provided for, 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 taking into consideration the Guardianship of Infants 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 Supply Committee of Supply:

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) 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 Roman Catholic Relief 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 Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) 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 Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) 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 Housing (Additional 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 Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act (1917) 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 Registration of Undertakers 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 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 Mental Deficiency (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 Licensing Act (1921) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday 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 Twelve of the clock, 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 Eleven of the clock.

MR. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Treaty Series No. 46, a Treaty between Canada and the United States of America for securing the preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the North Pacific Ocean. Signed at Washington, 22nd March 1923. (Ratifications exchanged at Washington, 21st October 1924).

Copy of Protocol providing for the division of any Sums recovered from Bulgaria for re-imbursement of the cost of Military Occupation. Signed at Sofia, 28th March 1924 [in continuation of Treaty Series No. 2, 1925].

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

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate the Universities and College Estates Acts, 1858 to 1898, and enactments amending those Acts; 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 conveyancing and the law of property in England and Wales; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Universities Act to consolidate the Land Transfer Acts and the statute law relating to registered land; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Moneylenders Act to consolidate the Moneylenders Bill [Lords.] be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

PRAYERS.

[Signed at Sofia, 28th March 1924 [in continuation of Treaty Series No. 2, 1925].]
The Law of Property (Consolidation) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Trustee (Consolidation) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Administration of Estates (Consolidation) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Land Registration (Consolidation) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Land Charges (Consolidation) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Universities and College Estates Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Mr. John Baker; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Rose. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Davidson, supported by Mr. Bridgeman, presented a Bill to authorise buildings to be erected on a disused burial ground forming part of Greenwich Hospital: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Williams, supported by Dr. Thirkell, Lieutenant-Commander Kesworthy, Sir Philip Richardson, Mr. Swinley, and Mr. Boothby, 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 coursed; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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. Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1925.
3. Agricultural Rates (Additional Grant) Continuance Act, 1925.
4. Borough Councillors (Alteration of Number) Act, 1925.
5. British Sugar (Subsidy) Act, 1925.
6. Trade Facilities Act, 1925.
7. Elizabeth Fry Refuge and Refuge for the Destitute Charities Scheme Confirmation Act, 1925.
8. Westlothian (Bathgate District) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
10. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Blackpool Order) Act, 1925.
11. Isle of Wight Highways Act, 1925.

The Question being again proposed, That Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, having regard to the advisability of settling the conditions and wages of an industry by agreement between those concerned in the industry, declines to consider a Bill which, whilst establishing a rigid minimum, withholds from those directly concerned the power to settle their own affairs in consultation and conference on conditions prevailing at any given time—Colonel Headlam,—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. Warne, Mr. Charles Edwards: 143.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Bedloe Rose: 208.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added to the word "That" in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the (Colonel Headlam, Yeas,
 (Sir Beithie Ross) 107,
 Tellers for the (Mr. Warner, Noes,
 (Mr. Charles Edwards) 121.
 So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House, having regard to the advisability of settling the conditions and wages of an industry by agreement between those concerned in the industry, declines to consider a Bill which, whilst establishing a rigid minimum, withdraws from those directly concerned the power to settle their own affairs in consultation and conference on conditions prevailing at any given time.

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 Thursday next.

Rating Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 Tuesday the 7th day of April next.

Motor Races Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Races Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of May next.

Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Moneylenders (Amendment) 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, 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.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then seventeen minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.
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 Third Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of documents existing or accruing in Units and Formation of the Royal Air Force or transferred thence to the Air Ministry, which are not of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee; That the parties opposing the Wolverhampton Corporation Bill had stated that the evidence of Archibald Tomlins, of 88, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton, 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 Archibald Tomlins do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Archibald Tomlins do attend the Local Legislation Committee to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock.

Sir William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Short to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) Bill and of the Charitable Trusts Bill); Mr. William Nicholson of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Bill); Mr. Samuel Roberts of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Fire Brigade Pensions Bill and the Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) Bill); and Mr. Morgan Jones of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Major Malone reported the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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, while approving of the power to conduct research and experiment on road construction and on the freeing of roads from tolls, cannot sanction expenditure on these objects out of the Road Fund until all rural roads upon which there is motor traffic receive a fairer proportion of the said fund".—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown).—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 Valuation take into consideration the Valuation (Metropolis) (Polls) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 19, by leaving out the word "including," and inserting the word "excluding".—(Sir Robert Gosier).—instead thereof.

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

Then an 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 Northern Ireland Land Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 23, by leaving out sub-section (2).—(Mr. Feeby.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks, by Imperial His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House Institute that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Imperial Institute [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, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, to amend the Law with respect to the management of the Imperial Institute, to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(1) in each year during the five years after the commencement of the Act, of a sum of nine thousand pounds towards the expenses of the Imperial Institute and thereafter of such sum, if any, as Parliament may determine; and

(2) of such additional sum, if any, towards the maintenance of exhibition galleries as Parliament may determine.—(Mr. Ormaby-Gore.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 6, to leave out the word "nine," in order to insert the word "five."—(Mr. Harris.)

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

Main Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Board of Education Scheme (Winchester, Christ's Hospital School Foundation) Confirmation 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. —(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

The Sandwich Port and Haven 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 Three 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 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. Guinness.)

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 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 Land Charges (Consolidation) 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 Land Registration (Consolidation) 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 Universities and Colleges Estates 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 Army and Air Force (Annual) 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 Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling 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 Criminal Justice Bill;
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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers (Superannuation) 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 Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 8th day of April 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 to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Agricultural Returns 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 into consideration the Importation of Pedigree Animals 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 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 Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) 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 Guardianship of Infants Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Guardianship of Infants Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Animal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of April next.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message Moneyslenders Bill [Lords] be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration.—(Colonel Gibbons.)
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at nineteen minutes before Ten o'clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

[No. 48.]

Tuesday, 31st March 1925.

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 Mid-Glamorgan Water Board Bill [Lords], Orders not complied with, viz.:

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

The Leicester 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 Nottinghamshire County Council (Guntrope Bridge) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of all Moneys received on account of 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 1924.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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) East Grinstead Gas and Water Company;

(2) Slough Gas and Coke Company.

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 1923 to 31st March 1924.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 9th March 1925,printed.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of the whole House for Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next; and be printed.
The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Eleven Lords, to join with a Committee of the Commons, as a Standing Joint Committee on Indian Affairs, and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Mr. Lansbury, supported by Mr. Snell, Mr. Thurtle, Mr. Dunico, Dr. Salt, Captain Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Neve, and Mr. Walkhead, presented a Bill to amend the Law as regards music and dancing licences in parts of certain Home Counties and in certain County Boroughs adjacent thereto. 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 proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish State management of the Liquor Trade.——(Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook.)

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, Col. Sir Arthur Holbrook. 142.
Colonel James.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Trevelyan Thomas. 140.
Mr. Bromley.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook, Mr. Remer, Colonel James, Colonel Sir Frederick Hall, Brigadier-General Charteris, Captain Howard, and Colonel Perkins do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook accordingly presented a Bill to abolish State management of the Liquor Trade:—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 British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) 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 give a Second Reading to a Bill which imposes an increased contingent liability on the taxpayer without providing adequate Government control over the management of the Exhibition"—(Captain Garro-Jones).—instead thereof.

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And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out 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 Order of the day being read, for the Forestry Bill;

Second Reading of the Forestry 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, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.

Resolved; That this House deplores the heavy loss of life and the large number of non-fatal accidents in mines, and is of opinion that every possible step should be taken without delay, whether by legislation or otherwise, in order to secure the fullest protection possible to those engaged in this dangerous industry.—(Mr. George Hirst.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Movable Dwelling Abolition Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ministers of Religion (Removal of Disqualifications) 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 Ministers of Religion (Removal of Disqualifications) 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 Trusts and Combines (Combinations) 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 Trusts and Combines Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Forestry Bill.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Forestry 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, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.
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 next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bastardy 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 Offices Regulation 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 Housing 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 Rural Cottages 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 Births and Deaths Registration 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 Advertisements Regulation 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 Housing (Additional 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 Registration of Under-takers 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 Importance of Pedigree Animals Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Adoption of Pedigree Animals Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill was, Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Board of Education Scheme (Winchester, Christ's Hospital Foundation) Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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 Housing 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.

The Town Planning 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.

The Town Planning (Scotland) 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.
Captain King reported from the Committee on Imperial Institute [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, to amend the Law with respect to the management of the Imperial Institute, to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(1) in each year during the five years after the commencement of the Act, of a sum of nine thousand pounds towards the expenses of the Imperial Institute and thereafter of such sum, if any, as Parliament may determine; and

(2) of such additional sum, if any, towards the maintenance of exhibition galleries as Parliament may determine.

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 then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one 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, 1st April 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

LORD EUSTACE PERCY presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Order in Council under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, dated 17th March 1925, relating to the Dockyard Ports of Chatham and Sheerness.


Copies of Two Orders in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 17th March 1925, entitled—

(1) The China Order in Council, 1925;

(2) The Kuwait Order in Council 1925.

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

Mr. Guiness presented, pursuant to the Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets, No. 75.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Administration of Justice Bill [Lords.]

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

Mr. Webb reported from the Select Committee on the Imperial Institute 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 be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Oakengates Urban District Council Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the District Council 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.

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The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Burgess Hill Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

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The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Stockton-on-Tees Corporation Bill; That they had examined the Bill 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.

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Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Oxford 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 thereunto.

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

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Committee on the London Electricity Supply 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.

Major Malone reported from the Committee on the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply 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.

Mr. Turton reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Theatrical Employers Registration 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 147.

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

Message from the Lords.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to authorise the undertakers of the Aire and Calder Navigation to construct a diversion of the Dutch River at Goole; to increase the rates, tolls, and charges leviable by the undertakers; and to confer other powers on the undertakers in relation to their undertaking; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to authorise the Great Western Railway Company to raise additional capital, 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.

The Great Western Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Sir Malcolm Macaughthen, supported by Mr. Ainsworth, Colonel headphones, Mr. Dennis Herbert, Mr. Harney, Mr. Patrick-Lawrence, and Sir Henry Slesser, presented a Bill to make further and better provision for the adoption of children by suitably persons: 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 extend the powers of Local Authorities with regard to the acquisition and use of land for recreation purposes: And that Sir Henry Cunow, Sir John Marriott, Sir Roland Blades, Major Birchall, Mr. Bevand, Colonel Sir Frederick Hall, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hart, Mr. Patrick-Lawrence, Dr. Salter, and Mr. Campbell do prepare and bring it in.

Sir Henry Cunow 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the constitution of the Port of London Authority: And that Mr. Scurr, Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Short, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Wignall, Mr. March, and Mr. Polin do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Scurr accordingly presented a Bill to alter 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for an annual holiday for employed persons, and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Riley, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Shill, Mr. Wallhead, Mr. Stamford, Mr. William Hir, and Mr. Mackinder do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Riley accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for an annual holiday for employed persons, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Abolition of death penalty in certain cases).
Mothers' Pensions.

Pensions. Mothers' proposed to be left out stand part of the Question; The House divided.

That the principle of a scheme of State-aided pensions for widowed mothers, is of opinion that this should form part of a general extension of the State for all widows with children or mothers the family bread-winner has become incapacitated, this House calls for the introduction of legislation.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in view of the urgent necessity that, wholly apart from the Poor Law, pensions adequate for the proper upbringing and maintenance of children should be provided by the State for all widows with children or mothers whose family bread-winner has become incapacitated, this House calls for the introduction this Session of the required legislation. — (Mr. Kelly.)

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 approving the principle of a scheme of State-aided pensions for widowed mothers, is of opinion that this should form part of a general extension of the insurance system upon a contributory basis and that legislation for this purpose should be introduced during the present Parliament." — (Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett), instead thereof. And the Question being put, That those words be there added — And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Judical Proceedings of the Judicial Proceedings. Second Reading of the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Road Improvement (Blind Corners Prevention) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Food Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment 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 Licensing Second Reading of the Licensing Act (1921) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Animals 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 Moneylenders Second Reading of the Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill;

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

Postponed Proceeding on consideration of Army and Air Force Annual Bill.

Schedule agreed to.
Second Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.
Law of Property (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.]

Settled Land (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.]

Trustee (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.]

Administration of Estates (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.]

Land Registration (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.]

Land Charges (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.]

Universities and College Estates Bill [Lords.]

Forestry Bill.

Agricultural Returns Bill.

Importation of Pedigree Animals Bill.

Mr. Deputy 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 Law of Property (Consolidation) 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 Settled Land (Consolidation) 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 Trustee (Consolidation) 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 Administration of Estates (Consolidation) 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 Land Registration (Consolidation) 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 Land Charges (Consolidation) 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 Universities and College Estates Bill [Lords.];

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 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 taking into consideration the Agricultural Returns 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 Housing Bill Committee on the Housing Bill [Lords.];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Committee on the Housing (Scotland) Bill [Lords.];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Town Committee on the Town Planning Bill [Lords.];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Town Committee on the Town Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords.];

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and 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—(Commander Eyres-Monsell); And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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[No. 50.]

Thursday, 2nd April 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Leeds Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the Local Authority and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Borough of Portsmouth.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 31st March 1925, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Peter Finnegar, Employment Clerk, Employment and Insurance Department, Ministry of Labour, under the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

Mr. Eustace Percy presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Financial Effect of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Proceedings of the Ministry of Transport up to 31st December 1924 under the Light Railways Acts and Railways Act, 1921.

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

Mr. Short reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Charitable Trusts Bill was referred: That they had gone through the Bill; and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

No. 78.

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.

Mr. Short reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) 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 Robert Hamilton reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the China Indemnity (Application) 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 to-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman’s Panel; That they had appointed Panel.

Mr. Samuel Roberts to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Bull reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 17th, 26th, and 27th days of February last, and had directed him to make a report thereof to the House.

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

Major Malone reported from the Committee on Private Bills on Group C of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords])—Sir Sandeman Allen, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Atkinson, Sir Henry Cautley, Sir Patrick Hastings, Sir Gerald Hober, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Mr. Neville, Major Owen, Mr. Rawlinson, Mr. Rentoul, Mr. Robinson, Sir Henry Slesser, the Lord Advocate, and Mr. Wallhead.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee B; That they had discharged the Committee B.

Mr. Buxton and Mr. Westwood.

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.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee B; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Buxton and Colonel Sir Frederick Hall; and had appointed in substitution: Captain Brass and Mr. Westwood.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Bill):— Mr. Attorney General; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Kingsley Wood.
Standing Committee C.,

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C.:—Lord Apsley; and had appointed in substitution: Major Salmon.

Ordered, That the Reports 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 confer further powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Rochdale in connection with their several undertakings; to consolidate the local rates leviable in the Borough; to make better provision for the health, local government, and finance of the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the London and North Eastern Railway Company to construct new railways, widenings, and other works, and to acquire lands; to extend the time for the completion of certain works and for the compulsory purchase of certain lands, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Horley District Gas Company to supply electricity, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Horley District Gas Company (Electricity Supply) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The London and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Horley District Gas Company (Electricity Supply) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

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)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;


Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Warne: ] 121.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Business of the House:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates).

—(Commander Eyres-Monsell;)

An Amendment was proposed to be made Empire Developments, to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, having regard to the serious economic conditions prevailing in this country, urges the Government to consider every means of increasing the economic prosperity of the Empire and, in particular, to facilitate emigration in co-operation with the Dominions, and to encourage the development of the natural resources of the Crown Colonies and other Dependencies"—(Sir Victor Warrender),—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;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Colonel Gibbs: ] 279.


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply, the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

CLASS I.

1. £914,300, for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, and certain Post Offices Abroad.

2. £1,197,440, for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, including Historic Buildings, Ancient Monuments, and Brompton Cemetery.

3. £331,300, for Expenditure in respect of Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain (including Ministries of Labour and Health).

4. £247,240, for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

5. £178,020, for Expenditure in respect of Employment.

6. £247,240, for Expenditure in respect of Employment.

Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.
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 Housing Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 40 agreed to.

Clause No. 41 (Provisions as to costs). Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Captain Wedgwood Benn),—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 42 to No. 137 agreed to.

Schedules No. 1 to No. 6 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Bill was accordingly read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Clerk do report 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 Second Reading of the Law of Property (Consolidation) 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 Trustee (Consolidation) (Consolidation) 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 Estates (Consolidation) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Registration (Consolidation) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges (Consolidation) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities and College Estates Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Ministry Committee on the Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) (re-committed) Bill;

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

THE Nottinghamshire County Council (Gunthorpe Bridge) 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 Tyne Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command—Copy of Report of the Oversea Settlement Committee for 1924.

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

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 27th March 1925, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, authorising the landing of one American bison (male) at the Port of London and defining Quarantine Station for the detention of the same animal.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 agreed to the Hamilton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dundee Harbour and Tay Ferries Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have presented a Bill, intituled—An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Denbigh, Devon, Llandudno, Northampton, Penrith, South Molton, Tredegar, and East Riding of Yorkshire; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) 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 Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of Second Reading of the Adoption of Children 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;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(No. 51.) Friday, 3rd April 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

[No. 51.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Relief 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 Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act (1917) 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 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 Vinegar 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 Rating 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 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 Moneylenders (Amendment) 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 Charitable Trusts Bill, not 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 into consideration the Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) Bill, not 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 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant April;
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.

Monday, 6th April 1925.

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

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 Agreement between Great Britain and Germany for Amending the Method of Administering the German Reparation (Recovery) Act, 1921.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 136 (Glasgow) (Ordinance) (No. 20, 1925.)
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Crown's directions of several Acts of Parliament—Nominee Account. Abstract Account of Receipts and Payments of the Treasury Solicitor, in the year 1924, in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown, and Alphabetical List of Intestate 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.

Account of the Egyptian Guaranteed Loan Egyptian Guaranteed Loan Account of 1885 up to 31st March 1925.
Account of the Greek Loan of 1898 up to 31st March 1925.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to Criminal Proceedings, Police, Coroners, Prisons, and Criminal Lunatics for 1923.

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

Colonel Ashley 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 Tansfield, in the County of Durham.

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

The Order for reading a second time upon Thursday next the Roman Catholic Relief Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of May next.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Bill):—Mr. Remer; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Henry Cocks.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

CLASS II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £265,775 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, including Grants for Agricultural Education and Training, Loans to Co-operative Societies, and certain Grants in Aid:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

CLASS VII.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,976,885 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 1926 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., Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, and certain Grants in Aid:—

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.
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 tomarrow.

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 tomarrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomarrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Summer Time Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration tomarrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Imperial Institute (re-committed) Bill;
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 Lords' Message of the 31st day of March last relating to the appointment of a Committee on Indian Affairs be now taken into consideration.—(Colonel Gibbs.)
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 a Standing Joint Committee on Indian Affairs.—(Colonel Gibbs.)
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Brigadier-General Charteris, Sir Henry Craik, Mr. Fisher, Sir George Lloyd, Mr. Wardlaw-Milne, Sir Frank Nelson, Mr. Pitcher, Mr. Scarr, Mr. Snell, Mr. Wallhead, and Sir Victor Waresder 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.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Blasphemy Laws 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 State Management (Liquor Trade) Abolition 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 Gothic Arch 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 Abolition of Cruel and Inhuman Treatment of Animals 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 Improvement of Land Act (1899) 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 Registration of Births and Deaths Registration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Births and Deaths Registration (Removal of Disqualifications) 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 Housing (Additional 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 Moveable Dwellings Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 30th day of this instant April.

The Ministers of Religion (Removal of Disqualifications) 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 Theatrical Employers' Registration Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.
Open Spaces Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Open Spaces Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Port of London Authority Bill.

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 upon Thursday the 30th day of this instant April.

Road Improvements (Blind Corners Prevention) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Improvements (Blind Corners Prevention) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment Bill.

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.

Protection of 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 Wednesday next.

Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill.

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

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

[No. 53.]

Tuesday, 7th April 1925.

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 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.:

Great Western Railway Bill [Lords].
Air and Calder Navigation Bill [Lords].
Rochdale Corporation Bill [Lords].

London and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords].
Horley District Gas Company (Electricity Supply) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Tyne Improvement Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bideford Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Budge Hill Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Oakengates Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented a Bill to Ministry of Health relating to Abergavenny, Orders (No. 3) Brighton, Colwyn Bay and Colwyn, Parts of Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Burgess Hill Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—(1) An Account of the gross amount of all sums received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of Banks for Savings and Friendly Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, from their commencement at 6th August 1817 to 20th November 1924, &c.; (2) An Account of the several transactions which have taken place.
during the year ended 29th November 1924 in the investment of all moneys which came into the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt for Savings Banks and Friendly Societies, &c.: (3) A Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to the Trustees of Savings Banks and Friendly Societies respectively, at 20th November, 1924, &c.

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 1925.

Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy Proceedings during the year ended 31st March 1925.

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

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report by a Court of Inquiry under the Industrial Courts Act, 1919, concerning Steel Houses.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Third Annual Report of the Railway Rates Tribunal, for 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 6th April, 1925, made by the Minister of Transport under the London Traffic Act, 1924, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Regulations, 1925.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Hertfordshire (Barnet Urban District) Confirmation Order, 1925, made under the Local Government Act, 1888.

Copy of Order, dated 29th March, 1925, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the Casual Poor (Relief) Order, 1925.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 137 (Aberdeen, No. 29) (Foundation of the Carnegie Chair of French) made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

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

Lord Eustace Percy presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Board of Education Estimates, 1925–26.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) 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 to-morrow; and be printed.

Sir Cyril Cobb reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Scottish Standing Committee’s 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 3rd day of May next; and be printed.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled South Wales Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Company Bill (Lords) was read the first time.

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

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Hours of Employment (Forty-eight Hours) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 30th day of this instant April.

The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:—

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

Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook, supported by Sporting Rights (Rising) Bill, Bill 154.

Standing Committee B, Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Bill No. 81.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to increase the powers of joint electricity authorities.—(Mr. Harris.)

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. Deputy 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 Mr. Harris, Mr. Wallhead: 124;

Tellers for the Mr. Hopkins, Captain Moore: 193.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That whereas His Majesty's Government and the German Government have agreed that the existing procedure under the German Reparation (Recovery) Act, 1921, shall be suspended and replaced by an alternative method not involving payments by individual merchants in such a way as to be without prejudice to any right enjoyed by His Majesty's Government in respect of this Act under the Dawes Plan, the London Protocol of the thirtieth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, or otherwise, the operation of Sections 1, 2 and 5 of the German Reparation (Recovery) Act, 1921, shall be suspended on and after the tenth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, until His Majesty shall revoke any Order in Council which He may be pleased to make for giving effect to this Resolution.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Prime Minister, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Administration of Justice [Salary, &c.] 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 payment out of the Consolidated Fund of the salary and pension of one additional judge of the High Court who may be appointed under any Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dennis Herbert reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Imperial itself into a Committee on the Imperial Institute Bill (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 10 agreed to.

Schedules No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dennis Herbert 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 taking China into consideration the 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 Law of itself into a Committee on the Law of Property (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 209 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, resolved Imperial itself into a Committee on the Settlement Land (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 129 agreed to.

Schedules No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Charges (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 26 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 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 Universities and College Estates 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.

—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Teachers Second Reading of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

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.

Mr. Margesson reported from the Committee Supply of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant April (2nd April Report.) several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

CLASS I.

1. That a sum not exceeding £914,300 be Revenue 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, and certain Post Offices Abroad.

2. That a sum not exceeding £1,197,440 be Revenue 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, and certain Post Offices Abroad.

3. That a sum not exceeding £3,311,300 be Labour and 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain (including Ministries of Labour and Health).
4. That a sum not exceeding £247,240 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

5. That a sum not exceeding £178,026 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

6. That a sum not exceeding £60,820 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of Houses of Parliament Buildings.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling 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 Criminal Justice 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 Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Summer Time Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Order, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed: That in the opinion of this House, the destitute and impoverished condition of the Working Classes, which is inherent in the present economic and industrial system, constitutes a grave menace to social stability and industrial peace, and, whilst welcoming both legislative action and industrial agreements that ease immediate hardships, this House declares that no real solution of the problem of employment and wages is possible in the near future unless recovery from the trade depression is assisted by the encouragement of enterprise and by the co-operation of all sections of the community in an earnest endeavour to secure and maintain a more satisfactory competitive footing in world markets.—(Colonel Spender Clay). 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. Charles Edwards; 1124.

Yeas, Mr. Oliver Stanley; 281.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Second Reading of the Criminal Law Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rabbits and Rooks Second Reading of the Rabbits and Rooks Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mental Deficiency Second Reading of the Mental Deficiency (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Trusts and Combinations Second Reading of the Trusts and Combinations Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Offices Regulation Bill;

Order, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant April.
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Housing Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant April.

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 Thursday the 30th day of this instant April.

Rural Cottages Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rural Cottages Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 30th day of this instant April.

Registration of Undertakers Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Undertakers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of May next.

Licensing Act (1921) Amendment (No. 2) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act (1921) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 14th day of May next.

Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

Rating of Machinery Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of May 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 Wednesday the 29th day of this instant April.

Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Moneylenders (Amendment) 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—

(Commander Eyres-Monsell);

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. 54.]

Wednesday, 8th April 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barrow-in-Furness Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stockton-on-Tees Corporation Bill, 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 London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Oxford Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Copy of Rules, dated 7th April 1925, made by the Board of Trade, entitled the Census of Production (No. 3) Rules, 1925.

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

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Diseases of Animals Acts.
Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 2nd April 1925, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, authorising the landing of one Telemark Bull at the Port of Newcastle, and defining a quarantine station for its detention.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East Africa.
Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the East Africa Commission.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India (Loans raised in England.)
Mr. Layton, in continuation of Parliamentary Business, moved, That a Motion be made for the adjournment of the House.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Aliens (Naturalisation.)
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing (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 1924, been registered at the Home Office; (b) Information as to any Aliens who have during the same period obtained Acts of Naturalisation from the Legislature; and (c) Particulars of cases in which Certificates of Naturalisation have been revoked within the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 92, of Session 1924).—Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson.

Westminster City Council (General Powers) Bill.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bill, that the same was ordered to be read a second time.

Slough Trading Company Bill.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Slough Trading Company 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; and had amended the Title, as followeth:—A Bill to consolidate the rates of the borough (Tithes) of Southampton; to confer further powers, and to make Amendments upon the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgess of that Borough, and for other purposes.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Southampton Corporation Bill.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Southampton Corporation 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; and had amended the Title, as followeth:—A Bill to consolidate the rates of the borough (Tithes) of Southampton; to confer further powers, and to make Amendments upon the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgess of that Borough, and for other purposes.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported Standing Orders Resolutions; which were read, as follow: 1. That in the case of the Sheffield Corporation Assurance Bill [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Corporation Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.
2. That in the case of the Royal Exchange Royal Assurances Bill [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Corporation 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.

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

Major Malone reported from the Committee private Bills, Group C of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April, at Eleven of the clock.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Livingstone, supported by Captain W. J. Hamilton, Sir Godfrey Collis, Sir Robert Hamilton, Sir Murdoch MacDonald, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Runciman, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Crawford, presented a Bill for the amendment of the Law with respect to penalties for illegal fishing by trawl vessels: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 28th day of May next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow Sittings of 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 Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Read, proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable highway authorities to permit the erection of petrol supply pumps on the edge of the roadway.—(Sir Philip Dawson.)

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

Mr. Campbell: 1130. Mr. Wignall: 154.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Campbells: 130. Mr. Wignall: 154.]
Order, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend section eighteen of the Land Settlement (Scotland) Act, 1919: And that Captain Wellywood Bean, Mr. MacIntyre, Mr. Cooper, Dr. Skids, Mr. William Graham, Mr. Rosalyn Mitchell, Mr. Murawn, Mr. Livingstone, and Sir Goffrey Collias do prepare and bring in it.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pedigree Animals Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 19, by leaving out the words "includes land used," and inserting the words "means land which is or has at any time been capable of being used as arable or"

— (Major Sir Archibald Sinclair)—instead thereof.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Agricultural Returns 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Guardianship of Infants Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Principles on which questions of religious upbringing are to be decided):—(Mr. Herst.)

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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 22, by leaving out the word "three," and inserting the word "six":—(Viscountess Astor)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "three" 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 Charitable Trusts 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 itself into a Committee on the Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 7 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 Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

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 the 28th day of this instant April.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Universities and College Estates Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 45 agreed to.

Schedules No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Captain Hacking reported from the Committee on Administration of Justice [Salary, &c.], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

That it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of the salary and pension of one additional judge of the High Court who may be appointed under any Act of the present Session.

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

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 taking into consideration the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Justice Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in view of the grave intellectual and social wastage caused by the fact that the great majority of children leaving elementary schools fail to obtain further education of any kind, a wastage aggravated by the present state of unemployment, and in view of the declaration of the departmental committee on scholarships and free places that 75 per cent. of the children leaving elementary schools are intellectually qualified to profit by full-time education up to the age of 16, this House is of opinion that Local Education Authorities should be called upon to prepare schemes by which within a reasonable period adequate provision may be made for secondary or some form of full-time post-primary education for all children up to the age of 16, for a progressive increase in the proportion of free places maintained in grant-aided secondary schools, and for the development of maintenance allowances on such a scale that no children...
may be debarred from higher education by the poverty of their parents.—(Mr. Robert Richardson.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1.1, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House adheres to the policy laid down by the Prime Minister in October last, namely, the provision of sufficient secondary schools with an adequate number of free places, the provision of central schools to accommodate all those primary school pupils between the ages of 11 and 15 (16 where possible) who are not accommodated in the secondary schools, and facilities for transfer from central to secondary schools"—(Colonel Burton).—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.

Resolved, That in view of the grave intellectual and social wastage caused by the fact that the great majority of children leaving elementary schools fail to obtain further education of any kind a wastage aggravated by the present state of unemployment, and in view of the declaration of the departmental committee on scholarships and free places that 75 per cent. of the children leaving elementary schools are intellectually qualified to profit by full-time education up to the age of 16, this House is of opinion that Local Education Authorities should be called upon to prepare schemes by which within a reasonable period adequate provision may be made for secondary or some form of full-time post-primary education for all children up to the age of 16, for a progressive increase in the percentage of free places maintained in grant-aided secondary schools, and for the development of maintenance allowances on such a scale that no children may be debarred from higher education by the poverty of their parents.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 30th day of this instant April.

The Mental Deficiency (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday the 30th day of this instant April.—(Sir Leslie Scott.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Summer into consideration the Summer Time Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation Act, 1920. proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Gloucester Gaslight Company, which was presented on the 18th March and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute 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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The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting; Whereupon Mr. Hope, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Bolton Corporation Bill.

The Bolton Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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. Yeadon and Guiseley Gaslight and Coke Company;
2. The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Brighouse.

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

Copy of Accounts of the Gas Fund for the year ended 31st March 1924.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports respecting Peterhead Harbour Works for the year ended 31st March 1924.

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

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 1st April 1925, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order, 1925.

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 Poole Harbour Bill [Lords.] An Act to change the name of the Commissioners for the harbour of Poole; to increase the duties, rates, and charges leviable by the Commissioners; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Poole Harbour Bill [Lords.] was read the Poole Harbour Bill first time.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Panel, him to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill:—Mr. Brogs, Sir Harry Britain, Captain Cazalet, Mr. Duff Cooper, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Captain Howard, Mr. Lunn, Mr. Montague, Mr. Runciman, and Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, supported by Mr. Rating and Guinness, Mr. Solicitor General, and Sir Kingsley Wood, presented a Bill to simplify and amend the Law with respect to the making and collection of rates by the consolidation of rates and otherwise; to promote uniformity in the valuation of property for the purpose of rates and taxes; to amend the Law with respect to the valuation of machinery and certain other classes of properties, and for other purposes incidental to or connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented a Bill to repeal the enactments providing for the protection of Wild Birds and to substitute other provisions therefor: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Colonel Lorne-Pax, supported by Sir Philip Mining Industry (Welfare) Bill, presented a Bill to extend the period during which payments are to be made Fund Bill, to the fund constituted under section twenty of the Mining Industry Act, 1920, and to increase the number of the committee appointed thereunder: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn until Tuesday 28th April.—(Easter.) (The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed. That this House do now adjourn—(Colonel Gibbs);
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. Deputy 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. Deputy Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

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

1. Housing Act, 1925.
2. Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925.
3. Town Planning Act, 1925.
4. Town Planning (Scotland) Act, 1925.
5. Settled Land Act, 1925.
6. Trustee Act, 1925.
7. Law of Property Act, 1925.
8. Land Registration Act, 1925.
10. Administration of Estates Act, 1925.
12. Hamilton Burgh Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
13. Dundee Harbour and Tay Ferries Order Confirmation Act, 1925.

Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable there to, have been complied with, viz.:

South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Company Bill [Lords].
London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills [Lords] (No Standing Orders applicable.)

Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Land Drainage (Black Shiel) Provisional Order Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills [Lords] (No Standing Orders applicable.)

Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Keighley Water Charges) Bill [Lords].

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill Petitions [Lords] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Orders not previously inquired into applicable.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill Petitions [Lords] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

The Barrow-in-Furness Corporation 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 Bideford Bideford Harbour Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James Hope, 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 Burgess Hill Water Bill was read the Burgess Hill Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Gas Light and Coke Company Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The Oakengates Urban District Council Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Oxford 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 Stockton-on-Tees 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 Aire and Calder Navigation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Great Western Railway Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Horley District Gas Company (Electricity Supply) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the London and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Rochdale Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

Colonel Sir John Gilmour presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Advocates Widows' Fund (Widowers' Provisions) Order Confirmation Bill.

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

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:—

Copy of Statement of the Poor Law Unions, Incorporations, and Parishes in England and Wales for which a Board of Guardians is elected, and of the Parishes included in each Union or Incorporation.

Copy of Final Report of the Northern Ireland Special Arbitration Committee.

Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st March 1925, compiled from Returns furnished to the Departments.

Copy of Statement relating to the employment of Ex-Service men in Government Offices on 1st July 1919 and 1st March 1925, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of Forty-ninth Annual Report of His Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives, for 1924.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Bill to provide for the exchequer and bank of England note issues.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 28th April 1925, relative to a Gift of Books to the Persian National Assembly.

Mr. Guinness also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of (1) Statement of Guarantees which the Treasury have stated their willingness to give up to 31st March 1925, and (2) Account up to 31st March 1925 of total sums issued from the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given under the Trade Facilities Acts, and of the sums paid in or towards the repayment of any sums so issued.

Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 1925, during the year ended 31st March 1925.

Copy of Thirty-third Annual Report of the Inspection Committee of Trustee Savings Banks for the year ended 20th November 1924, with Appendices.

Account of Receipts and Payments in respect of the Land Registry for the year ended 31st March 1925.

Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom in the year ended 31st March 1925, together with the Balances in the Exchequer on 1st April 1924; the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended 31st March 1925; and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Trade Facilities Acts and Public Income and Expenditure, be printed.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Acts.

Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts,—

(1) authorising the landing of 12 Merino Rams at the Port of London, and defining quarantine station for them, dated 15th April 1925;

(2) authorising the landing of two Wild Pigs at the Port of London (Royal Albert
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Dock, and defining quarantine station for them, dated 17th April 1925;
(3) authorising the landing of two Elands, two Duikers, and two Dikdiks at the Port of Liverpool (Toxteth Dock), and defining quarantine station for them, dated 20th April 1925.

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


Copies of Statutes made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts,—
(1) by the University of Oxford on 9th December 1924, and approved by the University of Oxford Commissioners on 3rd February 1925, amending Stat. Tit. XIX., paragraph 19, of the University;
(2) by All Souls College, Oxford, on 2nd February 1925, and approved by the University of Oxford Commissioners on 4th February 1925, repealing the existing Statutes and making new Statutes for the College.

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

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling Bill, showing (1) re-
(2) enactments of the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1904, in ordinary type underlined; (2) amendments or new provisions, in ordinary type; and (3) the provisions of the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1904, which have been omitted, in italics and brackets.

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

Lord Eustace Percy 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 Newcastle Prison.

Account of Moneys received and paid by Metropolitan the Chamberlain of the City of London in relation to the Metropolitan Cattle Market for the year 1923-24; also an Account of extraordinary works executed, other than general repairs, for the same period.

Accounts showing the sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police and Police Courts between 1st April 1924 and 31st March 1925.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Order made by the Electricity Com-
misssioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of—
(1) part of the Rural District of Abingdon, in the County of Berks, and part of the Rural District of Culham, in the County of Oxford;
(2) the Borough of Wokingham, in the County of Berks;
(3) the Rural Districts of Catherington and Farnham, in the County of Sussex, and part of the Rural District of Westbourne, in the Administrative County of West Sussex;
(4) the Urban District of Paull, in the County Palatine of Lancaster;
(5) part of the Rural District of Taunton, in the County of Somerset.

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

Mr. Bridgeman 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 1923-24.

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

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

(1) Account showing the nature and amount of the proceeds of any sale of any stocks, annuities, or securities, during the financial year 1923-24.

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

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Railway and Canal Commission, with Appendix, for 1924.

Copy of Tenth Report of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales, for 1924 under the Welsh Church Act, 1914.

Copy of First Report of the Committee on Child Adoption.

and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at 31st March 1925 as investments for moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920.

Copy of Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1924. Part I. General Report.

General Report and Accounts of the Conservators of the River Thames for 1924.


Ordered, That the said Papers 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. Guinness.)

Mr. Guinness accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Major Malone reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.

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 (added in respect of the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill);—Mr. Runciman; and had appointed in substitution—Mr. Harris.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means 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 the Committee of Ways and Means.

(Customs and Excise.)

Continuation of Duty on Tea.

1. Resolved, That the Customs duty charged on tea until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, shall continue to be charged on and after that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, that is to say:—

   Tea                  in 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.)

Continuation of Additional Medicine Duties (Excise).

2. Resolved, That the additional duties of Excise on medicines imposed by section eleven of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section eight of the Finance Act, 1924, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, shall continue to be charged on and after that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

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.)

New Import Duties.

3. Resolved, That the new import duties which were imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, shall be revived and shall be charged on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and for the purpose of the charge of duty on cinematograph films, the expressions “ positives ” and “ negatives ” in section twelve of the said Act shall be deemed respectively to include undeveloped positives and undeveloped negatives.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Silk (Customs).

4. Resolved, That on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the following duties of Customs shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of the following goods, that is to say:—

   Silk:—

   Cocoons and waste of all kinds—

   Undischarged - the lb. 1 6
   Wholly or partly discharged - the lb. 0 9
   Raw—
   Undischarged - the lb. 4 0
   Wholly or partly discharged - the lb. 5 9
   Thrown or spun, including yarns and threads of all kinds—
   Undischarged - the lb. 4 8
   Wholly or partly discharged - the lb. 6 8
   Tissue containing silk—
   Undischarged - the lb. 5 3
   Wholly or partly discharged - the lb. 7 9

   Artificial silk:—

   Yarn, thread, straw, or waste—
   - - - - - the lb. 3 0
   Tissue containing artificial silk—
   - - - - - the lb. 3 6

   Articles not heretofore specified made wholly or in part of silk or artificial silk—
   - - - - - A duty equal to 33\1/3 per cent. of the value of the article.

   —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

   Silk (Excise).

5. Resolved, That on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, there shall be charged—

   (a) on all artificial silk yarn, thread, straw, or waste manufactured in Great Britain...
or Northern Ireland an Excise duty at the rate of two shillings and sixpence for every pound's weight; and (b) in respect of every licence to be taken out annually by a manufacturer of artificial silk yarn, thread, straw, or waste in Great Britain or Northern Ireland an Excise duty of twenty shillings.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Hops and Beer.

6. Resolved, That during a period of four years beginning on the sixteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the following duties of Customs shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of the following goods, that is to say:

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Beer

- In addition to the duties of Customs now chargeable a duty of tenpence for every 36 gallons where the worts were before fermentation of a specific gravity of 1,055 degrees, and so in proportion for any difference in gravity.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

INCOME TAX.

Charge of Tax.

7. Resolved, That—
(a) Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, at the rate of four shillings in the pound; 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-five, 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-five:

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 so charged as had effect with respect to the Income Tax charged for the year beginning the sixth 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.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Super-Tax.

S. Resolved, That—
(a) the additional duty of Income Tax (called Super-Tax) shall be charged in respect of incomes which exceed £2,000 as follows:—

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(b) the like provisions shall have effect with respect to the Super-Tax so charged as had effect with respect to the Super-
Tax charged for the year beginning the sixth 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.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

**Estate Duty (Alteration of Scale).**

9. Resolved, That there shall be substituted for the rates of Estate Duty set out in the Third Schedule to the Finance Act, 1919, rates in accordance with the following table:—

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—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

**Succession Duty.**

10. Resolved, That for the purposes of section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1894, and of section fifty-eight of the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910, a succession shall be deemed to arise on the happening of the death by reason of which the successor, or any person in his right or on his behalf, becomes entitled in possession to the succession or to the receipt of the income or profits thereof.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

**Liability of Dominion Governments to Taxation in respect of Trading Operations.**

11. Resolved, That where a trade or business of any kind is carried on by or on behalf of the Government of any part of His Majesty's Dominions outside Great Britain and Northern Ireland, that Government shall, in respect of the trade or business and of all operations in connection therewith, all property occupied in Great Britain or Northern Ireland and all goods owned in Great Britain or Northern Ireland for the purposes thereof, all income arising in connection therewith, be liable, in the same manner as in the like case any other person would be, to all taxation for the time being in force in Great Britain or Northern Ireland.

For the purposes of this Resolution the expression "His Majesty's Dominions" includes any territory which is under His Majesty's protection or in respect of which a mandate is being exercised by the Government of any part of His Majesty's Dominions.—(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.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell).—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

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

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

The Order of the day being read for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 Teachers' Second Reading of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) 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 Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling 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 Criminal Justice 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 Therapeutic Substances 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 Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Summer Time 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 Rating and Valuation 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 Wild Birds 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 Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill:

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

Adjournment.

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

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

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Wednesday, 29th April 1925.

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 North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Great Western Railway Bill [Lords];

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Metropolitan Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords];

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

Ordered, That the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill be re-committed to the former Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the re-committed Bill that they have power to reconsider their decision on the Preamble of the Bill as reported by them to the House.—(Sir George Hume.)

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-five, to the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Advocates’ Widows Fund (Widowers’ Provisions) Order Confirmation Bill.

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

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Keighley Water Charges) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Eight Honourable Austen Chamberlain, M.P. (British Representative), on the Thirty-third League of Nations (Miscellaneous, No. 6, Session of the Council of the League of Nations. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Cash Transactions in the year ended 31st March 1924, in respect (a) of Vote of Credit Excess Receipts from Trading Services to 31st March 1919, and (b) of Trading and other operations financed from these receipts, and from the proceeds of Sale of Stocks, &c., purchased out of the Vote of Credit, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the undermentioned Local Authorities, and confirmed, with Amendment, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Borough of Halifax.

Borough of South Shields.

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 Prime Minister, that the House of Commons had assented to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, intituled An Act to confer on Lloyd's additional powers of the Air Force (Annual), Act, 1925.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make provision for pensions for Widows, Orphans, and persons between the ages of sixty-five and seventy, and for the payment of contributions in respect thereof; and to amend the enactments relating to health and unemployment insurance and old age pensions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker, the House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means, to consider the Bill of Credit, with the Report of the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

On the Motion of Mr. Guinness to adjourn for the night, the House again resolved itself into the Ways and Means Committee, and the House adjourned.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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Mr. Speaker.

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

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

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

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

No. 92. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 92. 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.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, supported by Colonel Mr. Guinness, and Sir Kingsley Wood, presented a Bill to facilitate the return to a gold standard, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Motion to adjourn for the night, be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings on the Motion to adjourn for the night, be printed.

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

Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Guinness, and Sir Kingsley Wood, presented a Bill to facilitate the return to a gold standard, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
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And it being a quarter-past Eight of the clock, further Proceeding was postponed, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.

Resolved, That this House views with grave concern the present state of the Fishing Industry of Great Britain, and that, in the interests of the Navy, the merchant service, and the food supply of this Country, this industry should receive every possible assistance from the Government.—(Mr. Harrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Act (1894) 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 Sporting Rights (Rating) 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 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 Adoption of Children (No. 2) 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 Moneylenders (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 Annual Holiday 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 Leasehold Enfranchisement 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 Births and Deaths Registration 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 Criminal Law 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 Rabbits and Dogs Bill; Rabbits Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trusts and Combines (Commodities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Contracts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bonk Fide Travellers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Races 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 Seeds Act (1920) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment of Disabled Ex-Servicemen Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sedition and Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act (1919) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Gaming Machines 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 Wednesday next.

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 Thursday the 7th day of May next.

Rating Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

Blasphemy Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Blasphemy Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

State Management (Liquor Trade) Abolition Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the State Management (Liquor Trade) Abolition Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

Improvement of Land Act (1899) Amendment Bill.

The Improvement of Land Act (1899) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Rent and Mortgage Interest Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

Housing (Additional Powers) Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

Theatrical Employers Registration Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Theatrical Employers Registration 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.

Road Improvements (Blind Corners Prevention) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Improvements (Blind Corners Prevention) Bill;

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

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

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

Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Amendment Bill.

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 Wednesday next.

Amendment of Law.

Postponed Proceeding on Question, 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, resumed;

Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Commander Eyres-Moncreif)—put, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

Second Reading of the Housing (Additional Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

Amendment Bill; 2nd April. 29th April.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 25th day of this instant April; Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Acts (Blind Corners Prevention) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May 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 Monday next.

Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords];

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

Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southampton Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Memorandum of the Committee on Lace and Embroidery in connection with the Safeguarding of Industries.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on Lace and Embroidery in connection with the Safeguarding of Industries.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum explanatory of the Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill.

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

Mr. Samuel Roberts reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

No. 93. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 93. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 165. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to empower the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Ipswich to provide and work trolley vehicles; to make further provision with regard to the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ipswich Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to provide for the transfer of the undertaking of the Hoylake and West Kirby Gas and Water Company to the Urban District Council of Hoylake and West Kirby; to authorise the Council to supply gas and water in and in the neighbourhood of their District, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District Council Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to empower the Corporation of Scarborough to construct street improvements and to provide and work lifts on the cliffs of the Borough; to make further provision with regard to public gardens, pleasure grounds, and other lands in the Borough and the neighbourhood thereof; to make further and better provision for the improvement, health, and good government of the Borough; to provide for the consolidation of the rates of the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Scarborough Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to empower the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City and County of Kingston-upon-Hull to construct a street improvement; to enlarge the borrowing powers for the purposes of their water undertaking; to make further provision for the prevention of floods, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to empower the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company to construct railways and works, and to acquire lands, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of three Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Moneylenders Bill [Lords], and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

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

The Ipswich Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

The Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District Hoylake and Council 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 Scarborough Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill [Lords.]

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

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway London, Midland and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Railway Bill Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen’s Panel; That they had appointed the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Roads Improvement Bill), and Mr. Short (in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords]); and Major Barnett to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Roads Improvement Bill);—Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Sandeman Allen, Sir Henry Cayzer, Sir Philip Constable-Lister, Lieutenant-Commander Kempthorne, Colonel McDonnell, Captain Macmillan, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Mr. Sexton, and Colonel Woodcock.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Lord Balniel, Captain Bourne, Brigadier-General Clifton Brown, Sir Henry Cayzer, Mr. Penby, Mr. Lamb, Sir Douglas Newton, Mr. Sutton, Colonel Wodehouse, and Mr. Edward Wood.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply, and that the Proceedings on the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain);—

The House divided.

The Yeas were 283, and the Noes 132. So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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. —(In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer 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 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 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, 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Fair wages to be paid to persons employed in connection with the British Empire Exhibition).—(Mr. Montague.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended in l. 10, by leaving out the words “employer or persons employed,” and inserting the words Vol. 180.
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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the Mental Deficiency (Amend-
ment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thurs-
day next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to
sit till eleven 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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Friday, 1st May 1925

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

T
HE Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the London and North
Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords];

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

A Public Petition against the Sandwich
Port and Haven Bill was presented, and read;
and referred to the Select Committee on the
Bill.

Secretary Sir William Jaynes-Hicks pre-
presented a Bill to make better provision for the
protection against lead poisoning of persons
employed in painting buildings: 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 Hours of Industrial
Employment 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 the opinion of this House, it
will be injurious to industry and increase
unemployment to give effect at the present
time to the provisions of the draft Washington
convention in this Country, and further this
House is of opinion that these provisions can
only be effectively introduced by simultaneous
legislative action in all the countries whose
representatives were signatories to the draft
convention"—(Mr. Clarry),—instead thereof.

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

Mr Buchanan rose in his place and claimed
Closure claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his
assent, and declined to put that Question :—Then the House Assent.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the 
Mr. Buchanan,

Yeas, 
Mr. Benjamin Smith : 128.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Clarry,

Noes, 
Mr. Bennett : 233.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the
proposed words be added to the word "That"
in the Main Question :—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Four of the clock, the
Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing
Second Reading of the Licensing (Wales) Bill; [Wales] Bill.

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

The Dramatic and Musical Performers' Pro-
tection 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 Nursing Homes (Regis-
tration) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Friday the 15th day of this instant May.

The British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) 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 receiving
the Report from the Committee of Ways and
Means of the 30th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Wednesday next.

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

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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 28th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, being then nine minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 60.]

Monday, 4th May 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

The Southampton 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 Slough Trading Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Westminster City Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

The South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Company Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday 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.

Ordered, That the South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Company Bill [Lords] be read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London Electricity Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday 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.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word
"That." to the end of the Question, and adding the words: 'this House cannot at
present assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which, by providing for a return to the
gold standard with undue precipitancy, may aggravate the existing grave condition of
unemployment and trade depression'—(Mr. Snowden),—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.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

(—Colonel Gibbs.)

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, by His Majesty's Gold
Command, acquainted the House that His
Majesty, having been informed of the subject-
matter of the Motion relating to Gold Standard
[Money] proposed to be moved, under Standing
Order No. 11a, 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 for the purposes of any Act
of the present Session to facilitate the return
to a Gold Standard and for purposes connected
therewith it is expedient to authorise the charge
on the Consolidated Fund of the principal and
interest of any money raised under the said
Act and any sums payable by the Treasury in
fulfilling any guarantee given thereunder,
together with any expenses incurred by the
Treasury in connection with or with a view to
the exercise of the powers conferred on them
by the said Act of raising or guaranteeing loans.—(Mr. Guinness.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-
morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to China
Indemnity [Application] Bill, as amended in the Standing Bill
Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to
the Bill, in p. 1, l. 13, by leaving out the words
"or other".—(Mr. Ponsonby.)

And the Question being put, That those
words "or other" 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. 13, by inserting,
after the first word "purposes," the words
"of direct social advantage to the Chinese
people."—(Mr. Somerville.)

And the Question being put, That those
words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed
in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third
time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third
time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the 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.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

For the Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) 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 Therapeutic Substances 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 Widows, Orphans, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill;
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Summer Time 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 Rating and Valuation 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.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating and Valuation 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 Wild Birds Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, by leaving out ls. 14 and 15, and inserting the words,—

5 Chester Bangor Shrewsbury

(Captain Ernest Evans), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, column 2, by inserting, after I. 23, the word “Worcester”

(—Mr. Greene.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "Worcester" be there inserted in 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, 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 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 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 Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the supply.
Committee of Supply;
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, on the application of the East Grinstead Gas and Water Company, which was presented on the 31st March and published, be approved.

(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the East Grinstead Gas and Water Company, Limited, which was presented on the 24th March and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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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 Newark-upon-Trent, in the County of Nottingham, which was presented on the 10th day of March 1925, be approved.——(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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 Norden and Wardle, in the County of Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 10th day of March 1925, be approved.——(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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 Ashow, Bishop's Tachbrock, Southam, Stockton, and Utton, in the Rural District of Southam, and the Parishes of Ashow, Bishop's Tachbrock, Blackdown, Cubbington, Guy's Cliffe, Leek Woodton, Offchurch, Old Milverton, Redford, Senele, Weston-under-Wetherley, and Whitnash, and part of the Parish of Stoneleigh, in the Rural District of Warwick, all in the County of Warwick, which was presented on the 10th day of March 1925, be approved.——(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

Adjourned. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.——(Colonel Gibbs.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes after 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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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.:—

Poole Harbour Bill [Lords].
Ipswich Corporation Bill [Lords].
Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District Council Bill [Lords].
Scarborough Corporation Bill [Lords].
Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation 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.:—

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That 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 Orders Confirmation (No. 1) 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 London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords]; and the same was read the first time.

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

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Minister of Transport under the Tramways Act, 1870, relating to Liverpool Corporation Tramways and Sheffield Corporation Tramways: 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.

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm Pier and certain Provisional Orders made by the Minister of Transport under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Cattewater, Bill 169.
Nurses

Aliens Order,

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Act, 1889.

Act, 1919.

Registration

Nurses

Act, 1919.

1920.

Restriction

(Scotland)

Universities

Pensions Bill.

Fire Brigade

Standing

Bill 170.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain 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 regard to
admission to the register by examination.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Scheme made under paragraph 4 of
the Schedule to the Nurses Registration Act,
1919, for the election of sixteen persons to be
members of the General Nursing Council for
England and Wales.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Statistics under the Aliens Restriction Acts
and Aliens Order, 1920, in regard to alien
passengers who entered and left the United
Kingdom in 1924.

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

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Scottish Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Solicitor General for Scot-
land; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Arthur Campbell.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Solicitor General for Scot-
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Mr. William Nicholson reported from Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Con-
text) the Bill on the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill:—Mr. Campbell; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the
Table.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a
Committee upon Thursday next, on the De-
ficiency Mental Deficiency (Amendment) Bill was read and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednes-
day the 13th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Chartered Associations (Protection of Names and Uniforms) Bill (Lords.), and had appointed in substitution: Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.

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

Mr. David Davidson reported from the Committee on Gold Standard [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Chartered
Associations (Protection of Names and Uniforms) Bill (Lords.), and had appointed in substitution: Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the
Standing Committee, be taken into considera-
tion upon Thursday next.

Mr. Samuel Roberts reported from Standing Committee C to whom the Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) 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
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Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the
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day the 13th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Associations (Protection of Names and Uniforms) Bill (Lords.), and had appointed in substitution: Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \( \{\text{Mr. Parkinson, Yeas,}\) \( \{\text{Mr. Warne;}\) \[106,\]

Tellers for the \( \{\text{Colonel Gibbs, Noes,}\) \[265,\]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Gold Standard Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Chauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 8, by leaving out the words "twentieth day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven," and inserting the words "twenty-fourth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty)-(Mr. Trevelyan Thomson), 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 \( \{\text{Colonel Gibbs, Yeas,}\) \[243,\]

Tellers for the \( \{\text{Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, Noes,}\) \[137,\]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then an 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 Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) 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 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 Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) 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 Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) 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 Forestry Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 Widows, Orphans, and Old Age Contributory Pensions 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 Teachers (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 Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling 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 Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) 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 and Valuation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Wild Birds Protection 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 Wild Birds Protection 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bastardy Bill; Second Reading of the Bastardy Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

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**Wednesday, 6th May 1925.**

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

**PRAYERS.**

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Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 28th April 1925, redeeming quarantine station for animals authorised to be landed by Order 3,946, of 15th April 1925.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen’s Panel: That they had appointed Sir Cyril Cobb to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Allotments Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill was read, and discharged.

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**VoL. 180.**

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;—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 Housing 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 (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 Annual Holiday 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 Moveable Dwellings Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of this instant May.

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 upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) 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 Roman Catholic Relief 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 Act (1894) 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 Sporting Rights (Rating) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of First Report of the Royal Commission on Food Prices, Vol. I.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shipping Act (1894) Amendment 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 the 18th day of this instant May.

Mr. Ormsby Gore reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 28th day of April last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Continuation of Duty on Tea.

1. That the Customs duty charged on tea until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, shall continue to be charged on and after that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, 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.

Continuation of Additional Medicine Duties (Excise).

2. That the additional duties of Excise on medicines imposed by section eleven of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section eight of the Finance Act, 1924, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, shall continue to be charged on and after that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

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.

New Import Duties.

3. That the new Import duties which were imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, shall be revived and shall be charged on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, for the purpose of the charge of duty on cinematograph films, the expressions " positives " and " negatives " in section twelve of the said Act shall be deemed respectively to include undeveloped positives and undeveloped negatives.

Silk (Customs).

4. That on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the following duties of Customs shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of the following goods, that is to say:—

   Silk:—

   Coconuts and waste of all kinds—  s. d.
   Undischarged  -  the lb. 1 6
   Wholly or partly discharged  -  the lb. 3 0

   Raw—
   Undischarged  -  the lb. 4 0
   Wholly or partly discharged  -  the lb. 5 9

   Thrown or spun, including yarns and threads of all kinds—
   Undischarged  -  the lb. 4 8
   Wholly or partly discharged  -  the lb. 6 8

   Tissue containing silk—
   Undischarged  the lb. 5 3
   Wholly or partly discharged  -  the lb. 7 9

   Artificial silk:—
   Yarn, thread, straw, or waste  -  -  -  the lb. 3 0
   Tissue containing artificial silk  -  -  -  the lb. 3 6

   Articles not heretofore specified made wholly or in part of silk or artificial silk  -  A duty equal to 33½ per cent. of the value of the article.

Silk (Excise).

5. That on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, there shall be charged—

(a) on all artificial silk yarn, thread, straw, or waste manufactured in Great Britain or Northern Ireland an Excise duty at the rate of two shillings and sixpence for every pound's weight; and

(b) in respect of every licence to be taken out annually by a manufacturer of artificial silk yarn, thread, straw, or waste in Great Britain or Northern Ireland an Excise duty of twenty shillings.

Hops and Beer.

6. That during a period of four years beginning on the sixteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the following duties of Customs shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of the following goods, that is to say:—

   Hops - - the cwt. 4 0 0
   Every extract, essence, or other similar preparation made from hops - An amount equal to the duty on the quantity of hops which, in the opinion of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, has been used in the manufacture of the extract, essence, or preparation.

   Beer - - In addition to the duties of Customs now chargeable a duty of tenpence for every 30 gallons where the worts were before fermentation of a specific gravity of 1,056 degrees, and so in proportion for any difference in gravity.

INCOME TAX.

Charge of Tax.

7. That—

(a) Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, at the rate of four shillings in the pound; and
For every pound of the next £5,000 of the excess - - Five shillings.

For every pound of the next £10,000 of the excess - - Five shillings and sixpence.

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.

Estate Duty (Alteration of Scale).

9. That there shall be substituted for the rates of Estate Duty set out in the Third Schedule to the Finance Act, 1919, rates in accordance with the following table:

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Liability of Dominion Governments to Taxation in respect of Trading Operations.

11. That where a trade or business of any kind is carried on by or on behalf of the Government of any part of His Majesty's Dominions outside Great Britain and Northern Ireland, that Government shall, in respect of the trade or business and of all operations in connection therewith, all property occupied in Great Britain or Northern Ireland and all goods owned in Great Britain or Northern Ireland for the purposes thereof and all income arising in connection therewith, be liable, in the same manner as in the like case any other person would be, to all taxation for the time being in force in Great Britain or Northern Ireland.

For the purposes of this Resolution the expression "His Majesty's Dominions" includes any territory which is under His Majesty's protection or in respect of which a mandate is being exercised by the Government of any part of His Majesty's Dominions.

The first Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in l. 5, by leaving out the word "fourpence," and inserting the words "one penny" — (Mr. Charleton), — instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "fourpence" stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, — (Colonel Gibbs, Major Hennessy); 396.

Tellers for the Noes, — (Mr. Thomas Kennedy); 151.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

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

The Third Resolution being read a second time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Resolution be re-committed to the Committee of Ways and Means—(Captain Wedgwood Benn):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution in l. 1, by inserting, after the word "duties," the words "other than the duty on motor cars, including motor bicycles and motor tricycles." — (Mr. Patrick-Lawrence.)

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
6th May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act (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 Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act (1917) 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 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 Road Improvements (Blind Corners Prevention) 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 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 Wednesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten 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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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.:

Lloyd's Bill [Lords].
London, Midland, and Scottish Railway 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 Petitions for the following Bills, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Colonial Bank [Lords].
Bethlem Hospital [Lords].
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

Surrey County Council Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Slough Trading Company Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Westminster City Council (General Powers) 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. Hope, 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 taking into consideration the London Electricity Supply (No. 1) 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 taking into consideration the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords];

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

Captain Elliot presented, pursuant to the Public directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Health Regulations, dated 3rd April 1925, made by the Scottish Board of Health, entitled,—

(1) The Public Health (Unsound Food) Regulations (Scotland), 1925.
(2) The Public Health (Oversea Meat) Regulations (Scotland), 1925.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joyson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of all Alien Passengers, excluding Transmigrants, landed, embarked, and refused leave to land in the United Kingdom during the year 1925 (in four quarterly parts).

Secretary Sir William Joyson-Hicks also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of Rules proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department modifying the Rules applicable to Convicts and Convict Prisons in England and Wales in their application to Persons undergoing Preventive Detention.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley 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 Urban District of Presseal, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Morgan Jones reported from the Standing Scottish Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (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.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sir Robert Sanders reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Roads Improvement Bill was referred: That they had gone through the Bill and the Amendments thereto;

No. 97. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

Major Malone reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had further adjourned till Monday 18th May, 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 one of their Clerks, as followeth:

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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 Charitable Trusts Bill, without any Amendment.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in l. 1, by inserting, after the word "duties," the words "other than the duty on clocks, watches, and the component parts of clocks and watches."—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Resolution;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne: 155.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Harry Barnston, Major Cope: 315.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in l. 1, by inserting, after the word "duties," the words "other than the duties on cinematograph films."—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Resolution;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right.
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne: 166.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frederick Thompson, Captain Viscount Curzon: 315.
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Fourth and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 6th day of this instant May, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 28th day of April last.

The Fourth Resolution being read a second time;
Ordered, That further consideration of the Resolution be now adjourned.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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

The Fifth Resolution being read a second time;
Ordered, That further consideration of the Resolution be now adjourned.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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

The Sixth Resolution being read a second time, as followeth:

Hops and Beer.

That during a period of four years beginning on the sixteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the following duties of Customs shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of the following goods, that is to say:

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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 so charged as had effect with respect to the Income Tax charged for the year beginning the sixth 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.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Major Harvey, Sir Harry Barnston: Yeas, 328.
Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Warne: Noes, 136.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Eighth Resolution being read a second time, as followeth:

Super-Tax.

That—

(a) the additional duty of Income Tax (called Super-Tax) shall be charged in respect of incomes which exceed £2,000 as follows:—

For every pound of the first £2,000 of the income — Nil.

For every pound of the excess over £2,000 — Ninepence.

For every pound of the next £500 of the excess — One shilling.

For every pound of the next £1,000 of the excess — One shilling and sixpence.

For every pound of the next £2,000 of the excess — Two shillings and threepence.

For every pound of the next £5,000 of the excess — Three shillings.

For every pound of the next £10,000 of the excess — Three shillings and sixpence.

For every pound of the next £20,000 of the excess — Four shillings.

For every pound of the next £50,000 of the excess — Four shillings and sixpence.

For every pound of the next £100,000 of the excess — Five shillings.

For every pound of the next £1,000,000 of the excess — Five shillings and sixpence.

For every pound of the remaining of the excess — Six shillings.

(b) the like provisions shall have effect with respect to the Super-Tax so charged as had effect with respect to the Super-Tax charged for the year beginning the sixth 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.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Major Hennessy, Major Cope: Yeas, 315.
Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne: Noes, 133.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Ninth Resolution being read a second time, as followeth:

Estate Duty (Alteration of Scale).

That there shall be substituted for the rates of Estate Duty set out in the Third Schedule to the Finance Act, 1919, rates in accordance with the following table:—

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**Succession Duty.**

That for the purposes of section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1894, and of section fifty-eight of the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910, a succession shall be deemed to arise on the happening of the death by reason of which the successor, or any person in his right or on his behalf, becomes entitled in possession to the succession or to the receipt of the income or profits thereof.

was agreed to.

The Eleventh Resolution being read a second time, as followeth:

**Liability of Dominion Governments to Taxation in respect of Trading Operations.**

That where a trade or business of any kind is carried on by or on behalf of the Government of any part of His Majesty's Dominions outside Great Britain and Northern Ireland, that Government shall, in respect of the trade or business and of all operations in connection therewith, all property occupied in Great Britain or Northern Ireland and all goods owned in Great Britain or Northern Ireland for the purposes thereof and all income arising in connection therewith, be liable, in the same manner as in the like case any other person would be, to all taxation for the time being in force in Great Britain or Northern Ireland.

For the purposes of this Resolution the expression "His Majesty's Dominions" includes any territory which is under His Majesty's protection or in respect of which a mandate is being exercised by the Government of any part of His Majesty's Dominions.

was agreed to.

Major Tryon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 30th day of April last 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 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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rural Cottages 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 Registration of Undertakers 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 Protection of Animals 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 Annual Holiday 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 Roman Catholic Relief 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 Act (1894) 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 Bastardy 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 twelve minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

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

PRAYERS.

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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.

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

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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.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the King’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer in Scotland, in the year 1924, in the administration of Estates and Treasure Trove on behalf of the Crown, and of alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Haeres in Scotland, administered by the King’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer, in the same year.

Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st April 1925, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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:

Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1923, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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 Army, Navy, and Air Services for the year ended 31st day of March 1924.—(Mr. Guinness.)

Private Bills (Group D.)

Colonel Wheler 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.

Business of the House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Criminal Justice Bill 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, proceeded to take into further consideration the Fourth of the Resolutions which, upon the 6th day of the instant May, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 28th day of April last; and the same was again read, as followeth:

Silk (Customs).

That on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the following duties of Customs shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of the following goods, that is to say:—

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| Articles not heretofore specified made wholly or in part of silk or artificial silk— |  | A duty equal to 50 per cent. of the value of the article.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in l. 1, by leaving out the word “July,” and inserting the word “December”—(Mr. Bromfield),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “July” stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Parkinson : ] 165.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by leaving out ls. 18 to 20, inclusive.—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence.)

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 Noes, [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne : ] 166.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, [Captain Hacking, Major Hennessy : ] 339.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne : ] 166.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Fifth of the Resolutions which, upon the 6th day of this instant May, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 31st day of March last: And the same was again read, as followeth:

Silk (Excise).

That on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, there shall be charged—

(a) on all artificial silk yarn, thread, straw, or waste manufactured in Great Britain or Northern Ireland an Excise duty at the rate of two shillings and sixpence for every pound's weight; and

(b) in respect of every licence to be taken out annually by a manufacturer of artificial silk yarn, thread, straw, or waste in Great Britain or Northern Ireland an Excise duty of twenty shillings.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the

Commander Eyres-Monsell, 328.

Colonel Gibb:

Tellers for the

Mr. Parkinson, 168.

Mr. Warne.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions and upon the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means upon the 6th and 7th days of this instant May, and then agreed to by the House: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Guinness do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented 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 Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill;

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 12th May 1925:

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

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 Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords];
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Poor Law Emergency Continuance (Scotland) Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Roads Improvement 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 Registration 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 Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Major Kindersley be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates; and that Mr. Bennett be added to the Committee.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

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 Thursday 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 upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sporting Rights (Rating) 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 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 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 Births and Deaths Registration 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 Law Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the West Hartlepool Corporation Act, 1923, relating to West Hartlepool 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.

A Public Petition against the Sandwich Port and Haven Bill was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 138 (St. Andrews, No. 27) (Regulations for Degrees in Science in Engineering, Supplementary to Ordinance No. 133, St. Andrews, No. 20).

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Austria, together with accompanying Declaration. Signed at London, 22nd May 1924. Ratifications exchanged at London, 11th February 1925.

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

Mr. Short reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) 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.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Advocates to the Widows' Fund (Widowers' Provisions) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee on Prestations (Standing Committee.)

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

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee B—Colonel Sir Frederick Hall; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Campbell, Colonel Stott, and Mr. Roderick Wilson.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C (in respect of the Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Stott, Colonel Allen, Sir Herbert Cazier, Sir Burton Chadwick, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Mr. Fenby, Captain Macmillan, Sir Malcolm Macnaghton Mr. Sexton, Mr. Stamford, and Colonel Woodcock.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee D to the House, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Brigadier-General Sir Henry Page Croft, Mr. Wardlaw-Milne, and Mr. Hugh Morrison; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Campbell, Colonel Stott, and Mr. Roderick Wilson.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee E to the House, That they had added the Committee C (in respect of the Public Health Bill);—Colonel Sir Frederick Hall; and had appointed in substitution: Major Astor.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee F to the House, That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Smedley Crooke, Mr. Fenby, Colonel Fearnacle, Mr. Grundy, Mr. George Hirst, Mr. Lloyd, Sir Douglas Newton, Lord Kesteven Percy, Sir Philip Richard-son, Dr. Watts, Mr. Walkhead, Mr. Cecil Wilson, Mr. Charles Wilson, and Mr. Womersley.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (General saving for superiors)—[Mr. Ford]—was twice read and made part of the Bill.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 30, by leaving out the words "is constituted a real burden or":—

(Mr. Barr.)

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 Yea,

Mr. Frederick Thomson:

Sir Harry Barnston:

272.

Tellers for the Noe,

Mr. Hardie,

Mr. Kirkwood:

118.

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. 12, l. 41, by leaving out from the word "thenceforth" to the end of l. 43, and inserting the words "cease and determine, but subject always to the following provisos:"—

(a) In the case of payments made under subsections (1), (2), and (6) of the Seventh Schedule, the payment shall continue as heretofore until the occurrence of a vacancy in the church and parish in respect of which it is made, but shall cease as from the date of such vacancy and shall be no longer payable, and no minister who shall be elected and appointed to fill the said vacancy shall be entitled to any payment from these sources;

(b) In the case of payments made under subsection (3) of the Seventh Schedule the payments shall continue so long as the present ministers occupy their present respective offices and charges, but shall in each case thereafter cease, and their successors in office shall not be entitled to any payment from these sources.

—(Mr. Maxton).—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 Yea,

Colonel Gibbs,

Mr. Frederick Thomson:

298.

Tellers for the Noe,

Mr. Hardie,

Mr. Kirkwood:

126.

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. 22, l. 32, by leaving out from the word "repair" to the end of subsection (2), and inserting the words "after the passing of this Act it shall be the duty of the General Trustees to undertake all the liabilities that were previously incumbent upon the heritors in that regard":—(Mr. Johnston)—instead thereof.

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

Ordered, That the Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill be committed to the Joint Committee on the Moneylenders Bill [Lords].—(Colonel Gibbs.)

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.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider whether the election of Mr. Pringle as a Member of this House is valid, in consequence of his holding, at the time of his election, the office of umpire for Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, as adapted to Northern Ireland by Order in Council, dated the 3rd day of March 1922.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Eleven Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Brigadier-General Sir Henry Paget Creft, Sir John Ganzoni, Mr. Harney, Sir Robert Hope, Mr. Martyn Jones, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Sir Charles Oman, Sir James Remnant, Sir Robert Sanders, Mr. Stephen, and Mr. James Henry Thomas.

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

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Seditious and Blasphemous Teaching to 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 Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act (1919) 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 Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act (1917) 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 Public House Improvement Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till four minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Eleven of the clock 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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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Land Drainage (Black Sluice) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

PRAYERS.

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.

A Public Petition against the Sandwich Public Port and Haven Bill was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to Extradition the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Acts.

—Copy of Order in Council under the Extradition Acts, dated 2nd May 1925, entitled the Finland (Extradition) Order in Council, 1925.

Copies of Two Orders in Council under the Merchant Merchant Shipping Acts, dated 2nd May 1925,—

(1) providing for the registration as British ships of vessels belonging to the Government of the Falkland Islands;

(2) entitled the Icelandic Tonnage Order, 1925.


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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant Census of to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copy of Rules, dated 12th May 1925, made by the Board of Trade under the Census of Production Act, 1900, entitled the Census of Production (No. 4) Rules, 1925.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Land Drainage (Keighley Water Charges) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Keighley Water Charges) Bill [Lords]; [Provisional Order confirmed.]
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. 1) Bill [Lords.]
[Provisional Orders confirmed.]

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) 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.

Aire and Calder Navigation Bill [Lords.]

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bill, with Amendments.

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

Darlington Corporation (Transport, &c.) Bill.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bill, with Amendments.

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

Great Western Railway Bill.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bill, without Amendment.

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

South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Company Bill [Lords.]

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Standing Orders.

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That in the case of the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board 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 Mersey Tunnel [Lords.], Petition for Bill, 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 Surrey County Council 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.

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


Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Gold Standard Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Port of London Bill, with an Amendment; 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 Ministry of Health relating to Aberdare and District Water Board, Barnolds-wick, Eastbourne, Leck, Llanelly, Nun斯顿, Palaestra, and Westmorland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the closing of the church of Saint Mary, Birmingham, and the sale of the site and churchyard thereof, and the Hospital Bill application of the proceeds of sale for church purposes, the extinction of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint Mary, Birmingham, and the merger thereof in another Parish, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to re-incorporate the Standard Life Assurance Company; to provide for the control and management of the company as a mutual company and for the conversion of its share capital into perpetual stock; to confer further powers on the company; to repeal existing Acts, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law relating to children born out of wedlock; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Saint Mary's Church, Birmingham, and General Hospital Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the prescription of building lines along public highways; and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Sir Douglas Newton, Mr. Turton, Colonel Watts-Morgan, Mr. Feoby, and Mr. William Thorne do prepare and bring it in.

Sir Douglas Newton accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the prescription of building lines along public highways; 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.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating and Valuation 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 "while being in favour of a reduction of the number of Rating Authorities and uniformity of valuation, and being of opinion that the existing practice of rating machinery is detrimental to trade, this House cannot assent to the Second Reading of a measure which will impose the burdens removed from machinery on to dwelling-houses and improvements instead of placing them upon land and minerals which should be separately valued"—(Mr. Trevelyan)—instead thereof.

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

A Message was delivered by 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:


And the Question, being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question, That the Rating and Valuation Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being put;

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Warne, Mrs. Barnes:

Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Sir Joseph Nall, Mr. Balfour:

So it passed in the Negative.

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 Road Improvements (Blind Corners Prevention) 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 Food and Drugs Act (1875) 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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Allotments (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 Local Authorities (Contracts) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bank Fide Second Reading of the Bank Fide Travellers Bill;

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

Blasphemy Laws Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Blasphemy Laws Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant, May.

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.

Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords.] The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords.], not amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Valuation (Metropolis) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill; Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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 Altrincham Gas Company, which was presented on the 29th April and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1929. 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, 1929, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, which was presented on the 29th April and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Commander Eyres-Monsell); 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 eighteen 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. 68.]

Thursday, 14th May 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Provisional Order Bills for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Kilmarnock Gas and Water Provisional Order Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords.] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords.]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant May.

The Land Drainage (Black Sluice) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Keighley Water Charges) 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. 1) 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.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, by His Board of Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of Expenditure incurred by Local Education Authorities (England and Wales) under Grant
Regulations, No. 14, in 1923-24, in connection with maintenance allowance awards at secondary schools and other institutions of higher education.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement relating to the employment of Ex-Service Men in Government Offices on 1st July 1919 and 1st April 1923, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B): That in the case of the Newport 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; and had amended the Title as followeth:—A Bill to authorise the construction of street works in the County Borough of Newport; to enlarge the powers of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough with respect to their water, electricity, tramway and omnibus and markets undertakings; to make further provision for the health, local government and improvement of the Borough; to authorise the establishment of an insurance fund, and for other purposes.

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

Major Boyd-Carpenter reported from the Committee on Group E 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.

Colonel Wheeler reported the South Metropolitan Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel: That they had appointed Mr. Short to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords]); Sir Robert Sanders of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill), also Major Barnett (in respect of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill); and Sir Edward Hamilton of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Public Health Bill).

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 Protection of Birds Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the sale and use for Churchyard building of the churchyard or burial ground of the former church of St. Mildred, Poultry, in the City of 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 confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Forfar Gas; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords concur with the Commons in their Resolution communicated to them yesterday respecting the Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill.

The St. Mildred's Churchyard Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Forfar Gas Order Confirmation Bill Forfar Gas Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Protection of Birds Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed. Bill 178.

The Legitimacy Bill [Lords] was read the Legitimacy time first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed. Bill 179.

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. Bill 180.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on any Private Business set down for consideration at a quarter-past Eight of the clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 8, may be taken after half-past Nine of the clock—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibs, Yeas: Sir Harry Barnston : 218. Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Noes: Mr. Warne : 123. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Supply An Account for the Unappropriated Day.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

Class VII.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £8,359,209 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Labour and Subordinate Departments, including the Contributions to the Unemployment Fund, and Payments to Associations, Local Education Authorities and others for administration under the Unemployment Insurance and Labour Exchanges 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 Expenditures in connection with the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations), including a Grant in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £8,359,109 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Clynes.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Warne, Mr. Thomas Hender son: 111.
Tellers for the Noes, [Colonel Gibb, Major Hennessy: 320.

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For protection of Metropolitan Borough of Stepney)—(Mr. Scurr),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Transfer to Joint Authority)—(Dr. Salter.)

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, [Mr. Barnes, Mr. Thomas Hender son: 105.
Tellers for the Noes, [Sir George Hum, Mr. Hannon: 226.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For protection of Metropolitan Borough of Stepney)—(Major Attlee),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were 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.

Postponed proceeding on Question, That a Supply, sum not exceeding £8,359,209 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Labour and Subordinate Departments, including the Contributions to the Unemployment Fund, and Payments to Associations, Local Education Authorities, and others for administration under the Unemployment Insurance and Labour Exchanges 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.

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.

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.

Valuation (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill;

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

Rating of Machinery Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday 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 27th day of this instant May.

Rating Bill.

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

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

State Management (Liquor Trade) Abolition Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the State Management (Liquor Trade) Abolition Bill;

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

Rent and Mortgage Interest Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Bill;

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

Housing (Additional Powers) Bill.

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

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

Hours of Employment (Forty-eight Hours) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Employment (Forty-eight Hours) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Rural Second Reading of the Rural Cottages Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration Second Reading of the Registration of Undertakers Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Protection of Animals 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 Annual Second Reading of the Annual Holiday Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Act (1894) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating of Land Values Bill,

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Fire Brigade Pensions 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 Housing Bill, Second Reading of the Housing 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;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Port of London Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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**Friday, 15th May 1925.**

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Forfar Gas Order Confirmation 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 and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) 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, Midland, and Scottish Railway 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 North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maintenance of Disabled Ex-Service Men 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 Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing 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 House Improvement Bill;

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

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

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[No. 69.]

Mr. March rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, as he thought the House was willing to come to a decision on his own Motion, and the Speaker accordingly proposed the Question and put it to the House.

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. Dixey.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:— And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. March rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker witheld his assent, as he thought the House was willing to come to a decision on his own Motion, and the Speaker accordingly proposed the Question, and put it to the House.

And a Debate arising thereupon;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill;

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

The Renewal of Leases Bill.

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 Licensing Act (1921) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act (1921) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant May.

The Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of June next.

The Blind Persons Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant May, That the Blind Persons Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The 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 Monday the 25th day of this instant May.

The Motor Races Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Races Bill;

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

The Protection of Birds Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Protection of Birds Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing (Wales) Bill; (Wales) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking fire Brigade into consideration the Fire Brigade Pensions Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday the 18th day of June next.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Amendment made by the House of Commons in the Bill for the South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Company Bill [Lords] be read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Western Railway Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the London County Council (Money) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Forfar Gas 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. Godfrey Locker-Lampson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Public Health Act, 1875, relating to Salford : 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 Order made upon the 15th day of this instant May that the Kilnmarnock Gas and Water Provisional Order Bill be committed was read and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill (under Sections 9 and 16 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th May 1925, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Year) Regulations, 1925.

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

Civil Service.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of a complete List of Civil Service Appointments held direct from the Crown.—(Mr. Hope-Bolisha.)

Open Spaces Bill.

The Order for reading a second time to-morrow the Open Spaces Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

Rabbits and Rocks Bill.

The Order for reading a second time upon Monday the 1st day of June next the Rabbits and Rocks Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

Selection (Standing Committees) Standing Committee A.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Beckett; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Webb.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill.

Major Malone reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) (re-committed) Bill: that in accordance with the Instruction of the House of the 29th day of April last, to the Committee "that they have power to reconsider their decision on the Preamble of the Bill as reported by them to the House": the Committee had reconsidered their decision of the 1st day of April last upon the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same 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:—A Bill to empower the London County Council to construct and work a tramway; to make a new street, street improvements thereunto; to provide allowances which are wholly inadequate "—(Mr. Wheatley)—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.

—(Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed 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 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 Finance Bill;

Second Reading of the Finance 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.]

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 Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Forestry Bill,

the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling 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 Greenwich Hospital (Dissolved Burial Ground) Bill;

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

Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Summer Time 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 Wild Birds Protection 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 taking into consideration the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill, not 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 into consideration the Roads Improvement 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 Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) 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 Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 Legitimacy 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 Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) 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 Valuation (Metropolis) 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 Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) 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 Offices Regulation 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 Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 Monday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Second Reading of the Criminal Law 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 Seditious and Blasphemous Teaching to 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 Gaming Machines (Scotland) Act (1917) 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 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 Road Improvements (Blind Corners Prevention) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Port of London Authority 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;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Birds 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 Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Colonel Gibbes);
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, 19th May 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Port of London 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 Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Company Bill [Lords];

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Kilmarnock Gas and Water Provisional Order Bill:

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of the Selection 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 Lloyd's Bill Lloyd's Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Fylde Water Bill from the Committee on the Fylde Water Board Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill from the Committee on the Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had 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 New Shoreham Harbour Bill:

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Brigadier-General Warner; and Committee A. had appointed in substitution: Mr. Cadogan.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee: That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee A:—Mr. Attlee, Sir Henry Buckingham, Mr. Grant, Mr. Harland, Mr. George Harvey, Mr. Mardy Jones, Major Kindersley, Mr. Rye, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, and Colonel Windsor-Clive.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee: That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Rating and Valuation Bill):—The Lord Advocate, Mr. Sandeman Allen, Captain Brass, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir Henry Cauley, Mr. Guinness, Mr. Horney, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Langbury, Sir Frederick Rice, ...
Mr. Riley, Major Ruggles-Brise, Mr. Solicitor General, Colonel Welldon, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B.—Mr. Attlee and Mr. Thomas Henderson, and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Beckett and Mr. Palin.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill):—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Cassels, Mr. Henry Curtis-Bennett, Mr. Rhys Davies, Sir Patrick Hastings, Sir Gerald Hobler, Secretary Sir William Joyson-Hicks, Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Mr. Morris, Mr. Bentou, Mr. Goodman Roberts, Mr. Saklatvala, Sir Henry Slesser, and Mr. Solicitor General.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee B:—Mr. Mitchell Banks, Sir Henry Caudley, Mr. Coce, Mr. Grotian, Mr. Harney, Mr. Dennis Herbert, Mr. James Hudson, Sir Herbert Nield, Major Price, and Mr. Rowlands.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill):—Duchess of Atholl, Mr. Campbell, Sir Henry Crellin, Sir Crook, Mr. Rhys Davies, Captain Ernest Evans, Mr. Huxton, Mr. Robert Hudson, Sir John Marridit, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Mr. Robert Morrison, Lord Eustace Percy, Mrs. Philipson, Mr. Somerville, and Mr. Trevelyan.

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 acquisition by Municipal Authorities of unoccupied houses for the purpose of relieving overcrowding.—(Mr. Thrurtle.)

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. Thrurtle, Mr. Broad, Mr. Lansbury, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. John Jones, Mr. Maitson, and Mr. Wheatley do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Thruttle 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 18th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions 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 it would welcome a just and generous scheme of widowed mothers' and orphans' pensions with a reduction of the age of qualification for old age pensions and the removal of the means limit, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which exacts contributions from wage earners and imposes an additional burden on industry, makes no provision for a large number of widows and orphans and families where the father is incapacitated and, in the case of those qualified to become recipients, provides allowances which are wholly inadequate"—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 to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—Commander Eyles : 401. Colonel Gibb :
Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Arthur Hender-
son, Mr. Thomas Kennedy : 125.

So 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. (Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

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

Ordered, That Mr. Barnes be discharged from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms).
Ordered, That Mr. Kirkeswood be added to the Committee.—(Colonel Gibb.)

Ordered, That Mr. Ellis be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates.
Ordered, That Colonel Sir William Allen be added to the Committee.—(Colonel Gibb.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Food and Drugs. Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow, upon Monday next.
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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Allotments (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 Local Authorities (Contracts) 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 Vinegar Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

[No. 72.]
Wednesday, 20th May 1925.
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. — Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords]. St. Mildred’s Churchyard 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 Bills, 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. Tramways Provisional Orders Bill. 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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 31st day of March last, That in the case of the following Bill no Standing Orders are applicable, viz. — Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Burgess Hill Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Agricultural Returns 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 on the Uckfield Gas and Electricity Company, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill intituled An Act to empower the Southern Railway Company to construct works and acquire lands; to extend the time for the completion of certain works and for the compulsory purchase of certain lands; to abandon certain authorised works; to transfer to the said company the undertaking of the East London Railway Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Uckfield Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Southern Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

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

1. That in the case of the Bethlem Hospital [Lords] 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 Colonial Bank [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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

Major Malowe reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills; That in the case of the Horley District Gas Company (Electricity Supply) Bill [Lords] they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time upon Nationalisation Friday next the Nationalisation of Mines and Minerals Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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. Secretary Chamberlain.)

The House proceeded to a Division.

And Mr. Speaker stated that he thought the Ayes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily challenged, and he accordingly called upon the Members who challenged his decision to rise in their places, and he declared the Ayes had it, seven Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

A Motion was made, and the Question being putting of the proposal, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable all Local Authorities to levy rates upon Land Value. —(Mr. Ronnie Smith.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief 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. Rennie Smith; Mr. Beckett: 120.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Thomas Davies; Commander Will: 225.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, 'by His Majesty's Wifions', Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions [Money], proposed to move, 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 the Question proposed, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make provision for pensions for widows, orphans, and persons between the ages of sixty-five and seventy, and for the payment of contributions in respect thereof, and to amend the enactments relating to health and unemployment insurance and old age pensions, it is expedient that there shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament—(a) into any account constituted by the said Act the sum of four million pounds for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and for each of the next nine succeeding years thereupon each such sum as Parliament may hereafter determine;
A Motion was made, and the Question being Silver proposed, That this House considers the Currency, present state of the Silver Currency of the realm unsatisfactory, and is of opinion that its standard of purity should be raised, and the designs on the reverses of the various pieces replaced by others of greater artistic merit and historical interest.—(Sir Charles Oman):—

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

A Motion was made and the Question being Grants for Relief of Unemployment proposed, That in the opinion of this House, grants under the scheme as outlined in Circular U.G.C. 16 (Revised) should apply equally to public utility works owned by Public Authorities or by companies.—(Mr. Womersley):—

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 Mental Deficiency (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Rating of Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery 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 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 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 Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Hours of Employment (Forty-eight Hours) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local 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 Rural Cottages 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 Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men 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 Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing 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 Highways (Building Lines) Bill:

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

Postponed Proceeding on Amendment to Question, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to the administration of Criminal Justice in England and otherwise to amend the Criminal Law, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament towards the expenditure of Local Authorities under the provisions of the said Act relating to probation of offenders, and towards the expense of maintaining persons who have been released on probation under a condition as to residence of such sums as the Secretary of State, with the approval of the Treasury, may direct and subject to such conditions as he may with the like approval determine, recommended.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Main Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Mr. Buchanan moved that further consideration of the Bill 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 the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 21st May 1925:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1. 12, by leaving out the words "twenty-seven," and inserting the word "thirty"—(Mr. Johnston),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "twenty-seven" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "twenty-seven" stand part of the Bill;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomson; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1. 12, by leaving out from the words "twenty-seven" to the end of the Clause,—(Mr. Duncan Graham).

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House Member to the continued irrelevance on the part of directed to his speech.

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

Mr. Parkinson : 32.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 8, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words ' and no contractor who undertakes any work of public utility instituted for the relief of distress due to unemployment shall employ upon such work any man who resides outside the area of the Local Authority or Parish Council contributing to or responsible for the work of public utility until the unemployed men residing within the area have found employment.—(Mr. Kirkwood.)

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. Parkinson : 52.
Mr. Warne : 145.

So it passed in the Negative.

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 six months."—(Mr. Hurtle.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word " now " stand part of the Question :—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Colonel Sir John Gilmour 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:—Then the House resumed the 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 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Tramways Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under Section 7 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, constituting the London and Home Counties Electricity District and establishing and incorporating the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority, entitled the London and Home Counties Electricity District Order, 1925.

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 the Interpretation Measure, 1924, Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.

Copy of Fourteenth Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee, being a Report on the Interpretation Measure, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

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 Oxford Corporation Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, that the Committee had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Sir Bertram Fiennes and Colonel John Ward; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Mitchell Banks and Mr. Murrough Wilson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £67,293 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 1926, in the payment of contributions in respect thereof, to the Ministry of Transport under the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919, Expenses of the Railway Rates Tribunal under the Railways Act, 1921, Expenses under the London Traffic Act, 1924, Expenses in respect of Advances under the Light Railways Act, 1896, Expenses of maintaining Holyhead Harbour, Advances to Caledonian and Crinan Canals:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the said Resolution be read again.

The Speaker's absence.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from the remainder of this day's Sitting:—

Whereupon Mr. Hope, the Chairman of Ways and Means, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Major Hennessy acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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

Major Hennessy reported from the Committee on Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make provision for pensions for widows, orphans, and persons between the ages of sixty-five and seventy, and for the payment of contributions in respect thereof, and to amend the enactments relating to health and unemployment insurance and old age pensions, it is expedient that there shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament:—

(a) into any account constituted by the said Act the sum of four million pounds for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and for each of the next nine succeeding years and thereafter such sums as Parliament may hereafter determine;

(b) any contributions payable under the said Act in respect of members of the Naval, Military, and Air Forces, and other servants of the Crown;

(c) any old age pensions payable under the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1924, by virtue of the said Act;

(d) the administrative expenses of the said Act.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in l. 6, by leaving out from the word "Act" to the word "such," in l. 9.—

(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

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

Major Hennessy, Yeas,

Lord Stanley:

Noes,

Mr. Crawford:

 resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural Estimates into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Criminal Justice (Money); and for the Criminal Justice (Superannuation) (Money):

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Teachers (Superannuation) (Money):

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the State Management (Liquor Trade) Abolition Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Annual Holiday 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 Merchant Shipping Act (1894) 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 Rating of Land Values 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 Offices Regulation 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 Adoption of Children (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 Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act (1919) 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 Public House Improvement 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 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 Offices Regulation 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 Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Mental Deficiency (Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. Vol. 180.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords].

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) 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, Midland, and Scottish Railway 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, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Convention and Statute on the International Régime of Railways and Protocol of Signature. Geneva, 9th December 1923.


Copy of Convention relative to the Development of Hydraulic Power affecting more than one State, and Protocol of Signature. Geneva, 9th December 1923.

Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Austria respecting the Accession of certain British Dominions, Colonies, Possessions and India to the Agreement between the United Kingdom and Austria of 28th March 1923, relative to the Customs Clearance of Commercial Travellers' Samples. London, 11th February and 27th April 1925.

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

Major Boyd-Carpenter reported from the Committee on Group E 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. Edward Wood, supported by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Guinness, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Tithe rentcharge and other rentcharges, rents and payments in lieue of Tithe, and the payment of rates thereon, and for other matters connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time for the Prevention of Unemployment 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, whilst recognising that in a time of widespread and acute industrial distress the provision of work by the State is within limits preferable to the payment of unemployment benefit, nevertheless declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which affords no real solution to the problem of unemployment, and which, by placing a new burden of £10,000,000 a year on the taxpayers of this country, will still further handicap our industrial revival"—(Colonel Bendall),—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. Thomas Shaw rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question put be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne:

118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Clarry, Mr. Carry:

216.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be added to the word "That," in the Main Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read; for the Trusts and Second Reading of the Trusts and Combines 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 Blasphemy Laws Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Blind Persons the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Bill, upon the 8th day of this instant May, That the Blind Persons 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 Motor 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 Licensing (Wales) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 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 nine minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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[No. 75.]

Monday, 25th May 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Burgess Hill 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 Lordsships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Oxford 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 Lordsships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Darlington Corporation (Transport, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Fylde Water Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration 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 consideration the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The St. Mildred's Churchyard Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Newport Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) 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 London County Council (Money) 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 London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.
The West Hartlepool Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Minister of Transport under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1881, relating to Clacton-on-Sea, Hove, and Weymouth: 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 Cundiff-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the Preston Gas Company.

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

Secretary Sir William Joubson-Hicks 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:—Borough of Mansfield.

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

Mr. Forestier-Walker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fifth Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners for the year ended 30th September 1924.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Report of the Industrial Assurance Commissioner for 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Major Wheeler reported from the Committee on the Middlesex County Council 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 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 Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Bill, and makes no provision for the relief of Local Authorities and national taxpayers by the taxation of land values”—(Mr. Snowden),—instead thereof.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to agree to the Second Reading of a Bill which is admittedly based on the policy of relieving taxation upon the rich by adding to the taxation of the poorer classes; imposes a total burden upon the taxpayer higher than was estimated for a year ago; places new and onerous charges upon industry in the form of tariffs; and makes no provision for the relief of Local Authorities and national taxpayers by the taxation of land values"—(Mr. Snowden),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Commander Eyres

Monsell, 334.

Colonel Gibbs

Tellers for the {Sir Godfrey Collins,

Noes, 142.

Sir Robert Hutchison

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 proceeded to a Division;

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 26th May 1925:

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Commander Eyres

Monsell, 331.

Colonel Gibbs

Tellers for the {Mr. Thomas Kennedy,

Noes, 139.

Mr. Warne

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday 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 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 Therapeutic Substances 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 Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling 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 Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June 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 Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roads Improvement Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords], not 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 into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Legitimacy Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.
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.

Resolved, That in accordance with the Interpretation Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, Measure, 1919, this House do direct that the Interpretation Measure, 1924, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

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 eighteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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[No. 76.]

Tuesday, 26th May 1925.

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 Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions (Lords), Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and complied with, viz.:

Southern Railway Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 11th day of June next at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.
Mr. Edward Wood presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Land Drainage Acts, 1861 and 1918, amending the Land Drainage (Ouse) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1920, and the Order thereby confirmed: And the same was read the first time.

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

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

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st May 1925, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Government of India for the year 1923–24.

Copy of Home Accounts of the Government of India.

Copy of the Bengal Criminal Law Amendment (Supplementary) Act, 1923, passed under the procedure prescribed by Section 67B of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to East India (Crime) be printed.

Secretary Sir William Joyynson-Hicks 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 1925.

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

Sir Cyril Cobb reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Allotments 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.

Mr. Hopkins reported from the Select Committee on the Sandwich Port and Haven 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 made Amendments thereto.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen’s Panel; That they had appointed him to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Rating and Valuation Bill).

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’ one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Performing Animals (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bideford Harbour Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the urban district council of Leek to construct waterworks; to make further water undertakings, with regard to their tramways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for differential rating in the County Borough of Oldham; to execute street improvements; to confer further powers upon them in connection with their several undertakings; to consolidate, with amendments, the local legislation relating to their tramways undertaking; to make better provision for the health, local government, and finance of the Borough and the levying of rates therein, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Oldham to execute street improvements; to confer further powers upon them in connection with their several undertakings; to consolidate, with amendments, the local legislation relating to their tramways undertaking; to make better provision for the health, local government, and finance of the Borough and the levying of rates therein, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for preventing pollution and obstruction of certain streams and securing proper land drainage in the County of Surrey; to confer on the Surrey County Council further powers for those purposes and for the better government and administration of the County in relation to maternity homes, employment agencies, places of public entertainment, and the manufacture and sale of ice cream, and with respect to main and arterial roads; to authorise the Council to establish fire and employers’ liability funds, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Nottingham and County of the same City to construct street works, a

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railway, and tramways; to provide and work trolley vehicles on further routes; to extend the Corporation's water limits; to provide for the establishment of a yarn and textile testing bureau by University College, Nottingham; to confer further powers on the Corporation with regard to the good government of the City, 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 Burgesses of the Borough of Blackpool for the construction of street improvements and tramways and the running of omnibuses; to enlarge their powers in regard to their tramway, gas, and electricity undertakings; and to make further provision with respect to the health, local government, and improvement of the borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Great Yarmouth Haven Bridge Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Leek Urban District Council Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Oldham Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Surrey County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Nottingham Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Blackpool Improvement 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 taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying His Majesty to make an Order in Council under the Military Manoeuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911, a draft of which was presented to this House on the 10th day of February last.—(Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans.)

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 the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 9 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the British Gas Light Company, Limited, with respect to the Trowbridge undertaking of that company, which was presented on the 20th May and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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 the Town and County of Haverfordwest, all in the County of Haverfordwest, which was presented on the 11th May and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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 part of the Rural District of Culham, in the County of Oxford, which was presented on the 28th day of April 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 part of the Rural District of Abingdon, in the County of Berks, and part of the Rural District of Culham, in the County of Oxford, which was presented on the 28th day of April 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 part of the Rural District of Taunton, in the County of Somerset, which was presented on the 28th day of April 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 part of the Rural District of Southwick, in the County of Southampton, which was presented on the 28th day of April 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Parish of Woodmansterne, in the Rural District of Reigate, and of the Parish of the Rural District of Epsom, all in the County of Surrey, which was presented on the 30th day of March 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Taunton, in the County of Somerset, which was presented on the 28th day of April 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Padiham, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 28th day of April 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 part of the Rural District of Abingdon, in the County of Berks, and part of the Rural District of Culham, in the County of Oxford, which was presented on the 28th day of April 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Allotments (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities (Contracts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent and Mortgage Interest Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing (Additional Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hours of Employment (Forty-eight Hours) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rural Cottages Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of June next.
Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Commander Eyres-Monsell); 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. 77.]

Wednesday, 27th May 1925.

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

PRAYERS.

The South Metropolitan Gas 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 New Shoreham Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Saint Mary’s Church, Birmingham, and General Hospital Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Newport Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Ayr District of Burghs, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir John Lawrence Baird, Baronet, C.M.G., D.S.O., who, since his Election for the said Burghs, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Three Baronet, C.I.V. G., D.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.)

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 East Sussex County (Eastbourne Division) Writs. 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 York. (Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and that the Paper relative to Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks be printed.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid 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 Lunacy number of Visits made, the number of Patients seen, and the number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics, between 1st October 1924 and 31st March 1925.

Sir John Marriott reported from the Select Committee on Estimates; That they had made First Report. Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Aire and made by this House to the Aire and Calder Calder Navigation Bill [Lords], without any Amend- ment.

The Lords have added two Lords to the Moneylenders Joint Water Board Bill [Lords], and request the Commons to add an equal number of their Members to the said Joint Committee.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Pennyroyal Act to confer further powers upon the Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board, and Board Bill for other purposes; to which the Lords desire [Lords.] the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have added two Lords to the Moneylenders Joint Committee to consider of the Moneylenders Bill [Lords.], and request the Commons to add an equal number of their Members to the said Joint Committee.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Pennyroyal Act to confer further powers upon the Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board, and Board Bill for other purposes; to which the Lords desire [Lords.] the concurrence of this House.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 22nd May 1925, made by the Board of Trade under the Census of Production Act, 1918, entitled the Census of Production (No. 5) Rules, 1925. Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Harrogate Gas Company. Copy of Forty-second Report of the Controller General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for the year 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words ' but, having regard to the unique circumstances of the case of the Army Pensioned Ranker Officers, this House is of opinion that an ex gratia pension of £100 per annum be granted to those Army Pensioned Ranker Officers who are at present in receipt of a pension less than this amount.'—(Brigadier General Charteris.)

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 Yeas,

[Mr. Lansbury], [Mr. Parker]: 88.

Tellers for the Noes,

[Commander Eyles], [Monsell], [Colonel Gibbs]: 267.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

[Commander Eyles], [Monsell], [Colonel Gibbs]: 264.

Tellers for the Noes,

[Mr. Godfrey Colling], [Mr. Hore-Belisha]: 81.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Report of the Barnes Committee on the claims of the Professional Ex-ranker Officers [Cmd. 2124] be adopted by this House.

Resolved, That in view of the costly overlapping of services and duplication of establishments in the various branches of public provision for the children, the sick, the aged, and the unemployed able-bodied, and as a necessary preliminary to the much needed revision of the grants in aid in relief of the burdens now pressing so heavily on Local Authorities and on industry, it is essential that any measure dealing with the Poor Law should be framed, generally, on the lines of the Report of the Committee of 1917 on the Transfer of Functions of Poor Law Authorities in England and Wales; and this House accordingly urges that the Bill which it is intended to prepare and circulate to the Local Authorities this autumn should at least provide for a complete absorption of the existing Poor Law Authorities and their functions in the County, Borough, and District Councils.—(Mr. Webb.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of Children Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Blasphemy Laws Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the China Indemnity Bill.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.
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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

Lord Eustace Percy reported from the Committee on Criminal Justice [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to the administration of Criminal Justice in England and otherwise to amend the Criminal Law, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament towards the provisions of the said Act relating to probation of offenders, and towards the expense of maintaining persons who have been released on probation under a condition as to residence of such sums as the Secretary of State, with the approval of the Treasury, may direct and subject to such conditions as he may with the like approval determine.

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

Lord Eustace Percy reported from the Committee on Teachers (Superannuation) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the grant of superannuation allowances and gratuities to teachers and to persons employed in the control or supervision of teachers and to their legal personal representatives, and to amend the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1898, and the School Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1924, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as are necessary to defray the expenses incurred by the Board of Education in carrying the Act into effect:

Provided that there shall not be defrayed as part of such expenses—

(a) any addition as from any date before the commencement of the Act to the allowance or gratuity payable to any person under the School Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1924; or

(b) any addition to an annuity or allowance payable at the commencement of the Act to any person disentitled for benefits under the School Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1924, who is not after the commencement of the Act employed in service which is, under the Act, contributory service.

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 Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, the House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Vice Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of Military Manoeuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911 (Order in Council), had been presented to His Majesty; that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following answer:

I have received your Address praying that I will make an Order in Council under the Military Manoeuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911, a draft of which was presented to your House on the 10th day of February last. I will comply with your advice.

The Darlington Corporation (Transport, &c.) Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Fylde Water Board Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Manchester Ship Canal 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 and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London County Council (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of June next.

Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, under Section 32 of the Police Pensions Act, 1921, modifying the provisions of Part IX. of the Leicester Corporation Act, 1908, in respect of the pensions, allowances, and gratuities payable to members of the permanent fire brigade of the City of Leicester, their widows, children, and dependants: 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 Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Secretary for Scotland relative to the Rent Restriction Acts, upon the Table.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on present and pre-war Expenditure, with particulars of Government Staffs at certain dates.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 Hastings and St. Leonards Gas Company.

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Three Orders under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917,—

(1) dated 5th April 1925;
(2) dated 29th April 1925; and
(3) dated 11th May 1925,
further amending, in certain respects, the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order of 25th July 1924, and included in a Volume entitled The King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force.

Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order of 21st December 1921, as amended by His Majesty's Order of 30th October 1924, providing for the government, discipline, and pay of Officers of the Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Copies of,—

(1) Royal Warrant constituting a special branch of the Reserve of Air Force Officers, to be called the Special Reserve of Air Force Officers, defining its composition, and providing that the government, discipline, duties, and pay of the Special Reserve of Air Force Officers and all other matters relating to such Reserve shall be provided for by an Order by His Majesty signified under the hand of a Secretary of State;
(2) Order pursuant to the above-mentioned Royal Warrant, providing for the government, discipline, and pay of Officers of the Special Reserve of Air Force Officers and Special Reservists serving in Special Reserve Squadrons.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had Mr. Speaker's been honoured by a proposal of the University Absence. of Cambridge to confer upon him a Degree, which would, if accepted, necessitate his absence from this House and his attendance at Cambridge on Tuesday 9th June, and he had therefore to ask the indulgence and leave of the House so to absent himself.

The House signified its assent, for which Mr. Speaker returned his thanks.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection (Standing Committees),—Major Kindersley.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from 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.

The Lords have agreed to the Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law relating to Law Agents in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday 9th June.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the Notice of Motion relating to Mr. Speaker’s action on the 25th May have precedence this day of the Business of Supply, and that Seven of the clock be substituted for Five of the clock in the Resolution of the House of the 27th May as the hour at which Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House this day without Question put.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That in view of the express provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Notice of Motion relating to Mr. Speaker’s action on the 25th May be continued to sit till two minutes before Seven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 9th day of June next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

THE Clerk at the Table informed the House that Mr. Speaker’s absence was caused by the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day’s Sitting:—Whereupon Mr. Hope, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bideford 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 New Shoreham Harbour Bill was read New the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Law Agents (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

Adjournment (Whitweek.)

Business of the House.

Mr. Speaker’s Action on 25th May.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Commander Eyres-Monsell);

Adjournment.

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 a Measure 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 Measure therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measure, as follow:

1. Importation of Pedigree Animals Act, 1925.
2. Protection of Birds Act, 1925.
3. Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Act, 1925.
4. Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Act, 1925.
5. Northern Ireland Land Act, 1925.
7. Imperial Institute Act, 1925.
8. Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) Act, 1925.
9. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Keighley Water Charges) Act, 1925.
10. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1925.
11. Forfar Gas Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
12. Port of London Act, 1925.
14. Great Western Railway Act, 1925.
16. Lloyd’s Act, 1925.
17. Burgess Hill Water Act, 1925.

And to the following Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919:

Interpretation Measure, 1925.

And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment. That this House do now adjourn;

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Seven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 9th day of June next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

 resolving the Motion of the House of Lords, and desire the concurrence of this House.

2. Protection of Birds Act, 1925.
3. Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Act, 1925.
4. Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Act, 1925.
5. Northern Ireland Land Act, 1925.

Noes, 1Mr. William Thorne:

27. So it passed in the Negative.

Yeas, Sir Godfrey Collins,

Mr. Robert Hutchinson:

Mr. William Thorne:

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The House divided;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Sir Godfrey Collins,

Tellers for the Sir Robert Hutchinson:

Colonel Greitton:

Mr. William Thorne:

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolutions of the House of Commons, as follow:

1. Importation of Pedigree Animals Act, 1925.
2. Protection of Birds Act, 1925.
3. Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Act, 1925.
4. Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Act, 1925.
5. Northern Ireland Land Act, 1925.
7. Imperial Institute Act, 1925.
8. Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) Act, 1925.
9. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Keighley Water Charges) Act, 1925.
10. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1925.
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Interpretation Measure, 1925.

And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment. That this House do now adjourn;

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Seven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 9th day of June next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

THE Clerk at the Table informed the House the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day’s Sitting:—Whereupon Mr. Hope, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bideford 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 New Shoreham Harbour Bill was read New the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The Newport 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 Middlesex County Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway 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, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill (New Capital) Bill [Lords];

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

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Whitsuntide Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:—

Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Sweden further renewing the Arbitration Convention between the United Kingdom and Sweden of 11th August 1904, London, 9th November 1924 (in continuation of Treaty Series (No. 4, 1920)).

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) (Ratifications exchanged at London, 1st May 1925).

Copy of Note presented to the German Government by the British, French, Italian, Japanese, and Belgian Ambassadors at Berlin, 4th June 1925.

Copy of Statement relating to the employment of Ex-Service Men in Government Offices on 1st July 1919 and 1st May 1925, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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 March 1925.

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

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 22nd May 1925, authorising the landing of one Gazelle at Barry Docks, and defining quarantine stations for it.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirteenth Report of the Scottish Land Court for 1924 under the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts.

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

Secretary Sir William Joyonson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order, dated 18th May 1925, extending the Provisions of Section 8 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, to other diseases, i.e., Catacarct caused by exposure to rays from molten or red-hot metal, entitled the Workmen's Compensation (Ironworkers' Catacarct) Order, 1925.

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

Secretary Sir William Joyonson-Hicks also 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 of State for the Home Department:—

Rural District of Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre (with Amendment);

Borough of Swindon.

Copies of Reports on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Northern Ireland for 1922 and 1923.

Copies of Draft Rules 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 Committees of—

(1) Durham prison;
(2) Nottingham prison.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 3rd June 1925, made by the Minister of Transport under the London Traffic Act, 1924, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1925.

Copy of Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the financial year 1924–25.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 3rd June 1925, made by the Minister of Transport under the London Traffic Act, 1924, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1925.

Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister (Supply) Acts, of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Guisborough, in the North Riding of the County of York.

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

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the Board of Trade, the Order of the day being, read, for the Consideration of the Bill of себе, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Education (Institutional Directors) Order, 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 Wolverhampton 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 it 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 Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A) ; That in the case of the Walsall Corporation Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Resolved, That the Bill be reported Progress; and ask leave to sit again; puts Question thereupon forthwith. (Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, I. 12, col. 1, to leave out II. 11 to 15. (Major Sir Archibald Sinclair.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out to end of I. 12 stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards, 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Commander Eyres-Monsell, 293.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, col. 1, to leave out II. 11 to 15. (Major Sir Archibald Sinclair.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out to end of I. 12 stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston, 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Godfrey Collins, 146.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, I. 12, col. 1, after the word "tricycles" to insert the words "(but excepting motor cars of a value not exceeding two hundred pounds and motor bicycles or motor tricycles of a declared value not exceeding fifty pounds)." (Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Godfrey Collins, 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Hutchinson, 239.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, col. 1, to leave out II. 13 to 15. (Mr. Thomas Williams.)

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

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Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Godfrey Collins, 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Hutchinson, 239.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, I. 12, col. 1, to leave out lines 16 to 18. (Colonel Wedgwood Benn.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Lansbury, 92.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Maxton, 202.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, I. 7, after the words "twenty-five," to insert the words "until the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six." (Mr. Ammon.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, I. 7, to leave out the word "July," in order to insert the word "January." (Colonel Wedgwood Benn.)

Question put, That the word "July" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Lansbury, 92.


Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomson, 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards, 90.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, col. 2, to leave out the words "thirty-three and one-third," in order to insert the word "five."—(Mr. Harris.)

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

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the

Mr. Frederick Thomson, Yeas : 195.
Viscount Curzon : 192.

Tellers for the

Sir Robert Hutchinson, Noes : 81.
Sir Godfrey Collings : 82.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, col. 1, to leave out ll. 19 to 22.—(Mr. Harris.)

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

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the

Mr. Frederick Thomson, Yeas : 188.
Lord Stanley : 71.

Tellers for the

Mr. Warne, Noes : 69.
Mr. Charles Edwards : 67.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out ll. 25 to 43.—(Mr. Harris.)

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

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the

Mr. Frederick Thomson, Yeas : 187.
Captain Hacking : 69.

Tellers for the

Sir Godfrey Collings, Noes : 69.
Sir Robert Hutchinson : 68.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the

Commander Eyres-Monsell, Yeas : 186.
Sir Harry Barnston : 67.

Tellers for the

Mr. Warne, Noes : 67.
Mr. Charles Edwards : 67.

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural Returns Bill, the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Valuation into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking China Indemnity (Application) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration this day.

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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Greenwhich Second Reading of the Greenwich Hospital (Dissolved Burial Ground) 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 Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) 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 Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows', Committee on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Forestry Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 taking into consideration the Summer Time 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 Wild Birds Protection 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 taking into consideration the Roads Improvement 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 Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill, not 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 Legitimacy 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 Tithe 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, 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 Open Spaces 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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act (1921 Amendment (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 Port of London Authority 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 Judicial Proceedings (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 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 Rabbits and Rooks 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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Authority (Wales) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Illega Trawling 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 Wednesday the 17th day of this instant June.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THERE Southern Railway Bill (Lords) was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That so much of Standing Order 91 as fixes Five as the quorum of the Select Committee on Standing Orders be read and suspended.

Ordered, That, for the remainder of the Session, Three be the quorum of the Committee. —(Major-General Sir Neatson Moore.)

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 Borough of Oldham, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edward William Macleay Grigg, Vol. 180.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—PRESENT, Copy of Regulations, dated 5th June 1925, made by the Minister of Health under the Canal Boats Act, 1877, entitled the Canal Boats Amendment Act, 1925.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—PRESENT, Copy of Rules, dated 8th June 1925, made by the Board of Trade under the Census of Production Act, 1906, entitled the Census of Production (No. 6) Rules, 1925.

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 prosecutions and convictions of drivers of public vehicles, heavy motor cars, for exceeding the speed limit in the Metropolitan Police district and in the outlying parts of the County of Surrey.—(Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson.)

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Member from Standing Committee A.—Sir Douglas Newton.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C.—Captain Brass.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee A; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A.—Mr. Grant; and had appointed in substitution: Major Tasker.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, supported by Air Ministry Sir Philip Sassoon, presented a Bill to confirm an agreement between the Cattewater Commissioners and the President of the Air Council in relation to the acquisition of certain lands in the County of Devon, and for purposes in connection therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 4 (Customs duties on silk and artificial silk).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 11, to leave out the word "July," in order to insert the word "January,"—(Mr. Mackinder.)

Question proposed, That the word "July" stand part of the Clause.—Debate arising;
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.  

Question put, That the Question be now put.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson), Noes, (Mr. Warne): 125.  

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 12, after the word "twenty-five," to insert the words "until the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)  

Question put, That those words be there inserted.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson), Noes, (Mr. Warne): 135.  

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 14, after the word "articles," to insert the words "of silk."—(Mr. Mackinder.)  

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.  

Captain Wedgwood Benn moved, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.  

Question put.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson), Noes, (Major Cope): 141.  

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words "For the purposes of this Act artificial silk means filaments of cellulose resolidified from various solutions."—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)  

Question put, That those words be there inserted.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne), (Mr. Hayes): 120.  

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 34, to leave out the words "ten years," in order to insert the words "one year."—(Mr. Dalton.)  

Question put, That the words "ten years" stand part of the Clause.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne), (Mr. Hayes): 127.  

Clause No. 6 (Excise duty on imported hops, and consequential modifications of beer duties and drawbacks).  

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 19, to leave out the words "four years," in order to insert the words "one year."—(Mr. Dalton.)  

Question put, That the words "four years" stand part of the Clause.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne), (Mr. Charles Edwards): 128.  

Clause No. 7 (Imperial preference, sugar, & c.).  

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 34, to leave out the words "ten years," in order to insert the words "one year."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)  

Question put, That the words "ten years" stand part of the Clause.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards), Noes, (Mr. Warne): 88.  

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words,—  

"For the purposes of this Act artificial silk means filaments of cellulose resolidified from various solutions."—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)  

Question put, That those words be there inserted.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards), Noes, (Mr. Warne): 74.  

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne), (Mr. Hayes): 67.  

Clause No. 6 (Excise duty on imported hops, and consequential modifications of beer duties and drawbacks).  

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 19, to leave out the words "four years," in order to insert the words "one year."—(Mr. Dalton.)  

Question put, That the words "four years" stand part of the Clause.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne), (Mr. Hayes): 59.  

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards), Noes, (Mr. Warne): 60.  

Clause No. 7 (Imperial preference, sugar, & c.).  

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 34, to leave out the words "ten years," in order to insert the words "one year."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)  

Question put, That the words "ten years" stand part of the Clause.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards), Noes, (Mr. Warne): 59.  

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne), (Mr. Hayes): 58.  

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Question put.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Major Hennerry), Yeas, (Major Cope): 201.  

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards), Noes, (Mr. Warne): 59.  

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne), (Captain Hutckinson): 207.  

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne), (Mr. Charles Edwards): 202.  

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne), (Mr. Charles Edwards): 228.  

Question put.  

The Committee divided.  

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne), (Mr. Charles Edwards): 88.  

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.  

The Committee divided.
Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Captain Wedgwood Benn)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the China Indemnity (Application) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) 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 Second Reading of the Licensing Act (1921) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the 18th day of this instant June.

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 Road Improvements (Blind Corners Prevention) 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 Unoccupied Houses Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendments Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways (Building Lines) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent and Mortgage Interest Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing (Additional Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the House of Lords to the Hours of Employment (Forty-eight Hours) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 22nd day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Moveable Dwelling (Liquor Trade) Abolition Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant June.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Annual Holiday Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant June.

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.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) Bill with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.

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 eight minutes before Four of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 81.]

Thursday, 11th June 1925.

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.:

Uckfield Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords].
Great Yarmouth Haven Bridge Bill [Lords].
Leek Urban District Council Water Bill [Lords].
Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords].
Oldham Corporation Bill [Lords].
Surrey County Council Bill [Lords].
Nottingham Corporation Bill [Lords].
Blackpool Improvement Bill [Lords].
Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board 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 Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the London and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the London and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill (Money) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public Petitions. Vide Second Report.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Report of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland for 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans Army, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Army Reserve.

Copy of Amendments to the Regulations Army governing the formation, organisation, and administration of Territorial Cadet Units in the British Isles.

Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 11th June 1925, made by the Minister of Health under the Canal Boats Act, 1877, entitled the Rickmansworth Urban and Tamworth Rural Canal Boats Order, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Sir John Gilmour, supported by the Education Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, presented a Bill to make further provision with regard to the grant of superannuation and other allowances to teachers in Scotland and to their legal personal representatives, and to the payment of contributions towards the cost of such allowances: 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 Business of put, That other Government Business have the House precedence this day of the Business of Supply; and that the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means and on any Private Business set down for consideration at a quarter-past Eight of the clock this evening, by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, 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 

Commander Eyres, 238.
Monsell, 238.
Colonel Gibbs : 118.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Warne, 118.
Mr. Haydn : 118.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(Lin the Committee.)

Lace Duty.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That during a period of five years beginning on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, there shall, on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of any of the following goods, that is to say—

Lace of cotton, silk, or other fibre, whether made by hand or by machine;

Products of the machine known as the Leaver's lace machine, the lace curtain machine, the lace net machine, or the circular lace machine;

Embroidery manufactured on net or on any fabric which, or the main part of which, is eliminated before the article reaches its final stage;

whether the goods form part of or are attached to garments or other articles or not, be charged in addition to any Customs duty payable in respect of the goods as being or containing or being made wholly or in part of silk or artificial silk a duty of Customs equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the value of the goods.—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 1, to leave out the words "five years," in order to insert the words "one year."—(Mr. William Graham.)

Question proposed, That the words "five years" stand part of the Question;

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 taking into consideration the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "Bill" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "be recommitted to the former Committee"—(Mr. Denison),—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 taken into consideration.—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Lord Stanley.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Postponed Proceeding on Amendment to Ways and Means, That during a period of five years beginning on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, there shall, on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of any of the following goods, that is to say—

Lace of cotton, silk, or other fibre, whether made by hand or by machine;

Products of the machine known as the Leaver's lace machine, the lace curtain machine, the lace net machine, or the circular lace machine;

Embroidery manufactured on net or on any fabric which, or the main part of which, is eliminated before the article reaches its final stage;

whether the goods form part of or are attached to garments or other articles or not, be charged in addition to any Customs duty payable in respect of the goods as being or containing or being made wholly or in part of silk or artificial silk a duty of Customs equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the value of the goods, resumed.

Question put, That the words "five years" stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Commander Eyres, 196.
Monsell, 196.
Colonel Gibbs : 120.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Warne, 120.
Mr. Barnes : 120.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 1, to leave out the words "July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five," in order to insert the words "January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six."—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Sir Harry Barnston, 291.
(Captain Marjoryson : 289.
Mr. Warne, 291.
Mr. Thomas Hender- son : 121.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out ll. 7 and 8.—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Colonel Gibbs, 220.
Major Hennessy : 220.
Sir Godfrey Collins, 190.
Mr. Trevelyan Thom- son : 190.
Another Amendment proposed, in l. 10, to leave out from the word "charged" to the word "a," in l. 11.—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Main Question put.
The Committee divided.

Resolutions reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the China Indemnity (Application) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords.], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Adjourned.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-an-hour after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 82.]

Friday, 12th June 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Middlesex Middlesex County Council Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Hope, 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. Hope, 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 London and Second Reading of the London and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at a quarter of an hour [lords] after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Second Reading of the London County Council (Money) 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 London, Midland, and Scottish Railway 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 London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill (Lords.);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts,—

(1) dated 2nd June 1925, ordering that the Foreign Animals Order of 1910 and any Order amending it shall be read and have
effect as if the State of California were included in the Prohibited Countries specified; and revoking Order No. 3536, dated 15th October 1924;

(2) dated 3rd June 1925, ordering that the Foreign Animals Order of 1910 and any Order amending it shall be read and have effect as if Jamaica were included in the Prohibited Countries specified.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copyright Act, 1911.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Copyright Act, 1911, dated 26th May 1925, entitled the Berne Copyright Convention (Accession of Palestine) Order, 1925.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 26th May 1925,—

(1) further postponing the coming into operation of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914;

(2) entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1925;

(3) entitled the Air Council Ships (Applications for Enactments) Order, 1925; and

(4) entitled the Merchant Shipping (Haytian Tonnage Regulation Order) Revocation Order, 1925.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 139 (Edinburgh, No. 40) (Amendment of Ordinance No. 22, Edinburgh, No. 11 (Regulations for Degrees in Arts), as amended by Ordinance No. 67 Edinburgh, No. 25), Ordinance No. 91, Edinburgh, No. 35 (Regulations for certain Degrees in Pure Science), Ordinance No. 108, Edinburgh, No. 37 (Regulations for Degrees in Science in Agriculture), Ordinance No. 133, Edinburgh, No. 44 (Regulations for Degrees in Science in Engineering), and Ordinance No. 132, Edinburgh, No. 43 (Regulations for Degrees in Science in Forestry), made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Trade Boards Acts.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th June 1925, made by the Minister of Labour under the Trade Boards Act, 1909, entitled the Retail Bespoke Tailoring Trade Board (England and Wales) (District Trade Committee: Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group E.)

Major Boyle-Carpenter reported from the Committee on Group E 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 House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill, itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 8 (Imperial preference in respect of other goods). Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 24, to leave out the word "July," in order to insert the word "January."—(Mr. Lees Smith.)

Question put, That the word "July" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Colonel Gibbs,

Sir Harry Barnston:

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Tellers for the

Mr. Lees Smith,

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence:

93.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 to No. 11 agreed to.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 11th day of this instant June;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural Returns Bill, the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Valuation Bill, the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking China Indemnity (Application) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords], not 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 Private House Improvement 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 Unoccupied Houses 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 Trusts and Combines Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of the Unoccupied Houses 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 Trusts and Combines 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 Blasphemy Laws 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 Blasphemy Laws 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 Local Authorities (Enabling) 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 Rural Cottages 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 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 Adoption of Children Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions; and ordered to lie upon the Table. Petitions, Vide Second Report.

Secretary Sir William Jopson-Hicks presented—Return to an Address, dated the 10th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Prosecutions and Convictions of Drivers of mechanically-propelled Vehicles for exceeding the Speed Limit; Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed. No. 117.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions; and ordered to lie upon the Table. Petitions, Vide Second Report.

Captain Elliot, presented, by His Majesty's Scottish Board of Health. Command.—Copy of Sixth Annual Report of the Scottish Board of Health, 1924. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wolverhampton Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendment made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Section 45A, read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act, of Rule 6 of the Devolution Rules.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, 1924-25.

Copy of Memorandum by the Scottish Education Department on the financial effect of the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th June 1925, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Minister of Transport on the application for the West Sussex Railway Certificate, 1924, under the Railways Construction Facilities Act, 1894, and of his proceedings thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Schemes made by the Army Council and the Air Council under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, and the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Act, 1924, for the establishment and constitution of Associations for,—The County of the City of London.
The County of the City of Edinburgh.
The County of the City of Glasgow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Bastardy Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 13 (Super Tax for 1925-26).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

 | Commander Eyres | Yeas | 264.
 | Colonel Gibbs | 138.
 | Mr. Parkinson | 119.

Clause No. 14 (Allowances in respect of earned income and allowances from total income of persons of age of 65 years).

Amendment proposed in p. 10, l. 7, to leave out the words “one-sixth,” in order to insert the words “one-fifth.”—(Mr. Dalton.)

Question put, That the words “one-sixth” stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

 | Captain Hacking | Yeas | 246.
 | Major Cope | 122.
 | Mr. Parkinson | 119.
 | Mr. Charles Edwards | 119.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 10, l. 9, to leave out the words “two hundred and fifty” in order to insert the words “four hundred.”—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Assessment of weekly wage earners to be half-yearly instead of quarterly).

Amendment proposed in p. 11, l. 20, to leave out the words “and every subsequent year.”—(Mr. David Grenfell.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Claims for exemption in respect of income of charities and for repayment of tax in respect of interest paid to banks, and right of appeal in connection therewith).

Amendment proposed in p. 12, l. 12, after the word “by,” to insert the words “the General Commissioners or.”—(Sir Henry Buckingham.)

Question, That those words be there inserted put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 17 and No. 18 agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Amended rates of Estate Duty).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 13, after the word “shall,” to insert the words “so far as regards personal property and real property other than agricultural.”—(Sir Robert Sanders.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Maj or Sir Archibald Sinclair)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 20 to No. 24 agreed to.
Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Guinness reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 11th day of this instant June, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Lace Duty.

That during a period of five years beginning on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, there shall, on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of any of the following goods, that is to say—

Lace of cotton, silk, or other fibre, whether made by hand or by machine;
Products of the machine known as the Leaver's lace machine, the lace curtain machine, the lace net machine, or the circular lace machine;
Embroidery manufactured on net or on any fabric which, or the main part of which, is eliminated before the article reaches its final stage;
whether the goods form part of or are attached to garments or other articles or not, be charged (in addition to any Customs duty payable in respect of the goods as being or containing or being made wholly or in part of silk or artificial silk) a duty of Customs equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the value of the goods:

The said Resolution being read a second time, was amended, in I. 10, by leaving out from the word " charged " to the word " a, " in I. 11.—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in I. 12, by adding at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided that in the case of any article which is chargeable both with the lace and embroidery duty under this Resolution and with the Customs duty payable in respect of the goods as being or containing or being made wholly or in part of silk or artificial silk, if the article is a made-up article, the value of the lace in the article shall be excluded in computing the value of the article for the purpose of the silk duty, and in any other case the silk duty shall only be charged in so far as it exceeds the lace and embroidery duty."

—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in I. 2, by leaving out the word " the, " and inserting the word " any other —(Captain Welwood Beam),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word " the " stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, {Sir Harry Barnston,} 178.
{Major Hennessy;}
Tellers for the Noes, {Sir Godfrey Collins,} 51.
{Robert Hutchi-}
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, as amended:

That during a period of five years beginning on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, there shall, on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of any of the following goods, that is to say—

Lace of cotton, silk, or other fibre, whether made by hand or by machine;
Products of the machine known as the Leaver's lace machine, the lace curtain machine, the lace net machine, or the circular lace machine;
Embroidery manufactured on net or on any fabric which, or the main part of which, is eliminated before the article reaches its final stage;
whether the goods form part of or are attached to garments or other articles or not, be charged a duty of Customs equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the value of the goods:

Provided that in the case of any article which is chargeable both with the lace and embroidery duty under this Resolution and with the Customs duty payable in respect of the goods as being or containing or being made wholly or in part of silk or artificial silk, if the article is a made-up article, the value of the lace in the article shall be excluded in computing the value of the article for the purpose of the silk duty, and in any other case the silk duty shall only be charged in so far as it exceeds the lace and embroidery duty;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, {Commander Eyres-}
{Monsell,} 176.
{Colonel Gibb's :}
Tellers for the Noes, {Sir Godfrey Collins,} 45.
{Robert Hutchi-}
{son :}
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Finance Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution, as amended.

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.
The Order of the day being read, for the Sandwich Port and Haven Bill (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Second Reading of the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords], 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 the Committee on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions 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 Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) 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 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 taking into consideration the Summer Time 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 Wild Birds Protection 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 taking into consideration the Roads Improvement Bill, 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 into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 the Legitimacy Second Reading of the Legitimacy Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Circuit Second Reading of the Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Title Second Reading of the Title Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Ministry Second Reading of the Air Ministry (Catterwater Seaplane Station) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Valuation into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking China Indemnity into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the China Indemnity (Application) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords], 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 the Judicial Second Reading of the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) Merchandise Amendment 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 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 Second Reading of the Allotments (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 Rabbits and Rooks 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. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then fourteen minutes before Three of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) 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 11th day of June, That in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. 

Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) 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. 

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz. 

Land Drainage (Ouse) Provisional Order Bill.

Salford Provisional Order Bill.

Leicester Fire Brigade Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The Blackpool Improvement Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Great Yarmouth Haven Bridge Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Leek Urban District Council Water Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Nottingham Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Oldham Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Surrey County Council Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Uckfield Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Walsall Corporation Bill as amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by Air Ministry His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Financial Clauses of the Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Governor of Northern Ireland in Council,— 
(1) dated 9th March 1925, annulling Rule 82, Order LXXXIX., and Rule 76, Order LXXX., of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Ireland), 1905, and making other Rules in substitution therefor; 
(2) dated 29th May 1925, annulling Rules 4 and 5 of Order LXIV. of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Ireland), 1905, and making other Rules in substitution therefor.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th June 1925, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Commissioners) Amendment Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th June 1925, made by the Board of Education under the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Elementary Education (Substantive Grant) Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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) Colchester Gas Company;
(2) Northampton Gaslight Company.

Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended 31st March 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Secretary for Scotland as to the transfer of prisoners from the Legal Prison at Fort William.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Minister of Transport on the application for the East London Railway Certificate, 1925, under the Railway Companies’ Powers Act, 1864, and of his proceedings thereon.

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:—Accounts of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales for the year 1924, and from 24th September 1914 to 31st December 1924, in respect of transactions under the Welsh Church Act, 1914, and the Welsh Church (Temporality) Act, 1919, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Standing Committee C to whom the Public Health 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 next; and be printed.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Cecil Russell Moore, c.r.e., Member for the Ayr District of Burghs, was sworn.

Mr. Macquisten, supported by Mr. Grant, Major Price, Mr. Remer, Sir Walter de Frece, and Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook, presented a Bill to restore the liberty of small shopkeepers and for the prevention of profiteering in the retail trade: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Customs duty on lace)—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister),—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Commander Eyres, Yeas, 280.]
[Colonel Gibb, Noes, 148.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Yeas, 141.]
[Mr. Warne, Noes, 249.]

Another Clause (Repeal of entertainments duty)—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood),—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. Thomas Kennedy, Yeas, 141.]
[Mr. Hayes, Noes, 249.]

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibb, Yeas, 257.]
[Major Hennessy, Noes, 141.]

Another Clause (Amendment of 10 and 11 Geo. V., c. 18, s. 21)—(Mr. Piant),—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. Parkinson, Yeas, 137.]
[Mr. Hay, Noes, 257.]

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 London and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords], and a Motion being made, and the Question put, 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. Robert Morrison.)

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 [Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, Yeas, 274.]
[Mr. Marsham Wilson, Noes, 249.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Robert Morrison, Yeas, 127.]
[Mr. Paling, Noes, 257.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Postponed Proceeding resumed.

Another Clause (Repeal of sugar duties)—(Mr. William Murdoch Adamson),—brought up, and read the first time.
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Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time.

Another Clause (Reduction of Excise liquor licences)—(Sir Arthur Holbrook),—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.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time; put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Relief to taxpayers summoned to appear with securities before inspector of taxes)—(Sir Henry Buckingham),—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 (Allowance for income tax on deferred annuities premiums)—(Sir Henry Buckingham),—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 as to allowance for maintenance, repairs, &c.)—(Major Steel),—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 8 and 9 Geo. V., c. 15, Schedule 1)—(Mr. Dennis Herbert),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(The Prime Minister),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, 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, this day, 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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motor Races Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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 one minute 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.

Name of Bill. Standing Committee.

Merchandise Marks (1887 to 1911) C.

Amendment Bill.
16 Geo. V.

[No. 85.]

Wednesday, 17th June 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Land Drainage (Ouse) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Salford Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Leicester Fire Brigade Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Colonel Sir John Gilmour presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Wemyss and District Water. And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Colonel Lane-Fox presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines for 1924, and Annual Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines for the same year, with a Statistical Appendix to both Reports.

Orderd, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers respecting the Proposals for a Pact of Security made by the German Government on 9th February 1925.

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 the Bishopric of Leicester Measure, 1925, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.

Copy of Fifteenth Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee, being a Report on the Bishopric of Leicester Measure, 1925, under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.


Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B) Law Agents (Scotland) Bill [Lords], for a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the powers of District Auditors to disallow and surcharge parts of items upon the audit of the accounts of receipts and expenditure of a local authority.—(Mr. Lansbury.)

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; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Mr. Lansbury, 113.

Mr. Hurst, 111.

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Colonel Sir Joseph Nall: 215.

So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Estate duty payable in respect of agricultural property to be charged in part on agricultural value at rate under Finance Act, 1919)—(Mr. Guinness), brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Parkinson, 
Mr. Barnes : 158.

Tellers for the Nos, 
Lord Stanley : 228.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Sir Godfrey Collins, 
Mr. Tesrclyan Thomson : 154.

Tellers for the Nos, 
Mr. Warne : 153.

Another Clause (Exemption of agricultural shows from entertainments duty in certain cases)—(Mr. Cranzfurd),—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, 
Sir Robert Hutchison, 
Mr. Robert Hamilton : 155.

Tellers for the Nos, 
Major Cope, 
Major Hennessy : 237.

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Second Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 18, col. 2, to leave out "1s. 6d.," in order to insert "3d."—(Mr. Patrick-Lawrence.)

Question put, That "1s. 6d." stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee proceeded to a Division;

Thursday, 18th June 1925:

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Sir Harry Barnston, 
Captain Margesson : 229.

Tellers for the Nos, 
Mr. Barnes, 
Mr. Warne : 127.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 27, at the end, to insert the words—

"Spun shappes and noils s. d.
—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)"

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 29 and 30, col. 1, to leave out the words "for every pound of silk therein," in order to insert the words "the lb."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Sir Godfrey Collins, 
Mr. Robert Hutchinson : 84.

Tellers for the Nos, 
Captain Viscount Curzon, 
Lord Stanly : 183.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, ll. 31 and 32, col. 1, to leave out the words "for every pound of silk therein," in order to insert the words "the lb."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Warne : 81.

Tellers for the Nos, 
Major Cope : 181.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, to leave out ll. 33 to 41.—(Miss Wilkinson.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out to the end of l. 38 stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Colonel Gibbs, 
Mr. Frederick Thomson : 180.

Tellers for the Nos, 
Mr. Warne : 82.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, ll. 39 to 41, col. 1, to leave out the words "containing artificial silk, for every pound of artificial silk therein," in order to insert the words "the lb."—(Mr. Guinness.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and negatived.

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Captain Hacking, 
Major Cope : 177.

Tellers for the Nos, 
Sir Godfrey Collins, 
Mr. Robert Hutchinson : 82.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 4, at the end, to insert the words,—

"For every pound of silk contained therein—6s. 9d.
For every pound of artificial silk contained therein—3s. 6d."—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Sir Godfrey Collins, 
Mr. Robert Hutchinson : 80.

Tellers for the Nos, 
Mr. Frederick Thomson, 
Captain Margesson : 174.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, ll. 6 and 7, col. 2, to leave out the words "thirty-three and one-third," in order to insert the word "ten."—(Mr. Gillett.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Major Cope, 
Mr. Frederick Thoms} 170.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Thomas Kennedy, 
Mr. Warne :} 89.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 8, col. 1, to leave out the word "twenty," in order to insert the word "sixty."—(Mr. Charlton.)

Question put, That the word "twenty" stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Frederick Thoms, 
Captain Margaesson :} 169.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Parkinson, 
Mr. Hayes :} 89.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 9, col. 1, to leave out the word "value" in order to insert the words "aggregate of the values of all the components."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That the word "value" stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Thomas Kennedy, 
Mr. Warne :} 78.
Tellers for the Noes, {Major Hennessey, 
Captain Hacking :} 165.

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Lord Stanley :} 168.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Warne, 
Mr. Hayes :} 76.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 11, col. 1, after the word "silk," to insert the word "component."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That the word "component" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Lord Stanley, 
Captain Hacking :} 167.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Parkinson, 
Mr. Hayes :} 73.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 13, col. 1, to leave out the word "value," in order to insert the words "aggregate of the values of all the components."—(Lord Eustace Percy.)

Question proposed, That the word "value" stand part of the Schedule.

Mr. Kirkwood moved, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Question put, That the word "value" stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Thomas Kennedy, 
Mr. Warne :} 74.
Tellers for the Noes, {Sir Harry Barnston, 
Mr. Frederick Thoms,} 164.

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Captain Margaesson :} 164.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Warne, 
Mr. Hayes :} 74.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 15, col. 1, after the word "silk," to insert the word "component."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That the word "component" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Thomas Kennedy, 
Mr. Warne :} 74.
Tellers for the Noes, {Colonel Gibbs, 
Captain Hacking :} 164.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 16, col. 1, to leave out the word "value," in order to insert the words "aggregate of the values of all the components."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That the word "value" stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Thomas Kennedy, 
Mr. Warne :} 74.
Tellers for the Noes, {Colonel Gibbs, 
Captain Hacking :} 164.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 16, col. 1, after the word "silk," to insert the words "aggregate of the values of all the components."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That the word "aggregate" stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Thomas Kennedy, 
Mr. Warne :} 74.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Warne, 
Major Hennessy :} 73.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 16, at the end to insert the words,—

"Where the value of the silk or artificial silk does not exceed one per cent. of the value of the article, the duty shall be charged."—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 21 and 22, col. 2, to leave out the words, "In every pound of silk in the article."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Warne, 
Mr. Hayes :} 74.
Tellers for the Noes, {Captain Hacking, 
Captain Viscount Curzon :} 165.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 25, col. 1, after the word "yarn," to insert the words "the lb."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Frederick Thomson : 164.
Mr. Warne : 71.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Parkinson : 77.
Mr. Warne : 71.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 27, col. 1, to leave out the word “Undischarged,” in order to insert the words,—

“Not wholly discharged — the lb.”

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That the word “Undischarged” stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Warne : 164.
Mr. Warne : 71.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Craig : 72.
Mr. Warne : 71.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 29, col. 1, to leave out the words “ or in part discharged,” in order to insert the words,—

“discharged — the lb.”

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Warne : 164.
Mr. Warne : 71.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Barnes : 70.
Mr. Barnes : 71.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 29, col. 1, to leave out the words “silk” to the end of the paragraph.—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Third Schedule agreed to.

Fourth Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 16, to leave out “£100,” in order to insert “£250.”—(Mr. Dalton.)

Question put, That “£100” stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Stanley : 161.
Mr. Haynes : 72.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Margesson : 72.
Mr. Haynes : 72.

Schedule agreed to.

Fifth Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Wolverhampton Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London County Council (Money) 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 London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of this instant June.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops for the year 1924.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks 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 aforementioned Local Authority, and confirmed, with Amendment, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Borough of Widnes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Financial Mission appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to inquire into the financial position and prospects of the Government of Iraq, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the proposed Financial Resolution relative to Diseases of Animals [Money].

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 17th June 1925, made by the Board of Trade under the Census of Production Act, 1906, entitled the Census of Production (No. 7) Rules, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from His Majesty the King, one of their Majesties, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Westminster City Council (General Powers) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Leicestershire Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the House.

The Lords have agreed to the Tyne Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Royal Exchange Assurance Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Royal Exchange Assurance to create and issue Debentures of the Royal Exchange Assurance Stock; to amend the fundamental laws of the Corporation, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Mansfield to execute street improvements; to make further provision in regard to the water, gas, and electricity undertakings of the Corporation and for the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough; to consolidate the rates of the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Mid-Glamorgan Water Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Mid-Glamorgan Water Board Bill to construct further waterworks; to confirm existing works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Newbury An Act to provide for the transfer of the undertaking of the Newbury District Water Company, Limited, to the Newbury Corporation; to authorise the Corporation to supply water in and in the neighbourhood of their Borough; to make further provision with regard to the improvement of the Borough and the consolidation of rates, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of West Ham to acquire lands; to confer upon them powers with reference to their tramway and electricity undertakings, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Royal Exchange Assurance Bill [Lords.] Royal Exchange Assurance Bill [Lords.]

PRAYER S.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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The Royal Exchange Assurance Bill [Lords.] Royal Exchange Assurance Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C. that they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Dramatic and Musical Performers’ Protection Bill and the Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords]:—Mr. Ernest Alexander, Captain Bosyer, Sir William Bull, Sir Burton Chadwick, Sir Martin Conway, Mr. Crawford, Colonel Day, Mr. Ford, Major-General Sir Newton Moore, and Mr. Oliver.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That other Government Business be of Supply, and that the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe 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 “while anxious to stabilise title at a reasonable figure, this House declines to proceed with a measure which adds to the price of agricultural land at the expense of benefited clergymen and the general taxpayer”

—(Colonel Wedgwood)—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,

Commander Egerey Mousse, 209.

Captain Hacking;

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Charles Edwards, 129.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Equivalent Provisions) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Orders in Council to be laid before Parliament).—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

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.

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 Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill (Lords), not amended in the Standing Committee.

And an 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, 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Roads Improvement Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (for protection of statutory undertakers).—(Mr. Clarry.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Commander Eyres-Monsell);

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

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.

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.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sandwich Port and Haven (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sandwich Port and Haven Bill.

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.

Therapeutic Substances Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 Air Ministry (Catterwater Seaplane Station) 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 Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural Returns Bill into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Valuation Bill into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking China Indemnity Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Act (1921) (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing 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 Bastardy 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 Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell);

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.
Friday, 19th June 1925.

The House met at Eleven 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 Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Boothferry Bridge Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 9th June 1925, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, authorising the landing of six Corriedale Sheep at the Port of London, and defining a quarantine station for them.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence regarding the claim of the Nizam of Hyderabad to the restoration of the Province of Berar.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 9th June 1925, under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, making further provision for the conditions of service in the Royal Air Force and, while not borne on the books of His Majesty's Ships, the emoluments of officers holding permanent commissions on the active list of the Royal Navy seconded or attached to the Royal Air Force for service with the Fleet Air Arm.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Performing Animals (No. 2) Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the said Clause be dropped.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 10, by leaving out the words "five," and inserting the words "ten."—(Lord Eustace Percy.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "five" stand part of the proposed Clause:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the proposed Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Repeals)—(Lord Eustace Percy.)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Precautions against contamination of food intended for sale).—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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. 31, by adding, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Nothing in this section shall apply to the sale, storage, or keeping with a view to future sales of any food so packed or bottled as to eliminate risks of contamination."—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the proposed Clause was made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 30, l. 4, by leaving out the words "concert or other entertainment," and inserting the words "orchestral performance."—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 38, l. 31, by adding, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(8) The exercise by the Local Authority of their powers under this section with respect to the use as a parking place of any part of any street shall render them liable in respect of any damage resulting from such use to any property of the owners and occupiers of premises in the street."—(Mr. Basil Peto.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 43, l. 13, by leaving out the word "reasonable," and inserting the word "such"—(Mr. Wallhead), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "reasonable" stand part of the Bill:—
The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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 Friday 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.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tyne Improvement Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.


The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London County Council (Money) 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. Edward Wood presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copy of Annual Reports of Pro. and Fisheries, seedings of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Title, Copyhold, Inclosure, Commons, and other Acts for the year 1924.

Mr. Edward Wood also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 13th June 1925,—

(1) Authorising the landing of four Black, with two Axis Deer at the Port of London, and defining quarantine stations for them;

(2) Ordering that the Foreign Animals Order of 1910 and any Order amending shall be read and have effect as if Southern Rhodesia were not included in the prohibited countries specified.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Memorandum on the proposed action of the British Government regarding the recommendation adopted by the International Labour Conference of the League of Nations at its Sixth Session, 16th June to 5th July 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Scottish Board of Health under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, entitled the Milk and Dairies (Scotland) Act, 1914, Commencement Order, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Regulations, dated 17th June 1925, made by the Minister of Transport under the London Traffic Act, 1924, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 13th June 1925, appointing a Committee of Civil Research.

Mr. Guinness also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of all Deposits received and paid during the year ended 31st December 1924, 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 1924, 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.
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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 North Metropolitan Water Education Board of Committees, in respect of the Improvement of Land Act (1899) Amendment Bill; and had appointed in substitution :—

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 Dramatic and Musical Performers' Protection Bill and the Advertisement Regulation Bill (Lords)) ;—Mr. Ernest Alexander; and had appointed in substitution :—Sir Alfred Butt.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomas, supported by Wireless Viscount Wolmer, presented a Bill to explain the meaning of the expressions, "transmission" and "rent or royalty," where used in certain provisions of the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1904: 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 Finance Bill, take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Non-resident persons not to be chargeable to income tax in name of certain agents).—(Mr. Guinness.)

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:—Sir Harry Barnston
Mr. Thomas Hender
Mr. Barnes:

Tellers for the Noes:—Mr. Thomas Hender
Mr. Barnes:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 10 and 11 Geo. V., c. 18, s. 22).—(Mr. Charlton.)

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:—Mr. Parkinson
Mr. Thomas Hender
Mr. Barnes:

Tellers for the Noes:—Mr. Parkinson
Mr. Thomas Hender

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provisions as to abatement of income tax on company's profits).—(Sir Leslie Scott.)

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 proceeded to a Division; but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Speaker declared the Noes had it.
Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Allowance for travelling expenses).—(Captain Garro-Jones.)
And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir Robert Hutchinson, Captain Garro-Jones] 117.
Tellers for the [Commander Eyres-Monsell, Major Hennessy] 286.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Relief in respect of expenditure for the welfare of employees).—(Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.)
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 [Sir Robert Hutchinson, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson] 118.
Tellers for the [Commander Eyres-Monsell, Major Hennessy] 286.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Weekly wage-earner to be entitled to superannuation funds).—(Mr. 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 [Mr. Harris, Mr. Morris] 116.
Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, Major Hennessy] 272.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 10 Edw. VII., c. 8).—(Colonel James.)
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.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Further relief from entertainments duty for certain philanthropic or charitable entertainments).—(Mr. Griffiths.)
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. Griffiths, Mr. George Hall] 121.
Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, Captain Margesson] 262.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption of Easter offerings from income tax).—(Mr. Rawlinson.)
And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Rawlinson, Sir Henry Steer] 109.
Tellers for the [Mr. Sir Harry Barnston, Captain Margesson] 290.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 10 Geo. V., c. 32, s. 32).—(Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke.)
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 was withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Allowances in respect of contributions to superannuation funds).—(Mr. William Graham.)
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 withdrawn, with leave of the House.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendments of 10 Geo. V., c. 32, s. 32).—(Mr. Charles Edwards.)
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. Charles Edwards, Mr. George Thorne] 129.
Tellers for the [Colonel Gibbs, Sir Harry Barnston] 272.
So it passed in the Negative.
Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Table water duties of excise).—(Mr. Basil Petö.)

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,
 Mr. Basil Petö, 111.
 Colonel Gibbs,
 Captain Hacking, 248.

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 11, by leaving out Clause 4. —(Mr. Riley.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Sandwich Port and Haven Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sandwich Port and Haven (re-committed) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 to-morrow.

Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Forestry Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 taking into consideration the Summer Time Bill, not 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 Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection 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 Second Reading of the Legitimacy Bill (Lords): 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 Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill (Lords):

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Public Health into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural Returns Bill.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Valuation (Metropolis) Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking China Indemnity (Application) Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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 Preston Gas Company, which was presented on the 25th May and published, be approved. — (Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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 Harrogate Gas Company, which was presented on the 27th May and published, be approved. — (Sir Burton Chadwick.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Judicial Proceedings (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 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 Second Reading of the Allotments (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 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 Small Shopkeepers (Restoration of Liberty) 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 Bastardy 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 Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men 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 fourteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bedwellty Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Walsall Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented.—Return to an Address, dated the 19th day of December last, for a Return relative to Members of Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table;

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Amendments in Schedule I., Part II., and Schedule II., to the Devolution Rules, made by the Governor-General of India in Council with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council under Section 45A, read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 126. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 126. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 202. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and be printed.

Mr. Turton reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Improvement of Land Act (1899) Amendment Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Sir Robert Sanders reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Criminal Justice Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Mr. Turton reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Ministers of Religion (Removal of Disqualifications) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as followeth:—A Bill to remove the disqualification of Ministers of Religion for being Borough Councillors.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Banks, Brigadier-General Clifton Brown, Sir Henry Cautley, Mr. Grotrian, Mr. Dennis Herbert, Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook, Sir Edward Hiff, Sir Herbert Nield, Major Price, Mr. Rye, and Major Sir Archibald Sinclair; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Geoffrey Butler, Mr. Cadogan, Mr. Cowen, Mr. Grace, Mr. Harland, Mr. Looker, Mr. MacRobert, Mr. Oto Nicholson, Mr. Smithers, Brigadier-General Warner, and Mr. Waterhouse.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B:—Mr. Barr, Major Birchall, Mr. Blundell, Sir Henry Cadog, Mr. Guinness, Colonel Henway, Sir Charles Oman, Sir Bulloch Ross, Sir Henry Sleather, Mr. Solicitor General, Major Oliver Stanley, Colonel Wedgwood, Major Sir Granville Wheler, Mr. Cecil Wilson, and Mr. Edward Wood.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee C:—Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Standing Committee C, Improvement of Land Act (1899) Amendment Bill.

No. 126.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of July next.

Vice-Admiral Sir William Reginald Hall, New Member K.C.M.G., C.B., Member for the County of East Sussex (Eastbourne Division), was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Finance Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant June, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Which Amendment was, in p. 3, l. 11, to leave out Clause 4.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes: Mr. Hare, Mr. Lonsdale.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Pointer.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 19, by leaving out Clause 6.—(Mr. William Graham.)

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 Yes: Mr. Hare, Mr. Lonsdale.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Pointer.

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. 9, l. 36, by leaving out Clause 14.—(Mr. Trenchard.)

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 Yes: Mr. Hare, Mr. Lonsdale.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Pointer.

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. 15, l. 26, by leaving out Clause 22.—(Major Sir Archibald Sinclair.)

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 
Yea, (Commander Eyres-Monsell : 270)

Tellers for the (Sir Robert Hutchinson, Noes, (Captain Garro-Jones : 145)

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 Schedule 2, p. 21, l. 13, by leaving out Part I. (Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out. to the end of p. 21, l. 26, stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir Robert Hutchinson, Noes, (Captain Garro-Jones : 130)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Schedule 2, p. 21, l. 27, by leaving out “6s. 8d.”—(Mr. Guinness.)

And the Question being proposed, That “6s. 8d.” stand part of the Bill;

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 24th June 1925:

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Schedule 2, p. 22, l. 8, col. 2, by leaving out the word “value,” and inserting the words “aggregate of the values of all the components”—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “value” stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Hacking, Yea, (Major Cope : 203)

Tellers for the (Mr. Warne, Noes, (Mr. Charles Edwards : 88)

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 Schedule 3, p. 28, l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:

“Lace and embroidery — Two thirds of the full rate.”

—(Mr. Guinness.)

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 (Lord Stanley, Yea, (Captain Margesson : 153)

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, Noes, (Mr. Charles Edwards : 49)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the {Second Reading of the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Valuation into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Indemnity into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the China Indemnity (Application) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment 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 Sandwich Committee on the Sandwich Port and Haven (re-committed) 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 Therapeutic Substances Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Allotments (Scotland) 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 Rabbits and Rooks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of July next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-seven minutes before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 90.]

Wednesday, 24th June 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Isle of Man

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, an Account of Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the Duties of the Customs of the Isle of Man, and Accounts of the Accumulated Fund, and of Passenger Tax and Harbour Dues, for the year ended 31st March 1925, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of List of all Pensions granted during the year ended 31st March 1925, and payable under the provisions of Section 9 (1) of the Civil List Act, 1910.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Civil List Pensions be printed.

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Rochdale Corporation Bill [Lords] they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had verbally amended the same, 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. Henry Craik reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Indian Affairs; That in the case of the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee had considered the Bill and made Amendments thereon;

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 B:—Mr. Charles Edwards and Mr. William Thorne; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Dalton and Mr. John.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee B, the Committee; That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee B:—Mr. Sexton.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) 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.

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 Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) 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.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Select Committee on the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
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; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Leicester Fire Brigade Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Salford Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Saint Mary's Church, Birmingham, and General Hospital Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Saint Mildred's Churchyard Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Sheffield Corporation 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.

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 provide for the transfer of the undertaking of the Bexhill Water and Gas Company to the Bexhill Corporation; to authorise the Corporation to supply water and gas in, and in the neighbourhood of, their Borough; to make further provision with regard to the health, improvement, and good government of the Borough and the consolidation of rates, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.


The Bexhill Corporation 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 itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £103,170 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.

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 Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) 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.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

The Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) 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 Three 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 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.—(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare.)
Agricultural
Returns Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill;
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Valuation
(Metropolis)
Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

China
Indemnity
(Application)
Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the China Indemnity (Application) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sandwich
Port and
Haven Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sandwich Port and Haven (re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 to-morrow.

General
Nursing
council.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the rules of the General Nursing Council with regard to the prescribed training for nurses and the reservation of seats on the Council for matrons.

The Committee was nominated of Major Sir Richard Barnett, Sir George Berry, Mr. Rhys Davies, Mr. Fisher, Colonel Fremantle, Sir Charles Forester-Walker, Mr. Hurst, Major-General Sir Richard Luce, Colonel Sinclair, Miss Wilkinson, and Mr. Robert Wilson.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.
Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Law Agents
(Scotland)
Bill.

The Law Agents (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Allotments
(Scotland)
Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Allotments (Scotland) 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.

Thursday, 25th June 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THe House proceeded to take into con-sideration the Bath Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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 said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) 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 Confirmation (No. 2) 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 then that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Pier and Harbour 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.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Leicester Fire Brigade Provisional Order Leicester Fire Brigade Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Salford Provisional Order 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 Tramways Provisional Orders Bill, not amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Wemyss and District Water Order Wemyss and District Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.
Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Summary of the Terms of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the Irish Free State relating to Compensation for Damage to Property in Ireland, and Papers relative thereto.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joyce-

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate 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 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, that they are of opinion that, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the several Orders, the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented on or before 17th April 1925 should be allowed to proceed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley 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 Section 7 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1910, constituting the West Midlands Electricity District and establishing and incorporating the West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority, entitled the West Midlands Electricity District Order, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Turton reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Dramatic and Musical Performers' Protection 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.

Sir Robert Sanders reported from the Select Committee on Election of a Member (Unemployment Insurance)__; That they had considered the matter to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Colonel Windsor-Olive reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills; That in the case of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) 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.

Ordered, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply. (The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

Third Reading of the Finance 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 three months."—(Mr. Dalton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

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 London County Council (Money) 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. Rawlinson.)

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.

The Postponed Proceeding on the Amend-
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Henry Hanneney:
92.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Thomas Kennedy:
92.

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 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).

Agricultural Returns Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Valuation (Metropolis) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation (Metropolis) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

China Indemnity (Application) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the China Indemnity (Application) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) 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, 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.

Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sandwich Port and Haven Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sandwich Port and Haven (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Colchester Gas Company, which was presented on the 16th June and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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 twenty-one minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

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 Law Agents (Scotland) Bill [Lords] is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 92.]

Friday, 26th June 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

THE Clerk at the Table informed the House Mr. Speaker's of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker's Absence.

from this day's Sitting:—Whereupon Mr. Hope, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair Prayers, as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Leicester 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 Bedwellty Urban District Council Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Walsall 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 Bradford Corporation Bill, Bradford Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.
Lords.

Church of the Episcopal Protestant Limited, 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, Midland, and Scottish Railway 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, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Transways Provisional Orders Bill.

The Transways Provisional Orders 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.

Wemyss and District Water Order Confirmation Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Wemyss and District Water Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

China (No. 1, 1925).

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers respecting Labour Conditions in China.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Tithe Bill.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Financial Resolution relative to the Tithe Bill;

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group E.)

Major Boyd-Carpenter reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Deputy 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 authorise the closing of the church of the French Protestant Episcopal Church of the Savoy, situate in Shaftesbury Avenue, in the Metropolitan Borough of Holborn, and the sale of the building and site thereof, and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to alter the provisions of certain trust deeds regulating the issue of preferred and deferred stocks in respect of certain railway ordinary stocks; to confer further powers upon the trustees of those trust deeds and upon the Stock Conversion and Investment Trust, Limited, and the Railway Investment Company, Limited, and upon certain trustees of the Railway Investment Company, Limited, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The French Protestant Episcopal Church of the Savoy Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Stock Conversion and Investment Trust, Limited, 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Allotments Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Amendment of s. 10 of Act of 1922)—(Mr. Edward Wood).—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Compulsory acquisition of land for allotments).—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

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. Thomas Williams, 1 Mr. Lawson:]

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\text{Sir Douglas Newton, Captain Bourne:}
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So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause (Records of purchase price, rent, and rateable value of land required)—(Colonel Wedgwood.)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision of allotments for unemployed men).—(Mr. Lawson.)

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. Thomas Williams, 1 Sir Douglas Newton, Captain Bourne:]

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So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 11 of the Act of 1922)—(Captain Gee).—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 19, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “and for fitting such land for use as allotments.”—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill.—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 18, by leaving out subsection (4), and inserting the words,—

" (4) The Commissioners shall not under this section advance a sum in excess of two-thirds of the value as ascertained to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, of the land"
proposed to be included or make any advance to a society except where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that an amount equal to one-third of the value of the land to be purchased has been provided from other sources in a manner approved by the Commissioners and has been, or will be, expended in part payment of the purchase price of the land to be mortgaged to the Commissioners."—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—

It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "one year's" stand part of the proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That the words "or copyhold." stand part of the proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to 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. 35, by leaving out the words " six months,' and inserting the words "one year's"—(Colonel Wedgwood)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "six months" stand part of the Bill:—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the {Sir Douglas Newton,} 94.
Yea's, {Mr. Charles Edwards,} 68.

Noes, {Mr. Thomas Hender,} 74.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 35, by leaving out from the word "increased" to the end of l. 26.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

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 {Sir Douglas Newton,} 100.
Yea's, {Mr. Charles Edwards,} 74.

Noes, {Mr. Thomas Hender,} 74.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Improvement to take into consideration the Improvement Act of Land Act (1899) Amendment 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 Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Ministers of Religion (Removal of Disqualifications) 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dramatic and Musical Performers' Protection 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.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon:—

Sir Martin Conway rose in his place and Closure claimed, but Mr. Deputy Speaker claimed, but Mr. Deputy Speaker withdrew his assent, as he thought that the House was willing to come to a decision without that Reason:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Sir Martin Conway 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 [Sir Martin Conway, Mr. Lamb ;]
Yea s, 110.
Tellers for the [Mr. Westwood, Mr. Thurtle ;]
Noes, 32.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir Martin Conway, Mr. Lamb ;]
Yea s, 123.
Tellers for the [Mr. Westwood, Mr. Thurtle ;]
Noes, 30.
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 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 Monday 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 Friday the 31st day of July 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 Friday 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.

Ordered, That Major Owen be added to the Select Committee on Estimates.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then sixteen minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 93.]

Monday, 29th June 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir Martin Conway, Mr. Lamb ;]
Yea s, 110.
Tellers for the [Mr. Westwood, Mr. Thurtle ;]
Noes, 32.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir Martin Conway, Mr. Lamb ;]
Yea s, 123.
Tellers for the [Mr. Westwood, Mr. Thurtle ;]
Noes, 30.

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 Bath 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 Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords] was Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords.]
read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquit 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 acquit them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill. And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquit them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Mid-Glamorgan Water Board Bill [Lords] was Mid-Glamorgan Water Board Bill [Lords.]
read a second time, and committed.

The Royal Exchange Assurance Bill [Lords] was Royal Exchange Assurance Bill [Lords.]
read a second time, and committed.

The West Ham Corporation Bill [Lords] was West Ham Corporation Bill [Lords.]
read a second time, and committed.

The Wemyss 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. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of Sixty-first Annual Reports on Alkali, &c., Works, under the Alkali, &c., Works Regulation Act, 1906.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of Report of the Inspector under the Inebriates Acts for the year 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of Report and Abstract of Accounts of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board for the year ended 31st March 1925.

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 1925-26. (Earl Winterton.)

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 Gloucester (Forest of Dean Division), to the north of the Table. (Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

Resolved, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Motor Races Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 31st day of July next.

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 Finance Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House has no confidence in a Government which, after a lengthy period of industrial depression and confronted by a rapid and alarming growth in the numbers of unemployed, has failed to take measures to deal with a situation of unprecedented gravity— (Mr. Ramsay MacDonald);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Arthur Henderson;
Mr. Thomas Kennedy;
Tellers for the Noes, Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs;
So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made to the Agricultural Returns Bill by the Lords to the Agricultural Returns Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the China Indemnity (Application) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment:—(The Prime Minister) And Mr. Speaker stated that he thought the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared the Ayes had it, three Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made to the Metropolis (Welfare Fund) Bill; And the Lords' Amendments, in p. 2, l. 37, after (" being ") insert (" or forming part of "); in p. 2, l. 43, leave out (" may ") and insert (" shall "); and in Schedule, p. 4, l. 40, after (" £40 ") insert (" or the maximum amount of deduction allowable under Part I. of this Schedule, whichever is the greater "), being read a second time: And it appearing that (Special Orders) the object of the Amendments was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mining Second Reading of the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill 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, 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.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) [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 for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confirm an agreement between the Cattewater Commissioners and the President of the Air Council in relation to the acquisition of certain lands in the County of Devon, and for purposes in connection therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the said President under the said Act and the said agreement, including the amount of any costs payable by him.—(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare.)

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 to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy (Explanation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions 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 31st day of March last, That the Forestry Bill be now read a second time;

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Advertisements Regulation 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant June, That the Trusts and Combines 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 Judicial Proceedings (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 Second Reading of the Vinegar Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Shopkeepers (Restoration of Liberty) 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 Bastardy 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 Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men 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 Allotments (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 Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy 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.
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.

Ordered, That the Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Burnley 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; and had amended the Title, as followeth:—"A Bill to authorise the Corporation of Burnley to construct street works, waterworks and tramways; to confer further powers upon the Corporation as to the running of omnibuses and in regard to their tramways water gas and electricity undertakings and the health, local government and improvement of the Borough; to alter the boundary of the Borough and to provide for the consolidation of the rates thereof, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Sir Cyril Cobb to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Tithe Bill); Sir Robert Hamilton of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Seeds Act (1920) Amendment Bill and of the Protection of Animals Bill); and Mr. Samuel Roberts of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill [Lords].)

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 Seeds Act (1920) Amendment Bill and the Protection of Animals Bill):—Mr. Boothby, Colonel Sir George Court-hope, Captain Dixon, Mr. Drew, Sir Philip Richardson, Mr. Robertson, Dr. Shiels, Major Sir Granville Wheeler, Mr. Thomas Williams, and Mr. Edward Wood.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Seeds Act (1920) Amendment Bill):—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Burman, Sir Burton Chadwick, Mr. Smelley Crooke, Mr. Ewan Davies, Sir Philip Davison, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Jephcott, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, and Mr. Raine.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Members from Standing Committee C:—Sir Henry Cowan; and had appointed in substitution:—Captain O'Connor.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C (in respect of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill [Lords]): the Lord Advocate; Lord Balfour, Mr. Bethel, Sir Henry Cowan, Mr. Crawford, Sir Hugh Lucas-Trott, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. West Russell, Sir Dr. Simms, Colonel Sinclair, Major Steel, Sir Victor Warrender, and Mr. Windsor.

Ordered, That the Reports 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' one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Marriages (Provisional Order Bill, without any Amend- ment.

The Order for taking into consideration upon Advertisement Monday next the Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Bill [Lords], Committee, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Bastardy Bill, Monday next, the Bastardy Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Tuesday next.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, supported by Unemploy- Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville ment Chamberlain, and Mr. Betterton, presented a Bill to amend subsection (3) of section one and subsection (2) of section three of the Unemployment Insurance (No. 2) Act, 1924; to amend the Law with respect to the period on the expiration of which benefit under the Acts relating to Unemployment Insurance becomes payable and with respect to the rates of contribution under the said Acts; and to continue the saving contained in subsection (1) of section eleven of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1923: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next: and to be printed.

Colonel Sir John Gilmore, supported by the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, presented a Bill to amend the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918: 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 put, That the Proceedings on Government the House Business of put, That the Proceedings on Government the House. Business be suspended, 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 f Colonel Gibbs, Yeas, Captain Hacking: 259.
Tellers for the f Mr. Haynes, Nos, Mr. Charles Edwards: 135.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. 904
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Contributory pensions for widows, orphans, and persons between the ages of 65 and 70).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the words "the payment of contributions including."—(Mr. Lees Smith.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

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 Pullebury, K.C.O., K.C.M.G., U.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 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 mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Finance Act, 1925.
3. Performing Animals (Regulation) Act, 1925.
4. Agricultural Returns Act, 1925.
5. Valuation (Metropolis) Amendment Act, 1925.
7. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1925.
8. Kilmarnock Gas and Water Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
9. Provisional Order (Marriages) Confirmation Act, 1925.
12. Westminster City Council (General Powers) Act, 1925.
14. Tyne Improvement Act, 1925.
15. Leicester Corporation Act, 1925.
17. Sheffield Corporation Act, 1925.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Captain Wedgwood Benn moved, That the Chairman of the Committee do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of the opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, put the Question thereupon forthwith.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Crawford : 184.
Tellers for the Noes, Lord Stanley : 192.

Original Question again proposed:—Debate arising:

Mr. Neville Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Margesson : 194.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards : 190.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, after the word "man," to insert the words "or the widow of an uninsured man who is herself insured."—(Miss Wilkinson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald) :—

Debate arising:

Mr. Neville Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put accordingly, That the Committee do report the Bill to be read a Second time.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomsom : 194.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Warne : 94.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald) :

Debate arising:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Warne : 93.
Tellers for the Noes, Captain Margesson : 192.

Original Question again proposed:—Debate arising:

Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomsom : 194.
Noes, Captain Margesson : 92.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. The Committee divided. Question put, That the Question be now put. Tellers for the [Lord Stanley, Captain Viscount Curzon : ] 184. Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, Mr. Hayes : ] 85. Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted. The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes, Miss Wilkinson : ] 87. Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Hayes : ] 77. Question put accordingly. The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Hayes : ] 77. Tellers for the [Major Henryness, Major Cope : ] 107. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, after the word " man," to insert the words " who is under forty years of age and without children."—(Mr. Cluse.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising; Mr. Neville Chamberlain 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 [Major Hennessy, Major Cope : ] 164. Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Hayes : ] 77. Question put accordingly. The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Hayes : ] 77. Tellers for the [Major Henryness, Major Cope : ] 107. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, after the word " man," to insert the words who— (a) has a dependent child or children: or (b) has attained, at the time of her husband's death, the age of fifty years."

(Sir Godfrey Collins.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the word " ten," in order to insert the word " twenty."—(Mr. Ramsey MacDonald.) Question put, That the word " ten " stand part of the Clause. The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Major Cope, Captain Viscount Curzon : ] 166. Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne : ] 73. An Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words— " Provided that the allowances may be granted or continued beyond the age of sixteen in the case of young persons incapable through mental or physical infirmity of earning a living."

(Captain Garro-Jones.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.


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Another Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out the word " seven," in order to insert the word " twelve."—(Mr. Buchanan.) Question proposed, That the word " seven " stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Another Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out the words " who has attained the age of sixty-five,"—(Mr. Johnston.) Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. Hayson : ] 161. Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes, Mr. Warne : ] 76. Another Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, at the end, to add the words— " Provided that insured persons employed in agricultural occupations, as defined for the purposes of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, shall not be liable to such contributions, nor shall the employer be required to make any contributions on their behalf."—(Mr. Crawfurd.) Question put, That those words be there added. The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir Godfrey Collins, Mr. Crawford : ] 74. Tellers for the [Major Henryness, Captain Margesson : ] 157. Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill. Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain)—put. and agreed to. Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) [Money]: Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply. Committee of Supply: Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the Sandwich Port and Haven (re-committed) 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 Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men 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 sixteen minutes after Seven of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 95.]

Wednesday, 1st July 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded

to take into consideration the Bradford Corporation Bill, 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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 146 (Aberdeen, No. 23) (Foundation of a Chair of Forestry) made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1925, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the
National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Supply) Acts. 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 1924 to 31st March 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Imperial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Second Report of the Imperial Shipping Committee on Canadian Marine Insurance Rates.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister also presented, Gas 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Carlisle.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported Standing from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:
That in the case of the Boothferry Bridge 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.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

William Martin Wiggins, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Oldham, was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) (Commander Eyres-Monsell):
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Commander Eyres-Monsell), (Major Hennessy): 238.
Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Thomas Kennedy), (Mr. Warner): 138.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Contributory pensions for widows, orphans, and persons between the ages of 65 and 70).
Mr. Neville Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. Question put accordingly, That the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill : Debate arising; Mr. Attorney General rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.  

The Committee divided.  

Question put, That the Clause be now put.  

The Committee divided.  

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Question put, That the Question be now put.
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Mr. Neville Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Major Hennessy, Yeas, Captain Hakking : 210. Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, Nos. Mr. Barnes : 110. Question put accordingly, That the Chairman decline to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Barnes : 112. Tellers for the (Major Hennessy, Captain Hakking : 212. Clause No. 4, amended, and agreed to.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Barnes : 112. Tellers for the (Major Hennessy, Captain Hakking : 212. Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Debate arising:

Mr. Dicsey 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. Neville Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Harry Barnston, Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomson : 160. Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, Nos. Mr. Hayes : 74. Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Major Cope, Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomson : 161. Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, Nos. Mr. Hayes : 74. Mr. Walsh moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Barnes : 112. Tellers for the (Major Hennessy, Captain Hakking : 212. Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Frederick Thomson, Yeas, Lord Stanley : 148. Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, Nos. Mr. Hayes : 67. Question put accordingly, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Frederick Thomson, Yeas, Lord Stanley : 148. Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, Nos. Mr. Hayes : 68. Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

The Committee proceeded to a Division: Division Captain Hakking and Major Hennessy were (No Tellers appointed Tellers for the Yeas, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Nos, the Chairman declared that the Yeas had it.

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 receiving the Report from the Committee on Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) [Money]; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply. Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, 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 Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sandwich Port and Haven Bill (re-committed);

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 Therapeutic Substances Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment of Disabled Ex-Servicemen (Mon. 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 Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And it being after half-past Eleven o'clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-one minutes before Six o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 96.]

Thursday, 2nd July 1925.

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.:—

French Protestant Episcopal Church of the Savoy Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Saint Mary's Church, Birmingham, and General Hospital Bill [Lords], was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments: to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Agriculture Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the (Scotland) Scottish Conference on Agricultural Policy.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 141 (Ordinance) (Aberdeen, No. 22) (Foundation of a Chair of Bacteriology) made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copies of Two Orders under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917,

(1) dated 19th June 1925; and
(2) dated 22nd June 1925;

amending in certain respects His Majesty's Order of 11th May 1920, for the pensions of airmen disabled, and of the families and dependants of airmen deceased, in consequence of the great war.

Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 26th June 1925, amending in certain respects His Majesty's Orders of 19th June 1925 and 22nd June 1925, for the pensions of airmen disabled, and of the families and dependants of airmen deceased, in consequence of the great war.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Motor Cars directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, as re-enacted by the Finance Act, 1925, relative to the temporary importation of Motor Cars into Great Britain or Northern Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statutory Form Property Act, 1923.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, by His Ministry of Health,—Copy of Sixth Annual Report of the Ministry of Health, 1924-25.

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 the Rules of the Supreme Court (Patents and Designs), 1925, dated 22nd June 1925.

Copy of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Patents and Designs), 1925, dated 22nd June 1925.

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Mr. Samuel Roberts reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Teachers (Superannuation) 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 135.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 208.

The 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 Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Glasgow Corporation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the construction of a tunnel under the River Mersey between Liverpool and Birkenhead, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Mersey Tunnel Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply, and that the Proceedings on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill, and on any Private Business set down for consideration at a quarter-past Eight of the clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and that, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 26, the Proceedings on any such Private Business may be taken after half-past Nine of the clock—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain):—

The House divided.

Yeas, 103; Noes, 231.

Tellers for the [Major Hewessy, Captain Morganson : 231.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne : 124.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill.

Clause No. 6 (Special provisions as to additional allowances and widows' and orphans' pensions).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Albert Alexander):—

Debate arising:

Mr. Neville Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Hacking, Yeas, Lord Stanley : 230.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith, Noes, Mr. Warne : 132.

Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith, Yeas, Mr. Warne : 130.

Tellers for the [Captain Hacking, Noes, Major Cope : 234.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that where the widow or other person to whom the additional allowance or orphan's pension is payable has not had an opportunity of presenting her case personally to the Local Authority, or a person appointed for the purpose by the Local Authority, the Minister, except in such cases as may be prescribed, shall, before giving any such direction, give the widow or such other person as aforesaid an opportunity of so presenting her ease in such case by a person appointed by him."—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Proposed words amended in l. 3, by inserting, after the word "personally," the words "or through some person appointed by her"—(Mr. Mongan Jones), and as amended, there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 38, at the end, to add the words,—

"Any decision come to and any decision given by the Minister under this section shall be deemed an award and shall be subject to all the provisions of section twenty-eight of this Act."—(Mr. Hassey.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Old Age Pensions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 23, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "two,"—(Mr. Rhydes Davies.)

Question, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question, That the word "two" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Word "three" there inserted.—(Mr. Rhydes Davies.)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confirm an agreement between the Cattewater Commissioners and the President of the Air Council in relation to the acquisition of certain lands in the County of Devon, and for purposes in connection therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the said President under the said Act and the said agreement, including the amount of any costs payable by him.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sandwich Port and Haven (re-committed) 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 Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Hartshorn, Sir Philip Sassoon, and Brigadier-General Warner were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) Bill.—(Lord Stanley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords]; Vol. 180.

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."—(Colonel Vaughan-Morgan),

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" 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.

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 97.]

Friday, 3rd July 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Saint Mildred's Churchyard Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments: to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords] be read the third time; and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by the Government Actuary on the Financial Provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Chart Act, 1871, praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation to the
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Laxt-Fox presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement giving for each month from January 1924 to March 1925 the number and output of colliery undertakings in Great Britain, showing credit balances and debit balances respectively.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Royd-Carpenter reported from the Committee on Group E 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. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Sir Geoffrey Butler, Mr. Coote, Mr. Corvan, Mr. Harland, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. MacRobert, Mr. Otho Nicholson, Mr. Smithers, Brigadier-General Warner, and Captain Waterhouse.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Tithe Bill):—Major Astor and Mr. Grace; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Thomas Davies and Mr. Shepperson.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the National Insurance (Scotland) Act):—Major Oliver Stanley; and had appointed in substitution: Lord Balisle.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Seeds Act (1920) Amendment Bill and the Protection of Animals Bill):—Dr. Shiels; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Groves.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Sir John Gilmour, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Captain Elliot, presented a Bill to make further provision regarding notices of intention to increase rent under the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Acts, 1920 to 1925, in their application to Scotland; to provide for the use of rent books in certain cases; and to remove doubts regarding the provisions of the said Acts with respect to restriction on the right to possession: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill.

3rd July. 1925.

Clause No. 8 (Statutory conditions as to old age pensions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 32, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Wheatley.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 1, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 4, to leave out the word "three," in order to insert the word "twenty-six."—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

Question put, That the word "twenty-six" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Margesson: 188.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Benjamin Smith: 114.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Margesson: 196.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Benjamin Smith: 108.

Clause No. 9 (Rates of Contributions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 35, after the word "shall," to insert the words "as from the appointed day."—(Mr. Wheatley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Captain Wedgewood Benn moved, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Barnes: 114.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Cope: 218.

And it being Four of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the 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 the Second Reading of the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) 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 Sandwich Port and Haven (re-committed) 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 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 Unoccupied Houses Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time under Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men 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 Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then two minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

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 Bexhill Corporation Bill [Lords] was accordingly read a second time, and committed.

The Newbury Corporation Bill [Lords] was accordingly read a second time, and committed.

The Standard Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, 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 Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 3rd July 1925, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance Medical Benefit Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement relating to the employment of Ex-Service Men in Government Offices, on 1st July 1919 and 1st June 1925, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of 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 part of the Rural District of Wirral and the Urban District of Neston and Parkgate, in the County of Chester.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged (No. 30, 1925.) between the United Kingdom and Norway, further renewing the Arbitration Convention between the United Kingdom and Norway, of 11th August 1904, London, 13th May 1925 (in continuation of Treaty Series No. 4, 1920).

Copy of Treaty between the United Kingdom Treaty Series and Nepal, with Note respecting the importation of arms and ammunition into Nepal. Signed at Katmandu, 21st December 1923. Ratifications exchanged at Katmandu, 8th April 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Guinness presented a Bill to grant money for the purpose of certain local loans out of the Local Loans Fund, and for other purposes relating to local loans; and the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow: and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 13, Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock, and that the Proceedings on the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill 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 the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925–26.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £334,714 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments, including certain Services arising out of the War:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy (Explanation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 taking into consideration the Summer Time Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday the 17th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Legitimacy Second Reading of the Legitimacy Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Circuit Second Reading of the Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Public Health into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill, not amended in the Standing Bill Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Criminal into consideration the Criminal Justice Bill, as Justice Bill, 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 Unemploy- Second Reading of the Unemployment Ins- surance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Teachers into consideration the Teachers (Superannua- tion) Bill, as amended in the Standing Com- mittee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) 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 Widows', Orphans', and Old
Age Contributory Pensions 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 Sandwich Port and Haven
(re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednes-
day next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 resuming
the adjourned Debate on the question proposed
upon the 12th day of June last, That the Trusts
and Combinès Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further ad-
joined till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Judicial Proceedings
(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
Second Reading of the Allotments (Scotland)
Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

The Home Counties (Music and Dancing)
Licensing 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 Dis-
abled Ex-Servicemen Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to
sit till ten minutes after Eleven of the
clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second
time.

The French Protestant Episcopal Church of
the Savoy Bill [Lords] was read a second time,
and committed.

The Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation
(No. 2) 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. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the
Diseases of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Animals Acts, Order, dated 2nd July 1925, made under the
Diseases of Animals Acts, revoking the Im-
ported Animals Order of 1924 (No. 2), and the
Imported Animals Order of 1924 (No. 3).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Superra-
nuation Act, 1887.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of
Provisional Regulations, dated 4th
July 1925, made by the Minister of Transport
under the London Traffic Act, 1924, entitled
the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) (No. 2)
Provisional Regulations, 1925.

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
Alton, in the County of Southampton.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His
Ministry of
Majority's Command,—Copy of Report of the
Ministry of Labour for the years 1923 and
1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon
the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Order, dated 6th July 1925, entitled
the Solicitors' Remuneration Act General
Order, 1925.

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Local
Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Scarborough Corporation
Bill [Lords], they had examined the allegations
contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and
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300 7th July. 1925.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Uckfield Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords]; 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Royal Committee on the Royal Exchange Assurance Exchange Bill [Lords]; 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Standing Committee on the Protection of Animals (Protection of Animals Amendment Bill and the Protection of Animals Protection of Animals Bill) [Lords]; 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Major Harvey and Colonel Mason; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Christie and Colonel Sir George Couthope.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee B; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Major HVorey and Colonel Mason; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Philip Richardson; and had appointed in substitution: Lord Huntzaghfield.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee D; that they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee D: Mr. Ernest Alexander, Viscountess Astor, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Walter Baker, Mr. Bates, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bird, Mr. Brocklebank, Mr. Buchanan, Captain Bullock, Mr. Burnham, Mr. Campbell, Brigadier-General Cockrell, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Arthur Davies, Mr. Rhys Davies, Captain Arthur Evans, Mr. Finburgh, Colonel Gable, Sir John Ganzoni, Major Glynn, Sir Robert Gover, Mr. Grace, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. George Hall, Mr. Hammersley, Mr. Hayday, Colonel Headlam, Colonel Heneage, Sir Sydney Henn, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Haydn Jones, Mr. Alfred Kennedy, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Livingstone, Mr. Lloyd, Captain Loder, Major Alan McLean, Captain Macmillan, Sir Mervyn Manningham-Buller, Sir William Lane Mitchell, Captain Moreing, Sir John Pennefather, Mr. Phileps, Mr. Preston, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Skelton, Colonel Spender-Clay, Mr. Stephen, Major the Marquess of Titchfield, Mr. Viast, Mr. Wippina, Mr. Womersley, and Mr. Robert Young.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Unemployment Insurance Bill 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 Second Reading of the Unemployment Insurance 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, especially at a time when unemployment is showing an alarming increase, to assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which, in order to reduce the number of persons in receipt of unemployment benefit, re-invests the Minister of Labour with wide power to withhold payment of the benefit on the ground that it is not a right but a form of charity; which, by lengthening the waiting period, further curtails the opportunity for obtaining unemployment benefit; and which, by compelling an ever-increasing number of unemployed persons and their dependants to seek assistance from the Poor Law, will throw an added burden upon Local Authorities already heavily in debt"—(Mr. Thomas Shaw), 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. Griffiths rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs : 278.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Thomas Kennedy : 141.

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. Ramsay MacDonald);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Thomas Kennedy : 136.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.


The Order of the day being read, for the Supply.
Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Loans Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Advertisements Regulation 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 Vinegar Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bastardy 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 12th day of June last, That the Trusts and Combines 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 Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men 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 eleven minutes before Twelve of the clock, 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 Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on Criminal Appeal in Scotland, appointed by the Secretary for Scotland.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 142 (Edinburgh, No. 47) (Foundation of the Abercromby Chair of Archoeology) made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd June 1925, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Higher Education (Substantive Grant) Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Tryon presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Royal Warrant, dated 3rd July 1925, for the re-assessment of certain injury pensions of soldiers disabled in consequence of former wars.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Special Report by the Electricity Commissioners, under Section 1 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, dispensing with the consent of the Whitchurch Rural District Council.

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:

Account of the Commissioners of Richmond Bridge for 1924.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Statement of Particulars of a Loan of which the balance outstanding is proposed to be remitted and written off from the assets of the Local Loans Fund (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 124, of Session 1924).—(Mr. Guinness.)

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman’s Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Trotter to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill), and Sir Robert Sanders as Chairman of Standing Committee D (in respect of the Unemployment Insurance Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Hartlepoo 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.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the West Hartlepoo Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, 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 tomorrow.

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Nottingham 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.

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 follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Summary of Infants Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Guardianship of Infants Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Board of Education Scheme (Winchester, Christ’s Hospital School Foundation) Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Wemyss and District Water Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Guardianship of Infants Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Standing Committee in the Colonial Bank Bill [Lords.].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide a new constitution for the Colonial Bank and to re-incorporate the same; to reorganise its capital; to confer further powers on the Colonial Bank; to repeal existing Charters and Acts; and for further purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for the removal of Bethlem Hospital to the Monks Orchard Estate at Addington, in Surrey, and Beckenham and West Wickham, in Kent: and for the disposal of the existing hospital premises and convalescent home, and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Colonial Bank Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Guardianship of Infants Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow: and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow: and be printed.

Ordered, That the Rabbits and Rooks Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee D:—Mr. Walter Baker; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. John Baker.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guiness presented.—Return to an Order. Public Works Loan dated the 8th day of this instant July, for a Loan. Return relative to Public Works Loans. No. 136.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything the House, in Standing Order No. 15. Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock, and that the Proceedings on the Public Works Loans Bill be exempted at this day’s Sittings 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. Major Hennessy: 204. Mr. Hayes: 112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Public Places Bill to repeal certain Laws relating to prostitutes, and to amend the Law relating to order in streets and public places: And that Viscountess Astor, Sir Samuel Chapman, Captain Macmillan, Sir Robert Neuman, Dr. Shiel, Colonel Wedgeord, Lieutenant - Commander Astbury, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Robert Hudson, and Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck do prepare and bring it in.

Viscountess Astor accordingly presented a Public Places Bill to repeal certain Laws relating to prostitutes, and to amend the Law relating to order in streets and public places: 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 to appoint itself into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Service Estimates, 1925–26. Class VII. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £8,359,206 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Labour and Subordinate Departments, including the Contributions to the Unemployment Fund, and Payments to Associations, Local Education Authorities, and others for administration under the Unemployment Insurance and Labour Exchanges 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 a sum not exceeding £8,359,109 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Hartshorn);

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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time;

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 9th July 1925:

And the 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 this day.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed at the Second Reading of the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of a loan to the Appleton Saw Mills General Utility Society, Limited.—(Mr. Guinness.)

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Advertisements Regulation 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 Education (Scotland) Bill, Second Reading of the Vinegar Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Trusts and Combines Bill, upon the 12th day of June last, That the Trusts and Combines 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 Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Resolved, That in accordance with the Church Measure, 1925, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Captain Waterhouse.)

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 seven minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday 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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PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rochdale Corporation 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the West Hartlepool Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of all Loans raised in India, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended 31st March 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Secretary for Scotland as to the appointment of a Visiting Committee to the State Inebriate Reformatory at Perth.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence regarding the position of the Dominions relative to the Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Mailand presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 8th July 1925, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Variation and Amendment) Special Order, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Census of England and Wales, 1921:—

(1) Isle of Man;
(2) Jersey, Guernsey, and adjacent Islands;

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 confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Blackburn, Guisborough Joint Hospital District, Harrogate, Liverpool, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newport (Isle of Wight), and Swansea; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill [Lords.]

30th July.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Commander Eyres-Monsell):

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. 102.]

Friday, 10th July 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

The Land Drainage (Ouse) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The West Hartlepool 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.

Captain Elliot presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Copy of Order, dated 29th June 1925, made by the Scottish Board of Health under the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925, entitled the Housing (Scotland) Act (Compulsory Purchase) Order, 1925.

Captain Elliot also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Regulations, dated 29th June 1925, made by the Scottish Board of Health under the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925, and Town Planning (Scotland) Act, 1925, entitled the Housing and Town Planning (Land near Royal Palaces and Parks) Regulations (Scotland), 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness 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 1912-14 to 1924-25, 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—(Money) :

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 Fourth Schedule, containing a List of Particulars of certain classes of documents existing or accruing in the Office of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for Air, which are not of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D:—Mr. Ernest Bird and Sir Sydney Committee D. Henn;

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee D; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Unemployment Insurance Bill):—Sir Rowland Blades.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Major Boyd-Carpenter reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group E 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 Prime Minister, by His Majesty’s Unemployment Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Unemployment Insurance [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, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session relating to insurance against unemployment, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(1) as from and after the fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, of a contribution towards unemployment benefit and any other payment to be made out of the unemployment fund, not exceeding the amount determined by the Treasury to be approximately equivalent to the sum which would be produced by weekly contributions paid in respect of the two periods mentioned in the following Table at the rates therein specified in relation to those periods, respectively:

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period and a further period thereafter ending on such date as the Minister of Labour may by order prescribe, not being a date later than the first day of the insurance year commencing next after the end of the deficiency period) or, if the extended period does not expire on or before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, during the period ending on that date:—

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(2) Of the increased contribution towards unemployment benefit and any other payment to be made out of the unemployment fund which will become payable if the Minister of Labour, with the concurrence of the Treasury, at the end of the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, or at the end of any subsequent quarter of any year, declares that the average of the amounts of the advances made by the Treasury to the unemployment fund outstanding on the last day of each week in the quarter, together with the interest accrued up to the said last day in respect of advances exceeds the amount of the advances outstanding on the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, together with interest accrued up to the said thirty-first day in respect of advances, and the rates of the contribution, payable out of moneys provided by Parliament, are consequently deemed to have been increased in respect of the quarter in the case of employed persons being men by one penny, and in any other case by one halfpenny.—(Mr. Betterton.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Colonel Sir John Gilmour, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) [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, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session, to make further provision with regard to the grant of superannuation and other allowances to teachers in Scotland and to their legal personal representatives and to the payment of contributions towards the cost of such allowances, to authorise the payment into the Education (Scotland) Fund, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such sums as may become payable thereinto in respect of (a) the amount collected and recovered in the year commencing the 1st day of April 1925 by the Scottish Education Department under section one of the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Act, 1922, as amended by the said Act of the present Session, and (b) any contributions or balance of contributions returned in terms of section two of the School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1922, or in terms of any Act amending the same, as well as any sums paid as compensation in terms of section three thereof in the year commencing the 1st day of April 1926 and every subsequent year.—(Colonel Sir John Gilmour.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Wireless Telegraphy (Explanation) Bill Wireless Telegraphy (Explanation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed the Committee to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, the House resolved itself into Committee.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

 Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Mr. Edward Wood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) [Money.] proposed, to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71a, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.
having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Diseases of Animals [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 to make provision for contributions, out of moneys to be provided by Local Authorities for the slaughter of cattle, in accordance with orders made under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, in case of the existence or suspected existence of tuberculosis, of sums equal to three-fourths of the amount of compensation so paid by them.—(Mr. Edward Wood.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Guardianship of Infants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Guardianship of Infants Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sandwich Port and Haven Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sandwich Port and Haven (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjourment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Cope.)

And notice being taken at eleven minutes before Three of the clock that Forty Members only were present, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

[No. 103.]

Monday, 13th July 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (Tunnels 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.

The Rochdale Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Money) 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 Mersey Tunnel Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Stock Conversion and Investment Trust, Limited, Bill [Lords], was read a second time and committed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the International Conferences on Opium and Dangerous Drugs, held at Geneva, November 1925. 1924 to February 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Secretary Sir William Jogson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the Undermentioned Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Borough of Bootle;
Borough of Cheltenham.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented.—Return to an Address, dated the 29th 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.

Captain Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order, dated 29th June 1925, made by the Scottish Board of Health under the Town Planning (Scotland) Act, 1925, entitled the Town Planning (Scotland) Act (Compulsory Purchase) Order, 1925.

Copy of Order, dated 30th June 1925, made by the Scottish Board of Health under the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925, entitled the Housing (Form of Orders, Notices, &c.) Order (Scotland), 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of Guarantees which the Treasury have intimated their willingness to give up to 30th June 1925 under the Trade Facilities Acts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Ashley 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, 1910, in respect of the Parish of Isle and parts of the Parishes of Topsham, Pinhoe, and Alphington, in the Rural District of Saint Thomas, in the County of Devon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

National Debt.


Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, further amending, in certain respects, the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order of 25th July 1924, as amended by subsequent Orders and included in a Volume entitled "The King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force."

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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East India (Budget) No. 139.

Earl Winterton presented.—Return to an Address, dated the 29th 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.

Town Planning (Scotland) Act, 1925.

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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 1924-25, 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. 140, of Session 1924).—Mr. Guinness.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group F of Private Bills Private Bills, which stands adjourned until Group F.) Thursday, be further adjourned for the convenience of parties until Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.—(Sir Park Goff.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) Bill, Companies with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Honours An Act for prevention of abuses in connection with the grants of Honours; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Southwark An Act to empower the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire to construct a Bridge Bill new bridge over the River Ouse: to provide for contributions thereto by the County Council of the East Riding of Yorkshire, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City and County of Kingston-upon-Hull, and the Goole Urban District Council, and for the vesting of the said bridge in the said County Councils, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Boothferry Bridge Bill (Lords) was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Standing Committee D:—Mr. Atkinson, Sir John Gas Committee D zones, Major Olyn, and Mr. Groote; and had appointed in substitution: Brigadier-General Brooke, Mr. Crook, Sir William Davison, and Mr. Dixey.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee D:—Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, Mr. Harrison, and Major Kenyon-Steney.
Standing Committee D.
Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Unemployment Insurance Bill)—Mr. Callaghan.

Standing Committee D.
Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Unemployment Insurance Bill)—Major Salmond: and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Mellor.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Business of the House.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions 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
Colonel Gibbs,
Sir Harry Barnston:
Mr. Thomas Hender.

Tellers for the
Sir Robert Hutchison:
Mr. Hayes:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clause No. 9 (Rates of contributions).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 20, after the word "provided," to insert the words "and subject to the provisions of subsection (3) of this section."—(Sir Alfred Mond.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Trevelyan Thomson:
Sir Robert Hutchison:

Tellers for the
Sir Harry Barnston:
Captain Hacking:

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 10 to No. 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Voluntary contributors),

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 7, to leave out the words "married woman" in order to insert the words "woman married to an insured man."—(Brigadier-General Charteris.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Frederick Thomson:
Captain Marpess:
Mr. Thomas Hender:
Mr. Warne:

Tellers for the
Mr. Lees Smith:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 7, to leave out from the word "woman" to the word "may," in l. 13.—(Sir John Marriott.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "whether," in l. 9, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Major Hennessy,
Captain Marpess:

Tellers for the
Mr. Thomas Hender:
Mr. Warne:

Question put, That the word "whether" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Major Hennessy,
Mr. Frederick Thomson:
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Warne:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 9, to leave out the word "whether."—(Sir John Marriott.)

Question put, That the word "whether" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Major Hennessy,
Mr. Lees Smith:

Tellers for the
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Warne:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 16, after the word "contributor," to insert the words "under this Act or."—(Mr. Lees Smith.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—"Provided that any person in the permanent and pensionable employment of the Crown whose employment, whether before or after the commencement of this Act, is an excepted employment by virtue of paragraph (k) of Part II. of the First Schedule to the Insurance Act (which relates to employment otherwise than by way of manual labour and at a rate of remuneration exceeding in value two hundred and fifty pounds a year) and who desires to become voluntarily insured under this Act shall be entitled, either upon payment by the contributor of the contribution prescribed in Part I. of the First Schedule, to become voluntarily insured under this Act in the case of a man for widows, orphans, and old age pensions, and in the case of a woman for orphans and old age pensions, but without paying any contribution to, or becoming entitled to any benefits under, the Health Insurance Act, or to become a voluntary contributor under this Act and the Health Insurance Act in accordance with the provisions on that behalf contained in this Act—(Mr. Ammon.)

Question, That those words be there inserted put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—"(2) Any woman who at any time after the commencement of this Act has been an insured person for a period of one hundred and four weeks and has one hundred and four contributions to her credit shall, in the event of her marriage to an uninsured man, be deemed to be an insured person for the purposes of this Act, and shall be entitled to a widow's pension on the death of her husband or to an old age pension on reaching the age of sixty-five, notwithstanding the fact that on marriage she ceases to pay contributions under the Insurance Act or under this Act."—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 17, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Exempt persons).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 39, to leave out the words “ with such modifications as may be prescribed.”—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Persons employed in excepted employments).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 37, to leave out subsection (6).—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “for,” in p. 15, l. 2, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 2, after the word “shall,” to insert the words “‘if the rate of remuneration does not exceed in value three hundred and fifty pounds a year, be deemed to be insured.’”—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Basil Peto, Yeas, 123.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, Noes, 123.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 42, to leave out from the word “provisions” to the end of the subsection, in order to insert the words, “may, on the consent of the Minister of Labour, provide by such order that in the case of masters and seamen serving on foreign-going ships—

(a) at the end of every voyage a schedule shall be prepared by the employer in a form to be prescribed by the Minister, after consultation with the Board of Trade, giving such information as shall sufficiently identify each contribution with the master or seaman on account of whom it has been paid. The said schedule shall be delivered by the employer to the Board of Trade superintendent in the presence of whom the wages for the voyage are to be paid before such payment commences;

(b) the total value of the contributions payable by the master and seamen and the employer shall be paid through the employer to the Board of Trade superintendent and shall be paid by the superintendent as may be prescribed;

(c) the schedule shall be forwarded by the Board of Trade superintendent to the clearing house hereinafter described;

(d) a clearing house shall be established under the supervision and direction of the Minister, in consultation with the Minister of Labour, at which the information contained in the said schedule shall be analysed and statements shall be prepared at prescribed intervals and forwarded therefrom to each approved society of which masters or seamen are members, showing the amounts and dates of contributions paid on account of its respective members;

(e) the order shall provide for the payment of the expense of the clearing house out of the contributions with which it deals or otherwise as may be prescribed.

(2) In this section the expression “foreign-going ships” includes ships engaged in regular trade on foreign stations, and fishing vessels proceeding to or beyond Rockhall, the Faeroe Island, the White Sea, and the coast of Portugal or Morocco.”—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “that,” in p. 16, l. 43, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 43, to leave out from the word “provide” to the end of the subsection, in order to insert the words, “for determining in the case of a ship registered in Northern Ireland the owner of which resides or has his principal place of business in Great Britain, or of a ship registered in Great Britain the owner of which resides or has his principal place of business in Northern Ireland, whether or not persons employed on the ship are to be treated as being insured for the purposes of this Act.”—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)
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The Order of the day being read, for taking
into consideration the Criminal Justice Bill, as
amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-
sideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions
(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 Therapeutic Substances
Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving
Unemployment Insurance [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving
the Report from the Committee on Diseases of
Animals [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving
the Report from the Committee on Unemploy-
ment Insurance [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving
the Report from the Committee on Diseases of
Animals [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking
Guardianship of Infants Bill to the Consideration
of the Lords to the Guardianship of Infants Bill;
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken
into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the after
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 10th day of this instant July, That
the Wireless Telegraphy (Explanation) Bill be
now read the third time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further ad-
journed till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving
Diseases of Animals [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking
Guardianship of Infants Bill to the Consideration
of the Lords to the Guardianship of Infants Bill;
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken
into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the after
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 10th day of this instant July, That
the Wireless Telegraphy (Explanation) Bill be
now read the third time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further ad-
journed till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving
Diseases of Animals [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking
Guardianship of Infants Bill to the Consideration
of the Lords to the Guardianship of Infants Bill;
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken
into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the after
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 10th day of this instant July, That
the Wireless Telegraphy (Explanation) Bill be
now read the third time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further ad-
journed till Friday next.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. Guinness presented,—Return to an Order, National Debt, dated the 13th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to National Debt. No. 141.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

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 [Lords] 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.:

Colony Bill [Lords].
Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, Return to an Order, National Debt, No. 141.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Royal Exchange Assurances Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Southern Railway Bill Southern Railway Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Notes exchanged (No. 32, 1925.) between the United Kingdom and Portugal regarding the Cancellation of the British Concession at Chinde and the Portuguese Concession at Chipoli. Lisbon, 19th May 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Colonel Ashley 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 City of Lichfield and part of the Rural District of Lichfield, in the County of Stafford, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill;—the Lord Advocate, Lord Balniel, Mr. Bethel, Sir Henry Cowson, Mr. Crawfurd, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Palin, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. West Russell, Dr. Simms, Colonel Sinclair, Major Steel, Sir Victor Waverende, and Mr. Windsor.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions 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, 
Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs : 245.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne : 118.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill.

(Provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).)

Clause No. 18 (Widows' and orphans' pensions when husband or parent died before the commencement of Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 34, after the word "force," to insert the words " or if the deceased husband served in His Majesty's forces for a period of seven days or more during the great war."—(Mr. Smalley Crooke.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Lieutenant-Commander Keneway, Mr. Dixey : 133.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Harry Barnston, Major Cope : 214.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 6, at the end, to insert the words " or if the widow is over fifty years of age and is without children under fourteen years of age, in which case she shall receive a widow's pension in no case exceeding ten shillings a week, and calculated in the same manner as need pensions under Vol. 180.

the royal warrant for war pensions."—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Warne : 126.
Tellers for the Noes, Captain Hackney, Captain Viscount Curzon : 213.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 6, at the end, to insert the words " or if the widow is without children and by reason of infirmity is unable to maintain herself."—(Mr. Harrison.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Warne : 97.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Harry Barnston, Captain Viscount Curzon : 189.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 6, at the end, to insert the words " or if the widow is without children and by reason of infirmity is unable to maintain herself."—(Mr. Harrison.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Harris, Mr. Trevorlys Thomas : 123.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Hennessy, Mr. Frederick Thomas : 251.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 8, to leave out the word "six," in order to insert the word "twelve."—(Colonel Watts-Morgan.)

Question put, That the word "six" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Harry Barnston, Mr. Warne, Mr. Borne : 261.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Hennessy, Mr. Borne : 130.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words " or on which the youngest child attains the age of fourteen, whichever is the earlier."—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomas, Captain Margesson : 271.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Thomas Hender- son : 131.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 21, at the end, to add the words " (f) of the above-mentioned statutory conditions (a) and (b) shall be deemed to have been complied with if it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Minister that the total income of husband and wife at the time of the death of the widow's husband (where the claim is for
a widow's pension) or orphan child's father (where the claim is for an orphan's pension) did not exceed two hundred and fifty pounds per annum."—(Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 19 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Persons over seventy entitled to old age pensions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 6, to leave out the words "second day of July," in order to insert the words "fourth day of January."

—(Mr. Barker.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yea's,

Mr. Frederick Thomson : 273.

Mr. Thomas Henderson : 136.

Mr. Warne :

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Disqualifications).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words "provided that she shall have the right to appeal to a court of law."—(Miss Wilkinson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words "or if she is proved to be leading an immoral life."—(Colonel Lambert Ward.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words," if the Minister, after due inquiries, so decides: Provided that the woman shall have an opportunity of presenting her case personally or through a third person on her behalf to a person or persons appointed by him."

—(Mr. Harney.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yea's,

Mr. Frederick Thomson : 241.

Mr. Warne :

Mr. Barnes :

Clause No. 22 (Residential qualification of pensioners, &c.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 13, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Dalton.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "or," in l. 14, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 14, after the word "Britan," to insert the words "or Northern Ireland."—(Sir Malcolm Macnaghten.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 8, at the end, to add the words,—

“(3) This section shall not apply to sailors, soldiers, and airmen insured under the provision of the Act, or to other insured persons employed under the authority of the Crown.”—(Mr. Hore-Belisha.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

Proposed words amended by leaving out from the word “Act” to the end of the proposed Amendment.—(Mr. Frederick Roberts.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “may,” in l. 15, stand part of the Clause;

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Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

[Signatures]

Tellers for the Noes,

[Signatures]

Amendments made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

[Signatures]

Tellers for the Noes,

[Signatures]

Clause No. 25 (Provisions where both additional allowance or orphan’s pension and compensation under the Workmen’s Compensation Act are payable).

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

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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 Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 105.]

Wednesday, 15th July 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hartlepool Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 242 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Hope, 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.

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 Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Col. Sir John Gilmour presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1889, relating to the London and North Eastern Railway: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Dentists Act, 1921, dated 10th July 1925, approving further amending Regulations made by the Dental Board of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts,—

(1) authorising the landing of one Duiker and one Klipspringer at Tilbury Dock and defining quarantine station for them, dated 8th July 1925;

(2) authorising the landing of one male Indian Antelope (Black Buck) at Tilbury Dock in the Port of London, dated 9th July 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 the—

(1) Urban District Council of Great Driffield;
(2) Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Devices;
(3) Great Yarmouth Gas Company;
(4) Langley Mill and Heanor Gas Light and Coke Company, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (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 part of the Rural District of Reigate, in the County of Surrey.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Robert Hamilton reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Protection of Animals 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 next; and be printed.

Mr. Samuel Roberts reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills to whom the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was referred; That they had agreed to report the Bill, so far as amended, to the House.

Ordered, That leave be given to the Committee to make a Special Report.

Mr. Samuel Roberts further reported from the Committee; That they had agreed to the following Special Report:—

That the Committee cannot, with advantage, proceed further with the consideration of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report and Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Short to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A): That in the case of the Blackpool Improvement 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.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Major Boyd-Carpenter reported from the Committee on the Clydebank Burgh Extension, &c., 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.

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, entitled An Act to consolidate the Judicature Acts, 1873 to 1910, and other enactments relating to the Supreme Court of Judicature in England and the administration of justice therein; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rochdale Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to establish a National Library in the case of the Blackpool Improvement Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate the Judicature Acts, 1873 to 1910, and other enactments relating to the Supreme Court of Judicature in England and the administration of justice therein; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C:—Captain Charles Craig and Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions 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.

Question proposed, That the words "one month" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 28 (Claims and appeals).

Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 40, after the word "referees," to insert the words "of whom one shall be a woman."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, to leave out l. 1 to 8.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 29 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 30 agreed to.

Clause No. 31 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 32 agreed to.

Clause No. 33 (Penalty for false statements and repayment of sums overpaid).

Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 29, to leave out subsection (5).

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "be," in l. 30, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Hackling,
Yeas, Major Hennessy : 248.
Tellers for the Mr. Frederick Hall,
Noes, Mr. Benjamin Smith : 128.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 30, after the word "may," to insert the words "with his or her consent."—(Sir Robert Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 34 (Power to remove difficulties).

Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 44, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that all orders made under this Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after they are made, and shall have effect as if enacted in this Act, and if an Address is presented to His Majesty by either House of Parliament within the next subsequent twenty-one days on which that House has sat next after any such regulation is laid before it, praying that the regulation may be annulled, His Majesty in Council may annul the regulation, and it shall thenceforth be void, but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder."—(Mr. Lees Smith.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Kennedy,
Yeas, Mr. Warne : 125.
Tellers for the Lord Stanley,
Noes, Captain Viscount Curzon : 216.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 35 (Exemption of certain widows from health and unemployment insurance).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Frederick Thomson,
Yeas, Lord Stanley : 252.
Tellers for the Mr. Hayes,
Noes, Mr. Warne : 125.

Clause No. 36 (Termination of certain benefits and contributions of persons over sixty-five).

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 21, to leave out from the word "Act" to the word "shall," in l. 22.—(Mr. Haydly.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Major Cope,
Yeas, Captain Margeson : 232.
Tellers for the Mr. Benjamin Smith,
Noes, Mr. Warne : 131.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Frederick Thomson,
Yeas, 241.
Tellers for the Mr. Walkhead,
Noes, Mr. Westwood : 131.

Clause No. 37 agreed to.

Clauses No. 38 and No. 39 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 40 (Local authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 32, after the word "borough," to insert the words "and of a metropolitan borough."—(Captain Garm-Jones.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 41 agreed to.

Clause No. 42 (Decennial reports and revision of contributions).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 1, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Lees Smith.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Harry Barnston,
Yeas, Major Hennessy : 237.
Tellers for the Mr. Hayes,
Noes, Mr. Warne : 114.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 43 (Interpretation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 26, to leave out the word "twenty-eight," in order to insert the word "twenty-six."—(Mr. Kelly.)

Question put, That the word "twenty-eight," stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Major Hennessy,
Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomson : 222.
Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards,
Noes, Mr. Warne : 96.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 39, l. 28, after the word "stepchild," to insert the words "or adopted child."—(Colonel Haultain.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 44 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 45 agreed to.

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A Clause (Power to modify existing superannuation schemes)—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain),—brought up, and read the first and second time; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Provisions as to reciprocal arrangements with other parts of His Majesty's Dominions)—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain),—brought up, and read the first and second time; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Exemption of bank officers and others)—(Mr. Basil Peto),—brought up, and read the first time:

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Committee to administer funds)—(Mr. Neil Maclean),—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

Yees,

Mr. Beckett:

47.

Mr. Lamb:

148.

Tellers for the

Noes,

Captain Hacking:

196.

Another Clause (Widows of persons in Civil Service employment)—(Mr. Basil Peto),—brought up, and read the first time:

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

First Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 39, l. 14, col. 1, after the word "men," to insert the words "not employed in agricultural occupations as defined for the purposes of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920,"—(Mr. Lamb.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yees,

Mr. Lamb:

59.

Mr. Dalton:

160.

Tellers for the

Noes,

Captain Margsom,

Mr. Frederick Thomson:

148.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 39, l. 14, col. 2, to leave out "9d.," in order to insert "14d."—(Mr. Dalton.)

Question put, That "9d." stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yees,

Mr. Charles Edwards:

39.

Mr. Thomas Hender son:

152.

Tellers for the

Noes,

Colonel Gibbs:

36.

Captain Viscount Curzon:

Second Schedule.

Question put, That this be the Second Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Sir Harry Barnston and Captain Viscount Curzon were nominated Tellers for the Yees, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Yeas had it.

Third Schedule agreed to.

Fourth Schedule disagreed to.

A Schedule (Application of Section 15 (7) to a person whose remuneration exceeded two hundred and fifty pounds a year)—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain),—brought up, and read the first and second time; and added to the Bill.

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 Tuesday next; and be printed.

Major Hennessy reported from the Committee on Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) (Money), a Resolution which was read as follows:

That it is expedient, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session, to make further
provision with regard to the grant of super-
annuation and other allowances to teachers in
Scotland and to their legal personal represen-
tatives and to the payment of contributions
towards the cost of such allowances, to author-
ise the payment into the Education (Scotland)
Fund, out of moneys to be provided by Parlia-
ment, of such sums as may become payable
thereinto in respect of (a) the amount collected
and recovered in the year commencing the 1st
day of April 1925 by the Scottish Education
Department under section one of the Education
(Scotland) (Superannuation) Act, 1922, as
amended by the said Act of the present
Session, and (b) any contributions or balance
of contributions returned in terms of section
two of the School Teachers (Superannuation)
Act, 1922, or in terms of any Act amending
the same, as well as any sums paid as compensa-
tion in terms of section three thereof in the
year commencing the 1st day of April 1926
and every subsequent year.

The said Resolution, being read a second time,
was agreed to.

Diseases of Animals [Money.]

The Order of the day being read, for receiving
the Report from the Committee on Diseases of
Animals [Money].

Ordered, That the Report be received this
day.

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.

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 Friday next.

Guardianship of Infants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking
into consideration the Amendments made by
the Lords to the Guardianship of Infants Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken
into consideration upon Friday next.

Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and
Maintenance) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking
into consideration the Amendments made by
the Lords to the Summary Jurisdiction (Separa-
tion and Maintenance) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken
into consideration upon Friday next.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sandwich Port and Haven Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the Sandwich Port and Haven
(re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment
Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled
Ex-Service Men 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. Deputy
Speaker adjourned the House without
Question put, pursuant to the Standing
Order, it being then nineteen minutes
before Three of the clock on Thursday
morning, till this day

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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 the said Report
be received this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the London and North Eastern
Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords], as
amended in the Committee, be taken into
consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking
into consideration the London and North
Eastern Railway Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-
sideration to-morrow.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to
the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign
Jurisdiction Act, 1880, dated 25th June 1925,
ettled the Zanzibar Order in Council, 1925.

Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign
Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 25th June 1925,
ettled the Zanzibar Order in Council, 1925.

Copy of Order in Council under the Govern-
ment of India Act, 1915, dated 25th June
1925, approving the statement of proposed
new and revised Appointments in the estab-
ishment of the Secretary of State for India in
Council.

Copy of Order in Council under the Green-
wich Hospital Acts, dated 25th June 1925,
approving an Admiralty Memorial relating to
the advancement of Mr. W. H. Dimsdale to
the rank of Lieutenant on the Retired List of
the Fleet and the payment to him of a gratuity.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the French Protestant Episcopal Church of the Savoy Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy-Chairman reported from the Poole Committee on the Poole Harbour Bill [Lords].

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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Surrey County Council Bill [Lords], in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 13th 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. 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 passed a Bill, intituled Ministry of Health Pensions Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Fire Brigade Pensions Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the provisions of the Government of India Act by exempting proposals for expenditure upon certain salaries, pensions, and other payments from submission to Indian legislatures, and to enable rules made under the said Act relating to the Civil Services of the Crown in India to be dispensed with or relaxed in certain cases; 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 Bury Saint Edmund's, Hastings, Northampton, etc.
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The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords] was read for the first time.

Ordered. That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,246,100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1926:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,246,000 be granted for the said Service—(Sir John Simon);

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Major Cave reported from the Committee on Unemployment Insurance [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session relating to insurance against unemployment, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(1) as from and after the fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, of a contribution towards unemployment benefit and any other payment to be made out of the unemployment fund, not exceeding the amount determined by the Treasury to be approximately equivalent to the sum which would be produced by weekly contributions paid in respect of the two periods mentioned in the following Table at the rates therein specified in relation to those periods, respectively:

Table.

During the extended period (that is to say, the aggregate of the deficiency period and a further period thereafter ending on such date as the Minister of Labour may by order prescribe, not being a date later than the first day of the insurance year commencing next after the end of the deficiency period) or, if the extended
period does not expire on or before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, during the period ending on that date:—

Description of persons in respect of whom contribution is payable. Rate.

Insured persons being men 8d.
Insured persons being women 6d.
Insured persons being boys 4½d.
Insured persons being girls 4½d.
Exempt persons being men 2½d.
Exempt persons being women 2½d.
Exempt persons being boys 1½d.
Exempt persons being girls 1½d.

During such time as the extended period continues after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight:—

Insured persons being men 7d.
Insured persons being women 5½d.
Insured persons being boys 4½d.
Insured persons being girls 4½d.
Exempt persons being men 2d.
Exempt persons being women 1½d.
Exempt persons being boys 1½d.
Exempt persons being girls 1½d.

(2) Of the increased contribution towards unemployment benefit and any other payment to be made out of the unemployment fund which will become payable if the Minister of Labour, with the concurrence of the Treasury, at the end of the first quarter of the year nineteen hundred and twenty-six, or at the end of any subsequent quarter of any year, declares that the average of the amounts of the advances made by the Treasury to the unemployment fund outstanding on the last day of each week in the quarter, together with the interest accrued up to the said last day in respect of advances exceeding the amount of the advances outstanding on the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, together with interest accrued up to the said thirty-first day in respect of advances, and the rates of the contribution, payable out of moneys provided by Parliament, are consequently deemed to have been increased in respect of the quarter in the case of employed persons being men by one penny, and in any other case by one halfpenny.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Betterton reported from the Committee on Diseases of Animals [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to make provision for contributions, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, towards the compensation payable by Local Authorities for the slaughter of cattle, in accordance with orders made under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, in case of the existence or suspected existence of tuberculosis, of sums equal to three-fourths of the amount of compensation so paid by them.

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 Friday morning:

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And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Diseases of Animals Bill.

Mr. Edward Wood accordingly presented a Bill to provide for contributions out of moneys provided by Parliament towards the compensation payable by Local Authorities for the slaughter of cattle in accordance with orders made under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, in case of the existence or suspected existence of tuberculosis: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

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 Guisborough, in the North Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 9th day of June 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Township of Alwoodley and part of the Township of Adel-cum-Eccup, in the Rural District of Wharfedale, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 20th day of May 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Statutory Gas (Electricity Supply Powers) Bill: Supply (Electricity Supply) Acts.

Ordered, That the Bill do carry the Bill to the Lords; and that Mr. Edward Wood accordingly present a Bill to provide for contributions out of moneys provided by Parliament towards the compensation payable by Local Authorities for the slaughter of cattle in accordance with orders made under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, in case of the existence or suspected existence of tuberculosis: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

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, upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Places (Order) 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 Bastardy 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 Vinegar 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 Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-three minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Southern Railway 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 Order Confirmation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Industry and Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum on Transport Development and Cotton Growing in East Africa, submitted by the Committee on Industry and Trade to the Prime Minister on 2nd July 1925.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule, dated 1st July 1925, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, for the Revocation of certain Grant Regulations.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum on Compulsory Labour for Government Purposes in Kenya.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Fire Brigade Pensions Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; Bill 227, and be printed.

Mr. Hartshorn reported from the Select Air Ministry Committee on the Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) 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 be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Summer Time Bill, and take into consideration the Summer Time Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by leaving out sub-section (2).—(Sir Henry Cautley.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “the,” in l. 13, stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Colonel Lambert Ward 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 to the word "the," in l. 12, stand part of the Bill; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Colonel Lambert Ward, Mr. Rawson: 204.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Harry Hope, Sir Alexander Sprot: 68.
So 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. 1, l. 14, by leaving out the words "first Saturday in October," and inserting the words "fourth Saturday in September"—(Sir Harry Hope),—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, Colonel Lambert Ward, Mr. Rawson: 228.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Boothby: 56.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and on re-committal, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Wireless Telegraphy (Explanation) Bill:—(Mr. Guinness),—brought up, and read the first and second time; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Provisions as to borrowing) (Mr. Guinness),—brought up, and read the first and second time; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Accounts to be submitted to Minister) (Mr. Guinness),—brought up, and read the first and second time; and added to the Bill.

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.
Second to Fourth Schedules agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and on re-committal, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, after Clause 1, insert new Clause A, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords' Amendment, in p. 2, after Clause 1, insert new Clause A (Power to apportion furniture), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 3, after Clause 5, insert new Clause B, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 3, after Clause 5, insert new Clause B (Power to order interments where application for maintenance of married woman is adjourned), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended in l. 4, by inserting, after the words "pay to," the words "the wife, or to," and by leaving out the words "to a," and in l. 5, by inserting, after the word "person," the words "on her behalf"—(Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson),—and, so amended, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Mr. Gresaves-Lord, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Patrick-Lawrence, and Mr. Rhys Davies.

Ordered, That three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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 Monday next.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Mr. Edward Wood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Tithe [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 Law relating to tithe rentcharge and other rentcharges, rents, and payments in lieu of tithe, and the payment of rates thereon, and for other matters connected therewith, it is expedient that there shall in each year be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue such sum as the Treasury may certify to be payable by those Commissioners under the said Act in respect of rates assessed on Queen Anne's Bounty as the owner of any tithe rentcharge vested in them under the said Act, after deducting therefrom amounts not less than the following (that is to say): an amount equal to £5 for every £100 of tithe rentcharge previously attached to benefices which is liable to be rated, and which is for the time being vested in Queen Anne's Bounty, and an amount equal to £16 for every £100 of tithe rentcharge previously attached to ecclesiastical corporations which is so liable and vested—(Mr. Edward Wood):

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Commander Eyres-Monsell), 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, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Public Health into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 Criminal into consideration the Criminal Justice Bill, as Justice Bill, 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 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 Committee;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson reported from Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill: That they 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. 2, l. 8, to insert new Clause A, for the following Reason:

Because they consider the Amendment introduces a novel principle in law which would be difficult to administer.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House hath disagreed to one of the Amendments made by the Lords, for which disagreement this House doth assign a Reason, hath agreed to one other of the Amendments, with Amendments thereto, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships, and hath agreed
to the other Amendments made by their Lords: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 108.]

Monday, 20th July 1925.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Bolton Corporation Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bolton 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.

Oakengates Urban District Council Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Oakengates Urban District Council Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

French Protestant Episcopal Church of the Savoy 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) Bill [Lords], not amended in the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Colonial Bank Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London and North Eastern Railway Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report for 1924 on the importation of Spirituous Beverages into certain territories under British control in Africa and the import duties levied thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the British Government Delegates to the Minister of Labour on the Seventh Session of the International Labour Conference, May to June 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Jowsem-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to consider the question of the licensing of Two-Seater Cabs to ply for hire in the Metropolitan Police District.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness 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 1926.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity Commission, Estimate of a further Sum required to be voted for the Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1925.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 Portsledge-by-Sea, in the Administrative County of East Sussex, and for the amendment of the Brighton Electric Lighting Order, 1883; (2) parts of the Urban District of Bebington and Bromborough, in the County of Chester.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Esquire, Member for New Member the County of Gloucester (Forest of Dean Sworn) Division) was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in Standing Order No. 15, Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock, and 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 House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

**Supply [4th allotted Day.]**

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £32,958,000 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones;

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, to-morrow, again 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.

**Public Works Loans Bill.**

The Public Works Loans Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

**Ordered.** That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Sandwich Port and Haven Bill, as amended in the Committee, and on re-committal.

**Ordered.** That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

**Ordered.** That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Diseases of Animals Bill;

**Resolved.** That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

**Forestry Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry Bill be now read a second time;

**Ordered.** That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

**Wild Birds Protection Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection 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 Second Reading of the Legitimacy 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 Procedure (Scotland) 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 Rent Restrictions [Scotland] 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.];

**Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.**

The Order of the day being read, for taking Public Health into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill, not 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 Criminal into consideration the Criminal Justice Bill, as Justice Bill, amended in the Standing Committee;

**Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.**

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Carlisle, which was presented on the 1st July and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Regulation under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Urban District

1925.
Council of Oswaldtwistle, which was presented on the 9th July and published, be approved.—
(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

**Resolves,** 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 Ormskirk and District Gas and Electricity Company, which was presented on the 9th July and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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 Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting Company, which was presented on the 9th July and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

**Fire Brigade Pensions Bill**

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Fire Brigade Pensions Bill;

The said Amendment, being read a second time, and appearing that the object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was 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.

**Protection of Animals Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Protection of Animals Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

**Allotments (Scotland) Bill.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting Company, which was presented on the 9th July and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.

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 Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting Company, which was presented on the 9th July and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 12th day of June last, That the Trusts and Combines Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

**Public Places (Order) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Places (Order) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

**Employment of Disabled Men Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Men Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Uckfield Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords], 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.

A Motion being made, That the Southern Railway Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

Mr. Hope, 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Clydebank Burgh Extension, &c., 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.)

Mr. Hope, 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.

Ordered, That the Uckfield Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

**No. 109.**

Tuesday, 21st July 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

The Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board Bill (Lords), was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Boothferry Bridge Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reply of the German Government to the Note handed by Herr Stresemann by the French Ambassador at Berlin on 16th June 1925, respecting the proposals for a Pact of Security (in continuation of Miscellaneous, No. 7, 1925).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Advisory Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Eighteenth Report to the Secretary for Scotland by the Board of Trustees for the National Galleries of Scotland from 1st April 1924 to 31st March 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th July 1925, made by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under the Income Tax Act, 1918, as amended by the Finance Act, 1925, with respect to the Assessment, Charge, and Collection of Income Tax in the case of Weekly Wage-earners, and the procedure to be adopted for the purpose.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1925, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

The Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Honours (Prevention of Abuses) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The National Library of Scotland Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Major Sir Richard Barnett reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Estimates (Scotland) Superannuation 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 to-morrow; and be printed.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); that in the case of the Mansfield 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.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); that in the case of the Oldham 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Dramatic and Musical Performers' Protection Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Theatrical Employers Registration 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 Royal Exchange Assurance Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Theatrical Employers Registration Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill):—Mr. Cape, Captain Cauley, Mr. Clowes.
Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Mr. Duncan Graham, Captain Arthur Hope, Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, Colonel Lance-Fox, Colonel Moore, and Sir Behloe Rees.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing Bill):—Mr. Ernest Alexander, Sir Alfred Butt, Mr. Cassels, Mr. Dannico, Mr. Groves, Mr. Hore-Belisha, Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Mr. Meller, Sir Herbert Nield, and Mr. Rhyds.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir Park Goff reported from the Committee on Group F of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the Mersey Tunnel Bill [Lords] had stated that the evidence of William E. Langshaw, Manager, Birkenhead Corporation Ferries, 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 William E. Langshaw do attend the said Committee on Thursday next, at Eleven of the clock, and for so long as the said Bill shall be under the consideration of the Committee; and that the said William E. Langshaw do bring with him the Report, dated 18th March 1920, of the Technical Sub-Committee of the Cross River Traffic Committee, appointed 11th February 1920, to Report on the question of improving the facilities with regard to Cross River Traffic, and the Report, dated 26th March 1920, by the said William E. Langshaw to the Chairman and Members of the Cross River Traffic Committee.

Ordered, That William E. Langshaw do attend the said Committee on Group F of Private Bills on Thursday next, at Eleven of the clock, and during the consideration of the Mersey Tunnel Bill [Lords], and do produce the said documents.

Sir William Bull, supported by Mr. Webb and Sir Martin Conway, presented a Bill to protect authors and others in respect of literary, dramatic, and artistic works: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Widow's, Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill 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 taking into consideration the Widow's, Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clauses 8, 30, and 39, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, as Amendments to be moved on re-committal.—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)


The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

Clause No. 8 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 30 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 39 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 in the Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1., l. 13, by leaving out the word "ten," and inserting the word "twenty"—(Mr. Dalton),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "ten" stand part of the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Margesson: 169.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Warne: 95.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1., l. 15, by leaving out the word "five," and inserting the word "six"—(Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "five" stand part of the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Margesson, 141.
Tellers for the Noes, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy: 98.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1., l. 22, by leaving out the word "widow," and inserting the word "woman"—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "widow" stand part of the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Viscount Curzon: 141.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson: 98.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 1, by leaving out the words "seven shillings and sixpence," and inserting the words "twelve shillings."—(Mr. Viant),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "seven shillings and sixpence" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the Yeas, 
[Captain Viscount Curzon, 
[Viscount Grey, 
[Mr. Edward Samuel, 
[Mr. Charles Edwards, 
[Mr. Benjamin Smith: 

So 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. 15, by leaving out the words "a day school," and inserting the words "any educational establishment recognised by the Board of Education"—(Mr. Rhys Davies),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 29, by leaving out the words "being a married man or a widower."—(Mr. Lansbury).

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. 34, by inserting, after the word "payable," the words "or where such person is incapacitated and resident in any institution for the purpose of obtaining medical or surgical treatment for a period exceeding three months."—(Miss Wilkinson).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 39, by inserting, after the word "where," the words "after giving to the widow or other person to whom the additional allowance is payable an opportunity of being heard."—(Captain Wedgwood Benn).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 36, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(6) Where an uninsured man marries a woman by or in respect of whom one hundred and four contributions have been paid under this Act, he may, if he gives notice within the prescribed time after the marriage and in the prescribed manner, become a voluntary contributor under the Insurance Act."—(Mr. Lees Smith.)

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. 17, l. 35, by leaving out Clause 16.—(Mr. Hore-Belisha.)

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. 19, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "force," the words "or if the deceased husband or father has died or been killed through enemy action while serving in the British mercantile marine."—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

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. 19, l. 18, by leaving out the words "of fourteen," and inserting the words "specified in section one of this Act"—(Mr. Patrick-Lawrence),—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 other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, l. 41, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided that in such case the woman shall have the right of appeal to the court of referees."—(Mr. Beckett.)

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. 22, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "section," the words "such of"—(Sir Cyril Cobbold).

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 Yeas, Mr. Harris: 135.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Hennessy: 228.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 19, by inserting, after the word " Britain," the words " except when resident in another part of His Majesty's dominions." (Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.)

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 Yeas, Sir Godfrey Collins: 135.
Tellers for the Noes, Captain Margesson: 253.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 21, by leaving out the word " three," and inserting the word " six " (Mr. Harris) — instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word " three " stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston: 263.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Godfrey Collins: 130.

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. 23, l. 19, by leaving out subsection (1.) (Mr. Lawson.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words " a pension " stand part of the Bill:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) Bill (re-committed);
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.
Mr. Guinness 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 of Bradford.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Return setting forth the following particulars in relation to the Colliery Accident Funds in Great Britain which have been raised prior to the 31st day of December 1924, by public subscription, for the relief of sufferers and their dependants:—

(1) Name of fund;
(2) The date of foundation;
(3) The authority responsible for administration;
(4) The balance in hand;
(5) The estimated amount of surplus;
(6) The number of persons at present receiving relief;
(7) The number of persons receiving relief who have been doing so from the date of foundation; and
(8) The number of persons receiving relief who have become recipients since the foundation

in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 359, of Session 1892–94.—(Colonel Lane-Fox.)

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 Southampton Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bedwellty Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Newport Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Fylde Water Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Nottinghamshire County Council (Gunthorpe Bridge) Bill, with Amendments; 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 the Coastguard, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Leek Urban District Council Water Board Bill [Lords]; 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Leek Urban District Council Water Board 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 amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Newbury Corporation Board 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 amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Stock Conversion and Investment Trust, Limited, Bill [Lords]; 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the South Metropolitan Gas Bill, without any Amendment.
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.

Order: That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Robert Sanders reported from Standing Committee D, to whom the Unemployment Insurance Bill was referred: That, having called the attention of the Committee, on Monday, 29th July, to the disorderly conduct of Mr. Buchanan, Member for the Gorbals Division of Glasgow, he had been directed to report Mr. Buchanan to the House.

Order: That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Customs in the Isle of Man: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Edward Wool, supported by Colonel Sir John Gilmore, 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 to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Widow's, Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill be interrupted, 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 {Sir Harry Barnston, Yeas, 
         Captain Hacking :} 258.
Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, 
         Mr. Warne :} 124.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 33, by leaving out Clause 25.—(Mr. Walsh.) And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "whether," in l. 34, stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the {Sir Harry Barnston, Yeas, 
         Captain Hacking :} 258.
Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, 
         Mr. Warne :} 124.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 34, by leaving out the word "whether."—(Mr. Griffiths.) And the Question being put, That the words "whether" stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the {Mr. Benjamin Smith :} 140.
Tellers for the {Capt. Eyres, 
         Captain Eyres :} 248.
Tellers for the {Mr. Thomas Kenworthy, 
         Mr. Warne :} 124.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of this instant July, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Widow's, Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill, as amended in the Committee, and on re-committal;
Which Amendment was, in p. 23, l. 19, to leave out subsection (1).
And the Question being again proposed, That the words "a pension" stand part of the Bill:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 23, l. 22, by inserting, after the word "payable," the words "except when such a pension is payable in respect of the service of the pensioner's son during the late war."—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)
And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 23, l. 22, by inserting, after the word "payable," the words "except when such a pension is payable in respect of the service of the pensioner's son during the late war."—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)
And the Question being put, That the words "the late" stand part of the proposed Amendment;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the {Major Hennessy, Yeas, 
         Lord Stanley :} 251.
Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, 
         Mr. Thomas Hender- 
         son :} 126.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 33, by leaving out Clause 25.—(Mr. Walsh.) And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "whether," in l. 34, stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the {Sir Harry Barnston, Yeas, 
         Captain Hacking :} 258.
Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, 
         Mr. Warne :} 124.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 34, by leaving out the word "whether."—(Mr. Griffiths.) And the Question being put, That the words "whether" stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the {Mr. Benjamin Smith :} 140.
Tellers for the {Capt. Eyres, 
         Captain Eyres :} 248.
Tellers for the {Mr. Thomas Kenworthy, 
         Mr. Warne :} 124.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 40, by leaving out the words "or an orphan's pension."—(Mr. Griffiths.) 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 {Sir Harry Barnston, Yeas, 
         Mr. Frederick Thom- 
         son :} 270.
Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, 
         Mr. Benjamin Smith :} 146.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
after the word "referees," the words "of whom one-fourth shall be women."—(Mr. Beckett.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 33, 1. 31, by leaving out subsection (1).—(Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "and," in l. 33, stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Frederick Thomson, 233.
Captain Margesson : 139.

Tellers for the Noes,
Sir Robert Hutchison,
Sir Godfrey Collins :

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. 37, l. 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—
"Provided also that where an employer has failed or neglected to pay any contributions which, under the Insurance Act as amended by this Act, he is liable to pay in respect of any person, such person shall be deemed to be an insured person during the period of such failure or neglect."—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

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. 39, l. 3, by inserting, after the word "borough," the words "and a Metropolitan Borough."—(Captain Garro-Jones.)

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. 41, l. 7, by leaving out subsection (2).—(Mr. Lees Smith.)

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,
Major Hennessy,
Mr. Frederick Thomson ; 247.
Mr. Thomas Kennedy,
Mr. Thomas Hender- son :

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Frederick Thomson, 142.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 41, l. 36, by leaving out the words "who was living with him," and inserting the words "whom he was supporting,"—(Captain Bowyer),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 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 Supply Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of India (Civil Services) 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 Honours (Prevention of Abuses) 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 National Library of 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 Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Education into consideration the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the House, Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Ministry Committee on the Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) (re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Protection of the adjoining Debate on the Question proposed Animals Bill upon the 21st day of this instant July, That the Protection of Animals Bill be now read the third time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Trusts and the adjoining Debate on the Question proposed Combines Bill upon the 12th day of June last, That the Trusts and Combines Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.
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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 Vinegar Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Guinness presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Colonial Stock Act, 1900.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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.

Thursday, 23rd July 1925.

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, brought from the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) 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 London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (New Capital) 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 Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lanarkshire County Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Lanarkshire County Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings No. 149 of the Standing Committee be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson presented, by Telegraph His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memo—(Money) Bill. randum on the Telegraph (Money) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to General Dunfermline Order 110 under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.—Copy of Report by the Minister of Transport respecting the Dunfermline and District Tramways (Extensions) Order and the objects thereof.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Industrial Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report by a Court of Inquiry under the Industrial Courts Act, 1919, concerning the Coal Mining Industry Dispute, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Boyd-Carpenter reported from the Paisley Burgh Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That in the case of the Paisley Burgh Extension Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Major Boyd-Carpenter reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group E 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.

Sir Robert Sanders reported from Standing Standing Committee D, to whom the Unemployment Insurance 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 No. 149 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
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on any Private Business set down for consideration at a quarter-past Eight o'clock this evening, by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 8, may be taken after half-past Nine of the clock:—(The Prime Minister);
The House divided;
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the \{ Colonel Gibbes, \} 
Yea, \{ Major Hennessy \} 227.
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Charles Edwards, \} 
Noes, \{ Mr. Hayes \} 100.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.
(Class IV.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £25,652,754 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid;

And it being a quarter 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 taking into consideration the London and North Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

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. Rennie Smith.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a supply, sum not exceeding £25,652,754 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid, resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The 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.

Then 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 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 London and North Eastern Railway Order Confirmation Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

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 "up to this day three months."—(Mr. Thomas Kennedy.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Diseases of the Committee on the Diseases of Animals Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Therapeutic Committee on the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords];
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) 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 Government of India (Civil Services) 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 Honours (Prevention of Abuses) 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 National Library of 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 Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) 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 Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) 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 Committee on the Air Ministry (Catterwater Seaplane Station) (recommended) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That it is expedient that a Tribunal be established for inquiring into a definite matter of urgent public importance, that is to say, the allegations made against certain officers of the Metropolitan Police in connection with the recent arrest of Major R. O. Sheppard, D.S.O., R.A.O.C.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Theatrical Employers Registration Bill.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 2, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Uckfield Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Uckfield Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Lanarkshire County Council Order Confirmation Bill.

The Lanarkshire County Council Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendment of Council of State Electoral Rules made by the Governor General of India in Council with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council under Section 64, read with Section 129a of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Court of Session (Scotland) Act, 1868.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Act of Sederunt under 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.

Coastguard Bill [Lords.] Bill 239.

The Coastguard Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Improvement of Law Act (1899) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Improvement of Land Act (1899) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

Leeds Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Leeds Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Southern Railway Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Southern Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Kirkcudbright Burgh 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 Kirkcudbright Burgh; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Kirkcudbright Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered, under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords.], Act, 1899, to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Education to take into consideration the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And an 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 Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill:—Commander Eyres-Monsell.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 11 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 read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved Air Ministry itself into a Committee on the Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 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 read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Joint Advisory Committees).

An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 32, at the end to add the words,—

"One member appointed by the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and one member appointed by the Royal College of Physicians of London.—(Dr. Watts.)

Question, that those words be there added, put, and negatived. (Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 6 to No. 8 agreed to.

Schedule 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 Amendments therunto.

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, 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, resolved itself into a Committee on the Diseases of Animals Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Contribution out of moneys provided by Parliament to compensation paid by Local Authorities for slaughtered cattle).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, after the word "Minister," to insert the words "if he is satisfied that no carcase or any portion thereof has been or will be used for human consumption and."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Question proposed, that those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 and No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Colonel Sir John Gilmour, 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.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole thirty 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.—(Sir William Mitchell-Thomson.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Tithe [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to tithe rentcharge and other rentcharges, rents, and payments in lieu of tithe, and the payment of rates thereon, and for other matters connected therewith, it is expedient that there shall in each year be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue such sum as the Treasury may certify to be payable by those Commissioners under the said Act in respect of rates assessed on Queen Anne's Bounty, and an amount equal to £5 for every £100 of tithe rentcharge previously attached to benefices which is liable to be rated, and which is for the time being vested in Queen Anne's Bounty, and an amount equal to £16 for every £100 of tithe rentcharge previously attached to ecclesiastical corporations which is so liable and vested.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Honours (Prevention of Abuses) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

The National Library of Scotland Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 227 agreed to.

Schedules 1 to 6 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Captain Elliott reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Criminal Justice Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Criminal Justice Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords];

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, 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.

Moneylenders Bill [Lords] (Joint Committee.)

Ordered, That Captain Gee be discharged from the Joint Committee on the Moneylenders Bill [Lords] and that Mr. Somerville be added thereto.—(Mr. Frederick Thomson.)

The Order of the day being read, for Protection of Animals Bill, proposed upon the 21st day of this instant July, That the Protection of Animals Bill be now read the third time.

And the Question being again proposed:— The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Grotrian);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Batey; 73.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Connolly; 57.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, put, That this House do now adjourn—(Commander Eyres-Monsell);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Lord Stanley; 92.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Maxton; 36.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 27th July 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bedwellty Urban District Council Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Fylde 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Newport 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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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nottinghamshire County Council (Gunthorpe 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Kirkcudbright Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Bridgeman presented, by His Majesty's Navy Command,—Estimate of the further sum required for the Navy for the year ending 31st March 1926.

No. 130.

Copy of Memorandum on the Programme of New Naval Construction.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed, and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by Air His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further sum required to be voted for Air Services for the year ending 31st March 1926.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Metropolitan Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act 1912, Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 18th July 1925, authorising the landing of two Antelopes (one Steinbuck, one Duiker) at the Port of Southampton, and defining a quarantine station for them.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes ex. No. 33, 1925.) changed between the United Kingdom and Italy respecting the Regulation of the Utilisation of the Waters of the River Gash. Rome, 12th and 15th June 1925.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the proposed Financial Resolution relative to the National Library of Scotland Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Interim Report to the President of the Board of Trade by the Departmental Committee appointed to inquire and report what Amendments are desirable in the Assurance Companies Act, 1890.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 24th July 1925, guaranteeing the payment of the Principal and Interest on certain Land Bonds to be issued by the Government of the Irish Free State.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 18th July 1925, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. George Augustus Davis, Officer, Customs and Excise Department, under the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 29th July 1925, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Richard Garfield Hambly, Clerical Officer, Inland Revenue, under the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 23rd July 1925, directing the application of moneys received by the Board of Trade in the year ended 31st March 1925, 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; and that the Paper relative to Irish Free State Land Purchase be printed.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Rules for the appointment to the Indian Civil Service otherwise than by competitive examination of persons domiciled in India, made under Section 97 (6) of the Government of India Act.

Copy of Amendments to the Rules for competitive examinations in India for appointments in the Indian Civil Service, made under Section 97 (1) of the Government of India Act.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented a Bill to deal with certain Expiring Laws by making some of them permanent, continuing some of them permanent and continuing the remainder for a limited period: 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 put, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 18, Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven o'clock, and that the Proceedings on Government Business other than the Business of Supply 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 'Sir Harry Barnston,
Yea, (Major Hennessy : ) 205.
Tellers for the 'Mr. Warne
Noes, (Mr. Barnes : ) 74.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)
Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

Class II.
£117,453 (including a Supplementary sum of £10) for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the Day being read, for Supply receiving the Report from the Committee of [23rd July] Report.
Supply of the 23rd day of this instant July;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for Supply of the 23rd day of this instant July; and that the Report be to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the Day being read, for Ways and Means; again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee on Navy and Air Estimates.
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according Isle of Man
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to read the third time and passed.

Tellers for the Mr. Warne
Mr. Barnes : 74
Ordered, That 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 House, according to Order, resolved Supply of the day into a Committee on Navy and Air Expenditure, 1925-24.

(In the Committee.)

Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1924, and the statement appended thereto, 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 £3,933,630 8s. 1d., viz.:

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**Net Surplus . . £3,374,650 5 1**

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

1. Motion made, and Question put, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. Guinness.)

The Committee divided.

**Tellers for the**

- Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Frederick Thorne...
- Sir Godfrey Collison, Sir Robert Hutchinson...

**Schedule.**

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**Net Surplus . . £1,505,696 4 2**

Whereas it appears by the Air Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1924, and the statement appended thereto, that the aggregate expenditure on Air Services has not exceeded the aggregate sum 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 £1,505,696 4s. 2d., viz.:

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**Net Surplus . . £1,505,696 4 2**

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Air Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other grants for Air Services.

2. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. Guinness.)

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**Net Surplus . . £1,505,696 4 2**

**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.

Viscount Wolmer reported from the Committee—Telegraph [Money] a Resolution; which [Money.] was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole thirty 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 moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon 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 moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

Viscount Wolmer accordingly presented a Telegraph Bill to provide for raising further money for the purpose of the Telegraph Acts, 1862 to 1924: 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 receiving the Report from the Committee on the Forestry Bill [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 Wild Birds Protection 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 Second Reading of the Legitimacy 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 Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) 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 Education (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 Rent Restrictions (Scotland) 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 Unemployment Insurance Bill, 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 Second Reading of the Coastguard Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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 taking Criminal Justice 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 Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) 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 Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Electricity proposed, That the 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, constituting the London and Home Counties Electricity District, and establishing and incorporating the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority, which was presented on the 21st day of May 1925, be approved, subject to the following modifications, viz.:

Clause 39, subsection (2), paragraph (b), after the first 'District,' insert "represented on the Joint Authority"—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

The Question was amended, in l. 7, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:

"In Article 7 the deletion of ll. 16 to 20, inclusive;
In paragraph 1 of the Schedule the deletion of ll. 32 and 33, p. 20, and the substitution of the words 'the Municipal Borough of Hertford';
The deletion of the word 'Bushey' in l. 34, p. 20; and of the word 'Rickmansworth' in l. 36, p. 20;
The deletion of ll. 37 to 43, inclusive (p. 20), and the substitution of the words 'the Rural districts of Barnet, Hatfield, Hertford, St. Albans, Ware, and Welwyn'; the detached part lying between the Rural Districts of Ware and Epping of the Parish of High Wych, in the Rural District of Hadham;
The Parish of Flaunden, in the Rural District of Hemel Hempstead;
"So much of the Urban District of Rickmansworth and the Rural District of Watford as are not included in the authorised area of supply of the Corporation of Watford as constituted at the date of this order.
In paragraph (3) (a) of Part I. of the Second
Annex, the deletion of the words 'Watford Corporation'"—(Mr. Dennis Herbert.)
And in § 9, by adding at the end thereof the words,—

"In paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part II. of the First Annex, the deletion of the word 'April' wherever it occurs, and the substitution of the word 'December' "—(Major Attlee.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, as amended, by adding after the words last added, the words,—

"In paragraph 27 of the Schedule the deletion of the words 'other than the London Companies (or such body or bodies as may be authorised hereafter to act for the London Companies), the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company, the Kent Electric Power Company, and the West Kent Electric Company, Limited' "—(Mr. Scurr.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, as amended, by adding after the words last added, the words "in paragraph 31 of the Schedule the deletion of the words,—

"Provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the London Companies (or such body or bodies as may be authorised hereafter to act for the London Companies), or any one or more of the London Companies, the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company, the Kent Electric Power Company, and the West Kent Electric Company, Limited' "—(Mr. Scurr.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the House having continued till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 28th July 1925:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, as amended, by adding after the words last added, the words,—

"Provided always that a person in the service of authorised undertakers in the district (including those employed by the joint authority), shall not be excluded from serving as a representative of the workers in the industry appointed under the terms of section 2, subsection 10, of Part I. of the First Annex."

—(Mr. Scurr.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the House having continued till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, constituting the London and Home Counties Electricity District, and establishing and incorporating the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority, which was presented on the 21st day of May 1925, be approved, subject to the following modifications, viz.:—

In Article 7 the deletion of ll. 16 to 20, inclusive;

In paragraph 1 of the Schedule the deletion of II. 32 and 33, p. 20, and the substitution of the words "the Municipal Borough of Hertford";

The deletion of the word "Bushey" in ll. 34, p. 29, and of the word "Rickmansworth" in I. 36 (p. 20);

The deletion of II. 37 to 43, inclusive (p. 20), and the substitution of the words "The Rural Districts of Barnet, Hatfield, Hertford, St. Albans, Ware, and Welwyn: the detached part (lying between the Rural Districts of Ware and Epping) of the parish of High Wych, in the Rural District of Hadham;

The Parish of Flaunden in the Rural District of Hemel Hempstead;

So much of the Urban District of Rickmansworth and the Rural District of Watford as are not included in the authorised area of supply of the corporation of Watford as constituted at the date of this Order.

In paragraph (3) (a) of Part I. of the Second Annex the deletion of the words "Watford . . . Watford Corporation."

Clause 39, subsection (2) paragraph (b), after the first "District," insert "represented on the Joint Authority."

In paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part II. of the First Annex, the deletion of the word "April" wherever it occurs, and the substitution of the word "December."

Colonel Sir John Gilmore, by His Majesty's National Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Library of Scotland [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 for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to establish a National Library in Scotland on the foundation of the Library gifted for that purpose by the Faculty of Advocates and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of (1) any expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works in connection with the reconstruction, extension, or adaptation, and the repair, maintenance, and insurance of premises to be made available by the Faculty of Advocates for the use of the Trustees of the National Library of Scotland, or with the re-adaptation of such premises for the use of the said Faculty, and of rates and taxes leviable on the said premises during the occupation thereof by the said Trustees; and (2) any expenses incurred by the said Trustees in...
carrying the Act into effect, including any salaries or remuneration, superannuation allowances, additional allowances, or gratuity paid to the librarian and other officers of the said Trustees—(Mr. Guinness.)

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.

Protection of Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant July, That the Protection of Animals Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Places (Order) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Places (Order) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Authors' (Law of Libel) Protection Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Authors' (Law of Libel) Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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 this day.

Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Trusts and Combines Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of June last, That the Trusts and Combines Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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 sixteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning till this day.

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 National Library of Scotland Bill [Lords] is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 114.]

Tuesday, 28th July 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Provisional Order Bills [Lords]

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. 5) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (Water) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Provisional Order Bills [Lords] No Standing Orders applicable.

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, no Standing Orders have been complied with, viz. —

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Amendments made by the Lords Corporation to the Leeds 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 Third Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time [Lords.] upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Surrey County Council Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Standing Order 99 was read, and amended, in l. 12, by leaving out the words "or Edinburgh"; and, in l. 13, after the word "Glasgow," and, if any powers are sought by the Bill which affect Scotland or Northern Ireland shall also be published once in the Edinburgh or Belfast Gazette."

Standing Order 33 was read, and amended, in l. 12, by inserting, at the end thereof, as a new subsection, the following words:—
"(4) Of every Private Bill relating to Northern Ireland at the Office of the Secretary of State for the Home Department."

Standing Order 198a was read, and amended, in l. 5, by leaving out the words "and every Petition for an additional Provision"; and, in l. 9, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and every Petition for an additional Provision shall require to be endorsed in like manner before it is presented to the House."—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Kirkcudbright Burgh 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.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report of the Superphosphate Committee in connection with the Safeguarding of Industries.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley 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 Oundle and parts of the Rural Districts of Thrapston and Oundle, all in the county of Northampton;
(2) the City of Wells, the Borough of Glastonbury, the Urban Districts of Highbridge, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, and Shepton Mallet, part of the Urban District of Burnham, the Rural District of Clutton, and parts of the Rural Districts of Axbridge, Bath, Frome, Keynsham, Shepton Mallet, and Wells, all in the County of Somerset.

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 1924, under licences granted under the Act 39 and 40 Vic., cap. 77, distinguishing the nature of the Experiments (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 135, of Session 1924).—(Mr. Goffrey Locker-Lampson.)

Mr. Wells reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on the Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill [Lords] to whom the Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill was committed; that in respect of the Moneylenders Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee had considered the Bill, and taken evidence thereon, which they had agreed to report to the House; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereof.

Mr. Wells further reported from the Select Committee; that they had directed him to report the Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

Mr. Wells further reported from the Select Special 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.

The Chartered Associations (Protection of Names and Uniforms) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Yarmouth Haven Bridge Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Tramways Provisional Orders Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Yarmouth Haven Bridge Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Of Axbridge, Bath, Frome, Keynsham, Shepton Mallet, and Wells, all in the County of Somerset.
which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to remove the liability of husbands for torts committed by their wives whether before or after marriage; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed, and they agree to the Amendments made by the Commons to one other of their Amendments to the said Bill, without any Amendment.

The Married Women (Torts) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords] be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Colonel Groatton reported from the Committee of Selection that they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the National Library of Scotland Bill [Lords]):—The Lord Advocate, Lord Balniel, Mr. Bethel, Sir Henry Cusens, Mr. Crawford, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Polia, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. West Russell, Sir James Sims, Colonel Sinclair, Major Steel, Sir Victor Warrender and Mr. Windsor.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Sir John Gilmour, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mr. Guinness, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the offices of Sheriff Clerk, Procurator Fiscal, and Commisary Clerk in Scotland, and to make further provision regarding proceedings in the Sheriff Courts:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock, and that the Proceedings on Government Business other than the Business of Supply be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Secretary Sir William Jounson-Hicks);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Sir Harry Barnston, 245.
Mr. Frederick Tom- son:

Mr. Parkinson, 101.
Mr. Charles Edwards:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Supply [17th allotted Day.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Sir William Mitchell-Thomson.)
The Diseases of Animals Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:

Mr. Speaker’s Certificate.

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

JOHN HENRY WHITLEY,
Speaker.

Mr. Frederick Thomson reported from the Committee on National Library of Scotland [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to establish a National Library in Scotland on the foundation of the Library gifted for that purpose by the Faculty of Advocates and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of (1) any expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works in connection with the reconstruction, extension, or adaptation, and the repair, maintenance, and insurance of premises to be made available by the Faculty of Advocates for the use of the Trustees of the National Library of Scotland, or with the re-adaptation of such premises for the use of the said Faculty, and of rates and taxes leviable on the said premises during the occupation thereof by the said Trustees; and (2) any expenses incurred by the said Trustees in carrying the Act into effect, including any salaries or remuneration, superannuation allowances, additional allowances, or gratuity paid to the librarian and other officers of the said Trustees.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Navy and Air Expenditure, 1923-24:

Ordered, that the Report be received to-morrow.

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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of June last, That the Trusts and Combines Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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 sixteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Nottingham Corporation Bill [Lords.] be re-committed to the former Committee in respect of Clauses 44 and 46.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 236 and 237 be suspended, and that the Committee on the re-committed Bill have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (Water) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That in the case of the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill [Lords.], Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill [Lords.], Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Bill [Lords.], Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords.], Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords.], Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords.], and Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (Water) Bill [Lords.], Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the Committee on Unopposed Bills have leave to consider the Bills to-morrow.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Secretary Sir William Joysson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command, the following Report:—

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Irish Free Command, the following Report:—Copy of Further Statement of the Financial Position between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State in 1924-25.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Boyle-Carpenter reported from the Butteglen Committee on Group E of Private Bills: That the Burgh Bill, in the case of the Burgh of Burgh Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not [Preamble not proved] to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel: That they had appointed Sir Robert Sanders to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the National Library of Scotland Bill [Lords.].

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B), that in the case of the Nottingham Corporation Bill [Lords.] he had re-committed the former Committee in respect of Clauses 44 and 46: the Committee had reconsidered the said Clauses of the Bill, and had further examined the allegations of the Bill as reconsidered and passed by the Committee relating to the said Clauses; and found the same to be true, and had made Amendments in the Bill relative to the said Clauses.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the West Cheshire Water Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill with Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Slough Trading Company (Superannuation) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the West Cheshire Water Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Stockton-on-Tees 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 Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock, and that the Proceedings on Navy and Air Expenditure, 1923-24, and on the Telegraph (Money) Bill be exempted at this day’s Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain);—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Mr. Charles Edwards :
Sir Harry Barnston :
Mr. Thomas Hele :
Mr. Charles Edwards :

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Nov the Committee.)

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1923-26. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £106 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 1926 for expenditure on Shipbuilding not provided for in the original Estimates for the year, after allowing for anticipated reductions in Expenditure and additional Appropriations-in-Aid on Navy Votes generally, viz.:

Vote 8, Shipbuilding, &c. £ 5 25,470
Section I.—Personnel 25,470
Section III. — Contract 429,800
Vote 9, Naval Armaments 10,000

£465,270

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £50 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald);—Debate arising;

Mr. Bridgeman rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Colonel Gibbs and Sir Harry Barnston 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.

Question put accordingly, That a sum not exceeding £50 be granted for the said Service. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Charles Edwards :
Mr. Warne :

Mr. Harry Barnston :
Sir Harry Barnston :

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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of this instant July;—

Ordered, that the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of this instant July;—

Ordered, that the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of this instant July;—

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.

Earl Winterton reported from the Committee Navy and Air on Navy and Air Expenditure, 1923-24, Expenditure, 1923-24, on several Resolutions: which were read, as follow:

Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1924, and the statement appended thereto, 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 £3,935,650 5 1.

| Net Surplus | £3,935,650 5 1 |

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

1. The application of such sums be sanctioned.

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved Telegraph itself into a Committee on the Telegraph [Money] Bill [Money] Bill.

(To be reported.)

### Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. M'Neil reported from the Committee on Tithe [Money] a Resolution, which was read, [Money] as followeth:

That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to tithe rentcharge and other rentcharges, rents, and payments in lieu of tithe, and the payment of rates thereon, and for other matters connected therewith, it is expedient that there shall in each year be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue such sum as the Treasury may certify to be payable by those Commissioners under the said Act in respect of rates assessed on Queen Anne's Bounty as the owner of any tithe rentcharge vested in them under the said Act, after deducting therefrom amounts not less than the following (that is to say) : an amount equal to £5 for every £100 of tithe rentcharge previously attached to benefices which is liable to be rated, and which is for the time being vested in Queen Anne's Bounty, and an amount equal to £16 for every £100 of
The House, pursuant to the Order of the Slough House of the 29th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Company Bill. Amendments made by the Lords to the Slough Trading Company Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords: and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the West Cheshire House of the 29th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the West Cheshire 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.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the Stockton-on-Tees 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 Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District Council 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.

A verbal Amendment was made to the Stockton-on-Tees Corporation Bill: 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District Council 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.

The Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District 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.

The Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District 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.

The Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District 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.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Boundaries 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Oldham Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were 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.

A Public Petition was presented, and read and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Special Order under the Trade Boards Act, 1918, dated 27th July 1925; entitled the Trade Boards (Rope, Twine, and Net and Drift Nets) Order, 1925. Copies of Regulations under the Trade Boards Act, 1909, dated 28th July 1925, entitled—

1. The Trade Boards (Rope, Twine, and Net Trade Board, Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations, 1925; and
2. The Trade Boards (Drift Nets Mending Trade, Great Britain) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules of the General Nursing Council for Scotland for Registration of Future Nurses, under the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Jopson-Hicks presented,—Return to an Address, dated the 25th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Lane-Fox presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Colliery Accident Funds (Great Britain).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence with the Treasury respecting the reduction of Belgrade to the rank of a Second Class Mission for purposes of pension, 25th May 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Customs and Excise, Commissioner of His Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended 31st March 1925, being the Sixty-ninth Report relating to the Customs and the Sixty-eighth Report relating to the Excise.

Mr. Guinness also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account Act, 1901, 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 1925, with a Copy of the Report of the Pacific Cable Board.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bridgeman presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Correspondence with the Treasury respecting the reduction of Belgrade to the rank of a Second Class Mission for purposes of pension, 25th May 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Robert Sanders reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the National Library of Scotland Bill [Lords] was referred: That they had gone through the said Bill and made Amendments thereinunto.

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.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A): That in the case of the Bexhill Corporation Bill [Lords] referred to the Committee, 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 thereinunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Foreign Secretary had been brought from the Lords by the Lords' one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Lanarkshire County Council Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the London and North Eastern Railway Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Mental Deficiency (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministers of Religion (Removal of Disqualifications) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Education (Scotland) (Superannuation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Salford Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage (Ouse) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Allotments Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Middlesex County Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Allotments Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Burnley Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bath Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Middlesex County Council 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 Advertisements Regulation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Poole Harbour Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London Electricity Supply (No. 7) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London Electricity Supply (No. 2) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London Electricity Supply (No. 1) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London Electricity Supply Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London Electricity Supply (No. 8) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Allotments Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.


Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Allotments Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Dangerous Drugs Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Sir Joseph Hall reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B) that in the case of the West Ham Corporation Bill (Lo-tis) they had examined the allegations 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.

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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 (Water) 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Boothferry Bridge Bill [Lords]; that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 1st day of July, the additional provision referred to in such Resolution had been inserted in the Bill.

The Chairman of Ways and Means further reported from the Committee: That they had examined the allegations 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.

Sir Park Goff reported from the Committee on Group F of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Unemployment Insurance Bill and the Telegraph (Money) Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply, and be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain.)

The House, according to Order proceeded to take into consideration the Unemployment Insurance Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 6, by leaving out Clause 1. (Mr. Compton.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "have," in l. 9, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Hacking, Yeas, 244.
Captain Margesson : ]

Tellers for the [Mr. Barnes, Noes, 141.
Mr. Charles Edwards : ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six."—(Mr. Charleton.)

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. Barnes, Yeas, 139.
Mr. Charles Edwards : ]

Tellers for the [Major Hennessy, Noes, 244.
Mr. Frederick Thompson : ]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 14, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and as though the words if in addition to satisfying the requirements aforesaid he also proves" and the words following to the end of the subsection were omitted."—(Mr. George Hall.)

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. Parkinson, Yeas, 141.
Mr. Warne : ]

Tellers for the [Major Hennessy, Noes, 216.
Mr. Frederick Thompson : ]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 14, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "as if paragraphs (c) and (d) were omitted:"—(Mr. Stephen.)

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. Parkinson, Yeas, 138.
Mr. Warne : ]

Tellers for the [Major Hennessy, Noes, 211.
Lord Stanley : ]

So it passed in the Negative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 14, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided that any regulations made by the Minister with respect to the conditions under which a person is to be authorised to receive benefit shall be laid before each House of Parliament as soon as may be after they are made, and if an Address is presented to His Majesty by either House of Parliament within the next subsequent twenty days on which House has sat next 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 to the making of any new regulation."—(Mr. Trevelyan Thompson.)

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 Sir Godfrey Collins, Yeas, Sir Robert Hutchison: 144.

Tellers for the Sir Harry Barnston, Captain M Margesson: 244.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by leaving out Clause 2,—(Mr. Stephen.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 9, by leaving out Clause 3.—(Mr. Poling.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "have," in l. 13, stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir Harry Barnston, Captain Margesson: 191.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Hughes: 120.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 31st July 1925:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 13, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "from the first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-five."—(Mr. Luke Thompson.)

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, by leaving out the word "December" and inserting the word "October."—(Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "December" stand part of the proposed Amendment:

The House divided,

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The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Barnes, Yeas, Mr. Barnes: 98.

Tellers for the Major Cope, Noes, Captain Margesson: 167.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "October" be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words, as amended, be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and as though the following provisions were added:

Provided that if the continuous period of unemployment is longer than two weeks benefit shall be payable from the commencement."—(Mr. Buchanan.)

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. Thomas Kennedy, Yeas, Mr. Warne: 79.

Tellers for the Colonel Gibbs, Noes, Captain Hacking: 150.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof the words,—

"Provided that in the case of a person who has received benefit in respect of a continuous period of unemployment commencing on a date subsequent to the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, benefit for any further period of continuous unemployment shall be payable from the commencement."—(Mr. Buchanan.)

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. Charles Edwards, Yeas, Mr. Barnes: 76.

Tellers for the Major Hennessy, Noes, Major Cope: 139.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 13, by inserting, after the word "payable," the words "by the employer contributor and."—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

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 Sir Godfrey Collins, Yeas, Mr. Crawford: 76.

Tellers for the Colonel Gibbs, Noes, Major Hennessy: 144.

So it passed in the Negative.

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Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Telegraph (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 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, 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 Coastguard 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd 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 27th 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 28th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to one of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant July, That the Protection of Animals Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men 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 Chartered Associations (Protection of Names and Uniforms) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 this day.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-eight minutes after One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[No. 117.]

Friday, 31st July 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the Burnley Corporation Bill, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Burnley 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, pursuant to the Order of the Bath House Bill, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bath 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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 29th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Middlesex County Council Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mansfield 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 Mid-Glamorgan Water Board 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.)

And notice being taken that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. Hope, 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newbury Corporation 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.

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

National Health Insurance Fund Accounts.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Appendix to the National Health Insurance Fund Accounts, 1922.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Diseases of Animals Acts.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 27th July 1925, authorising the landing of seven deer at the Port of London (Tilbury Docks) and defining quarantine station for them.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Davidson.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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 Public Health Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Irvine Burgh 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 Irvine Burgh; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Public Health Bill. Bill 250.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Public Health Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Irvine Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.]

The Irvine Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Unemployed Insurance 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 three months."—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word " now " stand part of the Question:

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Polleney, 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 a Measure 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 the Measure therein mentioned: and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measure, as follows:

1. Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Act, 1925.
2. Former Enemy Aliens (Disabilities Removal) Act, 1925.
4. Guardianship of Infants Act, 1925.
5. Dramatic and Musical Performers’ Protection Act, 1925.
7. Improvement of Land Act (1899) Amendment Act, 1925.
8. Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925.
9. Theatrical Employers Registration Act, 1925.
10. Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Act, 1825.
11. Advertisements Regulation Act, 1925.
12. Mental Deficiency (Amendment) Act, 1925.
14. Education (Scotland) (Supernumeration) Act, 1925.
15. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1925.
16. Board of Education Scheme (Winchester, Christ’s Hospital School Foundation) Confirmation Act, 1925.
17. Wemyss and District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
18. Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
20. Lanarkshire County Council Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
22. Land Drainage (Black Sluice) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
23. Land Drainage (Ouse) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
24. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1925.
25. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1925.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to Teachers take into consideration the Amendments made (Superannuation) by the Lords to the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to one of the Amendments made by this House to the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords]: 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.

And to the following Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1918—

Bishopric of Leicester Measure, 1925.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

And the Question being put;

The House divided,

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibbs, Major Cope];

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Charles Edwards];

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.

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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of June last, That the Trusts and Combines Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

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.

[No. 118.]
Monday, 3rd August 1925.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Blackpool Improvement Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Ipswich Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Leek Urban District Council Water Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Scarborough Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;
Mr. Hope, 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.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Colonial Bank 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 Bethlem Second Reading of the Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Standing Order 36a was read, and amended, in l. 2, by leaving out the words "Expendi-
ture for," and inserting the words "Expense of," instead thereof; in l. 3, by leaving out the words "permanent works," and inserting the words "work or purpose described in the Appendix marked (B)," instead thereof, and by leaving out the word "executed," and inserting the words "carried out," instead thereof; in l. 10, by leaving out the word "following," and by inserting, after the word "form," the words "set forth in the Appendix marked (B)"; in l. 12, by inserting, after the word "permit," the words "and no other Estimates shall be required from the Pro-
moters"; and by leaving out ll. 13 to 27, inclusive.

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<td>Feeders and distributors</td>
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<td>Machines and Plant</td>
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<td>(In the case of generating plant specify whether steam, gas, diesel, &amp;c.)</td>
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<td>*Purchase of electricity undertaking where the price has been fixed</td>
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<td>Ferries (specifying type) :</td>
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<td>(a) Vessels</td>
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<td>(b) Landing stages, &amp;c.</td>
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</table>
Furniture and moveable equipment—$  
Gas—  
Generating plant—  
Gas holders—  
Mains—  
| Cast iron |  
| Steel |  
| *Purchase of gas undertaking where the price has been fixed—  
Harbours, Docks, and Piers—  
| Docks, &c. (stating, generally, character and method of construction) |  
| Breakwaters—  
| (a) rubble mound |  
| (b) concrete block |  
| Piers |  
| (a) ferro-concrete |  
| (b) timber |  
| Machinery (except pumping machinery, dredgers, &c.)—  
| Machinery not included under other headings (stating, generally, its character) |  
| Omnibuses (specifying type)—  
| Roads and Streets—  
| New roads |  
| Road or street widening |  
| Sea Defence Works (stating, generally, their character and materials to be used) |  
| Sewage Disposal Works—  
| Tanks |  
| Machinery |  
| Sewers—  
| Brick, concrete, cast iron, glazed ware |  
| Concrete tubes, reinforced steel pipes—  
| Tramways, Tramroads, and Trackless Trolley Undertakings—  
| Depots and car sheds |  
| Permanent way—  
| (a) public road lines |  
| (b) separate track on sleepers |  
| Electrical equipment—  
| (a) Posts and overhead wires |  
| (b) Cables and feeders |  
| (c) Generating plant |  
| Cars |  
| Waterworks—  
| Mains—  
| Cast iron |  
| Steel |  
| Concrete or other material (specifying material) |  
| Reservoirs—  
| Impounding (with earth or masonry dams) |  
| Service (specifying nature of construction) |  
| Pumping machinery |  
| Filters |  
| Gravity |  
| Pressure |  
| Sterilisation plant |  
| Wells or other works |  
| *Purchase of water undertakings where the price has been fixed—  

* The Estimate should be accompanied by an Engineer’s Report as to age, extent, condition, and value of the works, divided under suitable headings.

was inserted, after Appendix (A).—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Irish Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
The Lords have agreed to the Roads Improvement Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Barrow-in-Furness 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 Stock Conversion and Investment Trust, Limited, Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to regulate the publication of reports of judicial proceedings in such manner as to prevent injury to public morals: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Roads Improvement Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow: and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, Supplementary Estimates for New Services may be considered in Committee of Supply, and that Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock.—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Hacking, Sir Harry Barnston]: 129.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Hayes]: 63.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

Class II.

1. £143,808 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 1906, Expenses under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, a Subsidy for Steamer Services to the Hebrides, and Grants in respect of Unemployment Schemes.

2. £35,515 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board for Scotland, including Expenses of Marine Superintendence, Loans to Herring Fishermen for the Purchase of Drift Nets, and Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays.

Class III.

3. £385,000, for Grants in respect of Police Expenditure and for a Grant in Aid of the Police Federation in Scotland.

4. £3,127,805 (including a Supplementary sum of £32,703) for Public Education in Scotland, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a Grant in Aid.

5. £1,976,885 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., Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, and certain Grants in Aid.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,565,386 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, including a subsidy on Sugar and Molasses manufactured from Beet grown in Great Britain, Expenses under the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, Loans to Agricultural Co-operative Societies, Grants for Agricultural Education and Research, a Grant to the Royal Botanic Gardens, and other Grants in Aid: and of the Scottish Board of Health, including a Grant in Aid.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put severally the Question necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration.

And it being Ten of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration.

6. That a sum not exceeding £1,520,754 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.:—

Class I.

1. £80,140

2. £19,570

3. £151,410

4. £57,270

5. £5

6. £7,565

7. £6,680

8. £90,900

9. £21,000

10. £1,034,564

11. £60,930

12. £10,970

13. £7,565

14. £57,270

£1,520,754

Question put, and agreed to.
16 Geo. V.

3rd August.

Class II.

7. That a sum not exceeding £4,990,331 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<th>Service Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. House of Lords Offices</td>
<td>£27,560</td>
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<td>2. House of Commons</td>
<td>£242,748</td>
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<td>3. Treasury and Subordinate Departments</td>
<td>£195,807</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Home Office</td>
<td>£233,744</td>
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<td>5. Foreign Office</td>
<td>£103,170</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. India Office</td>
<td>£76,269</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Privy Council Office</td>
<td>£7,221</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Board of Trade</td>
<td>£334,114</td>
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<tr>
<td>9a. Australian and New Zealand</td>
<td>£99,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Department of Overseas Trade</td>
<td>£224,967</td>
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<td>11. Mercantile Marine Services</td>
<td>£245,035</td>
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<td>12. Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade</td>
<td>£5</td>
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<td>13. Forestry Commission</td>
<td>£300,600</td>
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<td>14. Ministry of Transport (including a Supplementary sum of £15,000)</td>
<td>£15,000</td>
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<td>15. Charity Commission</td>
<td>£28,531</td>
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<td>16. Government Accountant</td>
<td>£37,276</td>
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<td>17. Government Civil Service Commission</td>
<td>£41,649</td>
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<td>18. Exchequer and Audit Department</td>
<td>£100,933</td>
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<td>19. Friendly Societies' Registry</td>
<td>£89,000</td>
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<td>20. Government Actuary</td>
<td>£27,049</td>
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<td>21. Board of Control, England</td>
<td>£20,049</td>
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<tr>
<td>22. Public Record Office</td>
<td>£307,804</td>
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<td>23. Mint</td>
<td>£350,000</td>
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<td>24. National Debt Office</td>
<td>£11,995</td>
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<td>25. Public Works Loan Commission</td>
<td>£21,122</td>
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<tr>
<td>26. Registrar General's Office, England</td>
<td>£55,718</td>
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<tr>
<td>27. State Management Districts</td>
<td>£18,262</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28. Stationery and Printing</td>
<td>£963,869</td>
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<tr>
<td>29. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>£533,420</td>
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<tr>
<td>30. Office of Works and Public Buildings</td>
<td>£300,000</td>
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<td>31. Secret Service</td>
<td>£100,600</td>
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<td>32. Privy Council Office</td>
<td>£1,509</td>
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Scotland:

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<th>Service Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>36. Board of Agriculture</td>
<td>£295,773</td>
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<td>37. General Board of Control</td>
<td>£46,354</td>
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<tr>
<td>38. Registrar General's Office</td>
<td>£10,332</td>
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Ireland:

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<th>Service Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>40. Northern Ireland Services</td>
<td>£23,037</td>
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Total: £4,990,331

8. That a sum not exceeding £5,390,432 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<th>Service Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Law Charges</td>
<td>£123,504</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>£19,643</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£216,135</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Land Registry</td>
<td>£63,690</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Public Trustee</td>
<td>£5</td>
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<td>6. County Courts</td>
<td>£5</td>
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Total: £5,390,432

Class III.

9. That a sum not exceeding £5,390,432 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<th>Service Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>2. British Museum</td>
<td>£175,941</td>
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<td>3. National Gallery</td>
<td>£13,510</td>
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<td>4. National Portrait Gallery</td>
<td>£3,523</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Wallace Collection</td>
<td>£7,377</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. London Museum</td>
<td>£3,276</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>£8,322</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research</td>
<td>£230,262</td>
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<tr>
<td>Scotland:</td>
<td>£5,681</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Total: £5,390,432

Question put and agreed to.

Class V.

10. That a sum not exceeding £4,500,440, 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<tr>
<th>Service Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Diplomatic and Consular Services (including a Supplementary sum of £600,000)</td>
<td>£600,124</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Colonial Services (including a Supplementary sum of £8,000)</td>
<td>£824,207</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Overseas Settlement</td>
<td>£392,925</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Middle Eastern Services (including a Supplementary sum of £155,000)</td>
<td>£2,025,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. League of Nations</td>
<td>£37,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. West Indian Islands Cable, Grant in Aid</td>
<td>£16,084</td>
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Total: £4,500,440
3rd August. 1925.

Question put.
The Committee divided.

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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>£754,879</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£37,005</td>
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<td>3. Old Age Pensions</td>
<td>£16,856,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Ministry of Pensions</td>
<td>£41,929,000</td>
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<td>5. Mercantile Seamen’s War Pensions</td>
<td>£297,371</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Miscellaneous Expenses</td>
<td>£2,821</td>
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<td>7. Royal Commissions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£23,310</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. National Savings Committee</td>
<td>£33,319</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Irish War Graves Commission</td>
<td>£269,028</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund</td>
<td>£49,200</td>
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<td>11. Expenses under the Representation of the People Act</td>
<td>£176,000</td>
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<td>12. Development Fund</td>
<td>£165,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. British Empire Exhibition</td>
<td>£200</td>
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<tr>
<td>14. Government Hospitality Fund</td>
<td>£10,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15. Repayments to the Civil Contingency Fund</td>
<td>£94,539</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>£59,985,172</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

12. That a sum not exceeding £21,001,972 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Estimates for Civil Services.

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<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Ministry of Health</td>
<td>£12,525,977</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Ministry of Labour</td>
<td>£8,339,209</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. National Insurance, Audit Department</td>
<td>£110,640</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Friendly Societies’ Deficiency</td>
<td>£6,146</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>£21,001,972</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

14. That a sum not exceeding £916,000 (including a Supplementary sum of £170,000) 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 1926 for Relief arising out of Unemployment.

Question put and agreed to.

Relief of Unemployment.

15. That a sum not exceeding £5,000 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 1926 to provide for guarantees in respect of Exports of goods wholly or partly produced or manufactured in the United Kingdom.

Question put, and agreed to.

Compensation (Ireland).

16. That a sum not exceeding £306,620 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 1926 for Compensation for Personal Injuries, and for use of, or malicious Damage to, Property, including advances on account of prospective awards of Compensation under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act of the Irish Free State or on the security of stock issued under that Act; ex-gratia Grants awarded in respect of Damage to Property sustained during the Rebellion in Ireland in 1916, Grants to Refugees for the Relief of Distress, and advances in respect of Rent, and other sums payable under the Land Act, 1925, of the Irish Free State.

Question put, and agreed to.

Shipping Liquidation.

17. 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses in connection with Shipping Liquidation.

Question put, and agreed to.

Railway (War) Agreements Liquidation.

18. That a sum not exceeding £598 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 1926 to meet Expenditure arising from the Government Control of Railways in Great Britain and Ireland under the Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871, Section 16.

Question put, and agreed to.

Prize Claims.

19. That a sum not exceeding £32,000 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 1926 for Claims in respect of Ships or Cargoes condemned as Naval Prize or detained and certain Salaries for advisory Duties.

Question put, and agreed to.
Grants for Compensation for Damage by Enemy Action.

20. That a sum not exceeding £80,000 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 1926 for Grants in respect of Compensation for Suffering and Damage by Enemy Action.

Question put, and agreed to.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

21. That a sum not exceeding £39,898,635 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.:

1. Customs and Excise - £2,920,000
2. Inland Revenue - £4,920,635
3. Post Office - £32,958,000

£39,898,635

Question put, and agreed to.


22. That a sum not exceeding £38,361,900 (including a Supplementary sum of £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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

2. Medical Establishments and Services - £457,600
4. Fleet Air Arm - £1,282,000
5. Educational Services - £336,000
8. Sec. 1. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., Personnel (including a Supplementary sum of £25,470) - £7,887,470
9. Naval Armaments (including a Supplementary sum of £429,800) - £6,194,300
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services - £790,600
12. Admiralty Office - £1,246,100
13. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine) - £2,889,800
14. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine), Men - £336,000
15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation, Allowances, and Gratuities - £839,100

Less:

Anticipated savings on the following Votes - £38,688,970

£2,420,010

Question put, and agreed to.

Army Estimates, 1925-26.

23. That a sum not exceeding £27,500,100 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 1926.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Major Cope, Captain Viscount Curzon"

Yea, Noes

272, 123.

Tellers for the "Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Benjamin Smith"

Air Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1925-26.

24. That a sum not exceeding £2,420,010 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 1926, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Force Services, viz.:

5. Medical Services - £244,900
6. Educational Services - £486,000
7. Auxiliary and Reserve Forces - £348,000
8. Civil Aviation (including a Supplementary sum of £10) - £357,910
9. Meteorological and Miscellaneous Effective Services - £131,000
10. Air Ministry - £751,000
11. Half-Pay, Pensions, and other Non-Effective Services - £143,000

£2,420,010

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Sir Harry Barston, Mr. Frederick Thomson"

Yea, Noes

271, 112.

Tellers for the "Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Benjamin Smith"

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 House, according to Order, resolved 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 1926, the sum of £244,772,058 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. (Mr. Guinness.)

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 23rd 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 27th 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 28th day of July last;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Honours (Protection of Abuses) Bill [Lords].
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the National Library of Scotland 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry Bill be now read a second time.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November 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 the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Legitimacy Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November 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 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Criminal Justice Bill as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women (Torts) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coastguard Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dangerous Drugs 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Public Health Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of July last, That the Protection of Animals Bill be now read the third time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) 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 Public Places (Order) 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 Authors' (Law of Libel) Protection 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 Vinegar Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1925, which was presented to Parliament on the 6th day of July last, may be annulled—(Mr. Harney)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Public Health Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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 same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That in the case of the Bexhill Corporation Bill [Lords], Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That in the case of the Boothferry Bridge Bill [Lords], Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)
The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill, as amended in the Committee, into consideration.

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. Hope, 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in the case of the Mersey Tunnel Bill [Lords], Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

Ordered, That in the case of the West Ham Corporation Bill [Lords], Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill, as amended in the Committee, into consideration.

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 Irvine Burgh 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.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of June last, for a Return relative to Foreign Trade.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Colonel Ashley 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 Ashford and the Rural District of West Ashford, in the County of Kent.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by Air Ministry His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report on the progress of Civil Aviation, 1924-25.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare also presented, Air Force His Majesty's Order of 15th April 1925, pro. Reserve, providing for the government, discipline, and pay of Officers of the Special Reserve of Air Force Officers and Special Reservists serving in Special Reserve Squadrons.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of persons in receipt of Poor Law Relief in England and Wales on the night of the 1st day of January 1925 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 144, of Session 1924).—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be pre- sented 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 Ballot Papers rejected at the General Election in October 1924, in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as declared by the returning officer, pursuant to the provisions of the Ballot Act, 1872, under the headings there named, viz.:

(1) Want of official mark ;
(2) Voting for more candidates than entitled to;
(3) Writing or mark by which voter could be identified;
(4) Unmarked, or void of certainty.

(Sir Godfrey Locker-Lampson.)

Sir Richard Barnatt reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Tithe 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 Bill 252. Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.
Mr. William Nicholson reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Rating and Valuation 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. 162.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords byl

Summary of Business of the House.

Standing Committee A, Rating and Valuation Bill.

No. 162.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 235.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday the 16th day of November next; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Summer Time Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Telegraph (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Clydebank Burgh Extension Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the West Hartlepoo Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Darlington Corporation (Transport, &c.) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the New Shoreham Harbour Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Hartlepoo Corporation 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 agreed to the Bradford Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to this House by the Oldham Corporation Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

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 Victoria Infirmary of Glasgow; 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 resumed, at this day's Sitting, from the provisos of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibb, Yeas,

Noes,

Mr. Hayes :]

Mr. Parkinson, 286.

105.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Captain King reported from the Committee Supply of the 3rd day of this instant August, several Resolutions; which were read, as [3rd August] Report.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925–26.

Class II.

1. That a sum not exceeding £143,808 be Secretary for Education 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and Sub-ordinate Offices Expenses under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, Expenses under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, a Subsidy for Steamer Services to the Hebrides, and Grants in respect of Unemployment Schemes.

2. That a sum not exceeding £35,151 be Fishery Board (Scotland,) 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 1926 for Grants in respect of Police Expenditure and for a Grant in Aid of the Police Federation in Scotland.

3. That a sum not exceeding £835,000 be Police (Scotland.) 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 1926 for Grants in respect of Police Expenditure and for a Grant in Aid of the Police Federation in Scotland.

Class IV.

4. That a sum not exceeding £3,127,805 Public Education (Scotland.) 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 1926 for Public Education in Scotland, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a Grant in Aid.

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5. That a sum not exceeding £1,976,885 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 1926 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., Grants in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, and certain Grants in Aid.

Class II.

6. That a sum not exceeding £1,565,386 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 1926 for Expenditure in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. -

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<td>3. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
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<td>4. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain</td>
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<td>7. Mall Approach Improvement</td>
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<td>8. Surveys of Great Britain</td>
<td>£31,152</td>
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<td>11. Works and Buildings in Ireland</td>
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Class III.

7. That a sum not exceeding £1,520,754 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. -

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Class IV.

8. That a sum not exceeding £4,990,331, 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. -

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<td>3. Treasury and Subordinate Departments</td>
<td>£193,867</td>
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<td>4. Finance Office</td>
<td>£233,744</td>
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<td>£103,170</td>
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<td>£7,221</td>
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<td>7. Road of Trade</td>
<td>£334,714</td>
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<td>8. Australian Zinc Concentrates</td>
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<td>9. Board of Trade</td>
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<td>10. Mercantile Marine Services</td>
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9. That a sum not exceeding £4,990,331, 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. -

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10. That a sum not exceeding £5,390,432 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. -
of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

1. British Museum: £172,941
2. National Gallery: £13,910
4. Wallace Collection: £7,977
5. London Museum: £3,276
6. Imperial War Museum: £8,322
7. Scientific Investigation, &c.: £108,167
8. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research: £230,263
10. Scotland: £5,081

£1,364,288

Class V.

11. That a sum not exceeding £4,506,440 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

1. Diplomatic and Consular Services (including a Supplementary sum of £690,000): £604,124
2. Colonial Services (including a Supplementary sum of £8,000): £824,207
3. Overseas Settlement: £392,225
4. Middle Eastern Services (including a Supplementary sum of £355,000): £2,625,000
5. League of Nations: £37,500
6. West Indian Islands Cable, Grant in Aid: £16,684

£3,500,440

Class VI.

12. That a sum not exceeding £60,083,172 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances: £754,879
2. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c.: £37,005
3. Old Age Pensions: £16,856,000
4. Ministry of Pensions: £41,026,000
5. Merchant Seamen's War Pensions: £267,971
6. Miscellaneous Expenses: £2,621
7. Royal Commissions, &c.: £33,516
8. National Savings Committee: £3,276
9. Imperial War Graves Commission: £626,028
10. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund: £49,200
11. Expenses under the Representation of the People Act: £176,000
12. Development Fund: £103,100
13. British Empire Exhibition: £300
14. Government Hospitality Fund: £10,000
15. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund: £94,329

£604,124

13. That a sum not exceeding £21,001,972 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

1. Ministry of Health: £12,325,977
3. National Insurance, Audit Department: £110,640
4. Friendly Societies' Deficiency: £6,146

£21,001,972

Unemployment Grants.

14. That a sum not exceeding £350,000 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 1926 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.

15. That a sum not exceeding £916,000 (including a Supplementary sum of £170,000), 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 1926 for Relief arising out of Unemployment.

Export Credits.

16. That a sum not exceeding £5,000 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 1926 to provide for guarantees in respect of Exports of goods wholly or partly produced or manufactured in the United Kingdom.

Compensation (Ireland).

17. That a sum not exceeding £306,620 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 1926 for Compensation for Personal Injuries, and for use of, or malicious Damage to, Property, including advances on account of prospective awards of Compensation under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act of the Irish Free State or on the security of stock issued under that Act; ex-gratia Grants awarded in respect of damage to Property sustained during the Rebellion in Ireland in 1916, Grants to Refugees for the Relief of Distress, and advances in respect of Rent, and other sums payable under the Land Act, 1923, of the Irish Free State.

Shipping Liquidation.

18. 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 1926 for the Salaries and Expenses in connection with Shipping Liquidation.

Railway (War) Agreements Liquidation.

19. That a sum not exceeding £598 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 1926 to meet Expenditure arising from the Government Control of Railways in Great Britain and Ireland under the Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871, Section 18.

Prize Claims.

20. That a sum not exceeding £33,000 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 1926 for Claims in respect of Ships or Cargoes condemned as Naval Prize or detained and certain Salaries for advisory Duties.

Grants for Compensation for Damage by Enemy Action.

21. That a sum not exceeding £80,000 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 1926 for Grants in respect of Compensation for Suffering and Damage by Enemy Action.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

22. That a sum not exceeding £39,898,635 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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23. That a sum not exceeding £38,361,900 (including a Supplementary sum of £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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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<td>£6,194,900</td>
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15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation, Allowances, and Grants, including a Supplementary sum of £10:

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**Loss:**

Anticipated savings on the following Votes:

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**Army Estimates, 1925-26.**

24. That a sum not exceeding £27,500,100 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 1926.

**Air Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1925-26.**

25. That a sum not exceeding £2,420,010 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 1926 for Expenditure in respect of the Air Force Services, viz.:

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The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

And it being Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, put Questions to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the (pursuant to 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, 1925-26.

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:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Colonel Gibbs, Yea, [Sir Harry Barnston : 292].

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, Noes, [Mr. Charles Edwards : 127].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
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;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Captain Hacking, 
Yea,
Major Hennessy
Noes,
Mr. Charles Edwards:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IV.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class IV. of the Civil Services Estimates; It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class V.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class V. of the Civil Services Estimates; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Major Cope, 
Mr. Frederick Thoms
Yea,
son:
Noes,
Mr. Hayes:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VI.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class VI. of the Civil Services Estimates; It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Army Estimates, 1925-26.

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);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Sir Harry Barnston, 
Yea,
Captain Hacking
Noes,
Mr. Warne:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.


And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Air Force Estimates;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Major Hennessy, 
Major Cope:
Yea,
Noes,
Mr. Hayes:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1925-26.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Revenue Departments Estimates; It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 (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 (War) Agreements Liquidation:—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 Grants for Compensation for Damage by Enemy Action:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.


Captain Hacking reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 3rd day of this instant August, 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 1926, the sum of £344,773,068 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Guinness do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund.

Mr. Guinness 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-six, 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 to-morrow; and to be printed.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Honours (Prevention of Abuses) Bill [Lords].

In the Committee.

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 2, l. 11, at end insert as new subsections:

"(5) If damage is caused to the property of any person by anything done in exercise of the powers conferred by this section, that person shall, unless the damage was caused or contributed to by his negligence, be entitled to recover compensation therefor from the Minister, county council or other highway authority by whom the powers were exercised.

(6) For the purposes of section seven of the Telegraph Act, 1878, any work done in exercise of the powers conferred by this section shall be deemed to be work done in the execution of an undertaking authorised by an Act of Parliament, and any county council or highway authority carrying out the work shall be deemed to be the undertakers."

the first Amendment, being read a second time: And it appearing that the object of the [Special Amendment was to make the provisions of] the Bill uniform and consistent, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 21, after Clause 4, insert new Clause A, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 6, l. 21, after Clause 4, insert new Clause A (Power to prescribe building lines)—the next Amendment, being read a second time: And it appearing [Special that the object of the Amendment was to make] the Bill uniform and consistent, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 6, l. 38, at end, insert as a new subsection:

"(3) If damage is caused to the property of any person by anything done in exercise of the powers conferred by this section, that person shall, unless the damage was caused or contributed to by his negligence, be entitled to recover compensation therefrom for the Minister."

the next Amendment, being read a second time: And it appearing that the object of the [Special Amendment was to rectify an omission made entry:] by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords' Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
The 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 Dangerous Drugs 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.  
—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks.)

The Lords' Amendment in p. 9, 1. 29, being read a second time, were agreed to.  
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 part of the Rural District of Wirral and the Urban District of Neston and Parkgate, in the County of Chester, which was presented on the 6th day of July 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Animals Bill, Second Reading of the Vinegar Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 30, l. 32, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 30, l. 32, after ("rate") insert ("not exceeding two pence") the next Amendment, being read a second time: And as it appeared that no (Special additional charge was thrown on the rates, the Entry.) same was agreed to.

Then the next Lords' Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 33, l. 22, at end, insert the following new subsection:  
("(2) The expenditure under this section of a local authority shall not exceed in any one year an amount equal to that which would be produced by a rate of one penny in the pound on the property liable to be assessed for the purpose of the rate out of which such expenditure is payable.")

The next Amendment, being read a second time: And as it appeared that no additional (Special charge was thrown on the rates, the Entry.) same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 38, l. 28, being read a second time, were agreed to.

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:  
Wednesday, 5th August 1925:  
The Lords' Amendment in p. 38, l. 28, after ("relate") insert ("Where any parking place is part of a street, regulations may provide for charges to be paid to the local authority in respect of the services of an attendant."), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the remaining Lords' Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.  
Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned Bill.  
Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Womersley.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Protection of Animals Bill, upon the 21st day of July last, That the Protection of Animals 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 Vinegar Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of November next.

Mr. Womersley reported from the Committee public Health appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned Bill, to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the
Public Health Bill: That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they 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. 38, l. 28, for the following Reason—

Because they consider it inexpedient to authorise the making of a charge (direct or indirect) for the use of a highway.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 120.]

Wednesday, 5th August 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 29th day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hartlepool Corporation (Transport, &c.) 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 29th day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the New Shoreham 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 House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 29th day of July last, 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.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 29th day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bradford 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, according to Order, proceeded to Victoria Infirmary of Glasgow Act, 1888 (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

A Public Petition was presented and read; Public Petitions, Vide Second Report.

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Coal Mining Command.—Copy of Explanatory Memorandum of the Terms of Settlement of the Dispute in the Coal Mining Industry.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to Education the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fifty-second Annual Report by the Accountant in Edinburgh to the Scottish Education Department.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Eustace Percy presented, by His Research Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee of the Privy Council for Scientific and Industrial Research for the year 1924-25.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Edward Wood presented, pursuant to the British Sugar Act, 1925, by companies which manufactured
in Great Britain in 1924-25 sugar or molasses from home-grown beet.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th July 1925, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Collection of Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Persons in Receipt of Poor Law Relief in England and Wales.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Ashley 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 an arrangement made in pursuance of Section 10 of that Act by the Isle of Wight Electric Light and Power Company, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Rules of the Supreme Court (Shipowners Negligence Remedies), 1925, dated 30th July 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Eleventh Annual Report of the Board of Control for 1924 on Lunacy and Mental Deficiency.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Marriott reported from the Select Committee on Estimates; That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them and Appendices.

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 28th day of April last, the 1st, 13th and 26th days of May last, the 11th, 15th, 17th and 18th days of June last, the 30th day of July last, and the 4th day of this instant August, 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. George Hall, supported by Mr. David Grosfell, Mr. Stephen Walsh, Mr. Hartshorn, Mr. Barker, Mr. William Adamson, Mr. Cape, Mr. John, and Mr. Jenkins, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the housing of persons employed in or about mines, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of November next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business and on any Private Business set down for consideration at a quarter-past Eight of the clock this evening, by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and that, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 8, any such Private Business may be taken after half-past Nine of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the } Colonel Gibbs, 
Yea, Sir Harry Barnston : 
} 233.
Tellers for the } Mr. Parkinson,  
Mr. Harris ; 
Noes } 100.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill Consolidated was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Surrey Third Reading of the Surrey County Council Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Hope, 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed in the Mersey Tunnel Bill upon the 4th day of this instant August, That, in the case of the Mersey Tunnel Bill (Lords), Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was made to the Question, in l. 2, by inserting, after the word "that,"
the words "notwithstanding the fact that the allowance of a term of eighty years for the repayment of certain loans is contrary to Standing Order 173a, having regard to the special circumstances mentioned in the Report of the Committee."—(The Chairman of Ways and Means)—and the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That, in the case of the Mersey Tunnel Bill [Lords], Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended and that, notwithstanding the fact that the allowance of a term of eighty years for the repayment of certain loans is contrary to Standing Order 173a, having regard to the special circumstances mentioned in the Report of the Committee, the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.

The House, accordingly proceeded to take the Bill, as amended in the Committee, into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, in the Preamble, by leaving out II. 17 to 22, inclusive.—(Sir Henry Cautley.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill ;—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Hope, 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 therein as they shall think fit.

And notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. Hope, 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas propose to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Langley Mill and Heanor Gas Light and Coke Company, Limited, which was presented on the 15th July and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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 Great Yarmouth Gas Company, which was presented on the 15th July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Neville.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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 Devizes, which was presented on the 15th July and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The House, according to Order, resolved Dangerous itself into a Committee on the Dangerous Drugs Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 7 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.
The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Captain Hacking, 192. Captain Margesson: 70. Tellers for the Mr. Dalton, Mr. Crawford: 385

The Yeas were: 234. The Noes were: 14. The majority was: 220. The amendment was carried. The Lords' Amendment in p. 3, 1, 19, leave out from ("cease") to the end of l. 21, the first Amendment, being read a second time: And it appearing that the object of the Amendment Entry was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 20, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 20, l. 21, after ("that "), insert,— "Provided that if for any reason other than the death of the widow the widow's pension ceases to be payable before the expiration of the time during which an additional allowance is payable, such cessor shall not affect the continuance of the additional allowance ", the next Amendment, being read a second time: And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 3, l. 24, at end, insert,— (a) if no widow's pension is payable by reason of there being no child under the age of fourteen, but there is a child over the age of fourteen in respect of whom an additional allowance would be payable if the widow were entitled to a widow's pension, an additional allowance shall be payable in respect of that child; and the last Amendment, being read a second time: And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

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 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.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 29th day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Walsall 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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 29th day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wolverhampton 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 Victoria Infirmary of Glasgow Act, 1888 (Amendment), Order Confirmation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of November next.

The Copy of Views of the Government of India regarding the Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, India Office Letter, dated 5th August 1925, to the Secretary-General, League of Nations.

Earl Winterton presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Views of the Government of India, regarding the Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, India Office Letter, dated 5th August 1925, to the Secretary-General, League of Nations.

Earl Winterton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Coorg Devolution Rules made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Section 45a, read with Section 129a, of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Copy of Order in Council under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 24th July 1925, assenting to a Reserved Bill of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Australia, entitled "A Bill for an Act to amend the Navigation Acts, 1912-20."


Copy of Order in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 24th July 1925, approving an Admiralty Memorial modifying the scale of Training Allowances sanctioned by Order in Council of 13th October 1920.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 24th July Foreign 1925, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, Jurisdiction entitled the Palestinian Citizenship Order, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Railway directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report respecting the Proceedings under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, relative to the Hours of Labour of Railway Servants, during the year ended 27th July 1925.

Copies of Special Orders made by the Electric Electricity tricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Supply) Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1910, in respect of—

1. The Urban District of Thurton and parts of the Rural Districts of Bilsdon, Barrow-upon-Soar, and Blythe, in the County of Leicester;

2. The Urban District of Grange, in the County Palatine of Lancaster;

3. The Urban Districts of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Huthwaite, and Kirkby-in-Ashfield, and parts of the Rural Districts of Bawdsey and Skegby, in the County of Nottingham, and part of the Rural District of Blackwell, in the County of Derby;

4. The Urban District of Stanley, in the County of Durham;

5. The Urban District of Quorn and part of the Rural District of Barrow-upon-Soar, in the County of Leicester.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant Housing to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th August 1925, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the Local Authorities (Assisted Housing Schemes) Amendment Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented,—Return to an Civil Service. Order, dated the 18th day of May last, for No. 166, a Return relative to Civil Service.

Mr. Guinness also presented, pursuant to the Superannua-directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Non Act, Treasury Minute, dated 29th July 1925.
granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Henry Holdner, Assistant Superintendent, General Post Office, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Supreme Court (Rules.)

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 3), 1925, dated 5th August 1925.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing for the years 1913-14 and 1925-26 the appointments in the public service carrying remuneration of £2,000 a year and upwards.—(Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Hall.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statistical Tables relating to the Production, Consumption, and Imports and Exports of Coal in the British Empire and the principal Foreign countries in recent years as far as the particulars can be stated; together with Statements showing the Production of Lignite and Petroleum in the principal producing countries for a series of years (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 285, of Session 1913.).—(Colonel Lane-Fox.)

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by a Copy of the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Mr. Speaker. 1925.

Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) Bill, with an Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

National Library of Scotland Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the National Library of Scotland Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Newbury Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Newbury Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Blackpool Improvement Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Blackpool Improvement Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Survey County Council Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Survey County Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mersey Tunnel Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mersey Tunnel Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.


Mr. Fisher reported from the Select Committee on the General Nursing Council, That this House had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business other than the Committee of Supply 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 (Colonel Gibbons, Yeas; (Sir Harry Barnston : ) 289.

Mr. Parkinson; (Mr. Charles Edwards: ) 121.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply, itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Supplementary Estimate, 1925-26.

Unclassified Service.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £10,000,000 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 1926 for a Subvention in Aid of Wages in the Coal Mining Industry:—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 put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Commander Eyres-Monson, Yeas; (Sir Godfrey Collins, Colonel Gibbons: ) 351.

Major Crawford: ) 16.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means, and 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 1926 the sum of £10,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Guinness)

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 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Tithe Bill, into consideration the Tithe Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 16th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed to be made to the Standing Orders, the House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration : 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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 122.]

Friday, 7th August 1924.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

AN Amendment was proposed to be made to the Table of Fees of the Standing Orders (Private Business) in p. 291, l. 25, by leaving out the words "for the execution of a work."—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Table of Fees:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Judicial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the House of Lords, the Supreme Court of Judicature, County Courts, and other Civil Courts for 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Lane-Fox presented,—Return to an Order Table, Order, dated the 6th day of this instant 1924, August, for a Return relative to Coal Tables, No. 168, 1924.
Mr. Edward Wood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on the Export of Horses to the Continent.

Mr. Edward Wood also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts:

1. Dated 31st July 1925, authorising the landing of four Eld's deer at the Port of London (Tilbury Docks) and defining quarantine station for them;

2. Dated 1st August 1925, ordering that the Foreign Animals Order of 1910 and any Order amending it shall be read and have effect as if the States of California and Texas in the United States of America were included in the Prohibited Countries and Parts of Countries specified in the First Schedule to the first-mentioned Order; and revoking the Order, dated 2nd June 1925, declaring the State of California, in the United States of America, to be a Scheduled Country for the purposes of the Foreign Animals Order of 1910.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Imperial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Imperial Economic Committee on the marketing and preparing for market of foodstuffs produced in the overseas parts of the Empire. First Report—General.

Gottry, Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant August a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimate, 1925–26.

Unclassified Service.

Sitting at Four or half-past Four of the clock, and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed; that at Three of the clock, unless previously concluded, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House, without Question put, provided that he shall have then reported the Royal Assent to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.—(The Prime Minister.)

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th August 1925, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the Public Health (Preservatives, &c., in Food) Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness 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:

1. The Board of Education (University Scholarships, England) Regulations, 1925, dated 23rd July 1925;

2. The Board of Education (University Scholarships, Wales) Regulations, 1925, dated 24th July 1925; and

3. The Training of Teachers (Amending) Regulations (No. 5), 1925, dated 30th July 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses No. 4 to No. 7 agreed to.
Schedules A and B amended, and agreed to.
Schedule C agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Rawlinson 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.

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.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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. Appropriation Act, 1925.
2. Greenwich Hospital (Disused Burial Ground) Act, 1925.
3. Teachers ( Superannuation) Act, 1925.
4. Therapeutic Substances Act, 1925.
5. Allotments Act, 1925.
7. Diseases of Animals Act, 1925.
8. Summer Time Act, 1925.
10. Seeds ( Amendment) Act, 1925.
12. Roads Improvement Act, 1925.
14. Widows, Orphans, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925.
15. Public Health Act, 1925.
18. Dangerous Drugs Act, 1925.
19. Air Ministry (Cattewater Seaplane Station) Act, 1925.
20. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation ( No. 4 ) Act, 1925.
21. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation ( No. 5 ) Act, 1925.
22. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation ( No. 6 ) Act, 1925.
23. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation ( No. 7 ) Act, 1925.
24. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation ( No. 8 ) Act, 1925.
25. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation ( No. 9 ) Act, 1925.
26. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation ( Water ) Act, 1925.
27. West Hartlepool Corporation ( Trolley Vehicles ) Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
29. Victoria Infirmary of Glasgow Act, 1888 ( Amendment ), Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
30. Stock Conversion and Investment Trust, Limited, Act, 1925.
31. Hoylake and West Kirby Urban District Council Act, 1925.
32. Burnley Corporation Act, 1925.
33. Bath Corporation Act, 1925.
34. Middlesex County Council Act, 1925.
36. Stockton-on-Tees Corporation Act, 1925.
37. Oldham Corporation Act, 1925.
38. Mansfield Corporation Act, 1925.
39. Scarborough Corporation Act, 1925.
40. Newbury Corporation Act, 1925.
41. Mid-Glamorgan Water Act, 1925.
42. London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Act, 1925.
43. Ipswich Corporation Act, 1925.
44. Blackpool Improvement Act, 1925.
Monday, 16th November 1925.

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 further consideration the Bexhill Corporation Bill [Lords.] as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Summer Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian pursuant to Standing Order No. 95—

Copy of Royal Warrant, dated 27th October 1925, to make further provision as to Penisons of the Parents of Officers and Nurses deceased in consequence of the Great War.

Copy of Final Protocol of the Locarno Conference, 1925, and Annexes, together with Treaties between France and Poland and France and Czechoslovakia. Locarno, 16th October 1925.

Copy of List of Treaties, &c., between Great Britain and China (1842–1922), including International Treaties, and Treaties between Great Britain and Foreign Powers relating to China.

Copy of Notes exchanged between the United States of America to regulate the level of the Lake of the Woods. Washington, 24th February 1925. Ratifications exchanged at Washington, 17th July 1925.

Copy of Convention, Protocol, and Agreement between Canada and the United States of America to define more accurately, and to complete, the International Boundary between the two countries. Washington, 24th February 1925. Ratifications exchanged at Washington, 17th July 1925.

Copy of Treaty between Canada and the United States of America to provide for Extradition on account of crimes or offences committed against the Laws for the suppression of the Traffic in Narcotics. Washington, 8th January 1925. Ratifications exchanged at Washington, 7th July 1925.


Copy of Treaty between the United States of Treaty Series America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, and Great Britain. Extending until 18th November 1926 the operation of the Agreement relating to the Extradition of fugitives and the Settlement by Arbitration of certain classes of Questions which may arise between the two Governments, 28th August 1925 (in continuation of Treaty Series No. 4, 1920).

Copy of Treaty between the United States of Treaty Series America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, and Great Britain. Ratifications deposited at Washington, 3rd August 1925.

Copy of Treaty between the United States of Treaty Series America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, and Great Britain. Ratifications exchanged at Washington, 3rd August 1925.

Copy of Treaty between the United States of Treaty Series America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, and Great Britain. Ratifications deposited at Washington, 5th August 1925.

Copy of Treaty between the United States of Treaty Series America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, and Great Britain. Ratifications exchanged at Washington, 5th August 1925.


Copy of Notes exchanged between the United States of America and the United Kingdom and Denmark respecting the treatment of British subjects, companies, and vessels in Eastern Greenland. Copenhagen, 23rd April to 4th June 1925.

Copy of Notes exchanged between the United States of America and the United Kingdom and Denmark respecting the treatment of British subjects, companies, and vessels in Eastern Greenland. Copenhagen, 23rd April to 4th June 1925.
Copy of Correspondence with the Government of Kenya relating to the exchange of Land with Lord Delamere.

Copy of First Report of the Advisory Committee on Social Hygiene to the Secretary of Hygiene, State for the Colonies.

Copy of Sixty-seventh Annual Report of His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland 1924.

Copy of Eleventh Annual Report of the Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1913.

Copy of Forty-third Report of the Fisheries Board for Scotland for the year 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, by His Majesty's East India Command.—Copy of Statistical Abstract for British India from 1914-15 to 1923-24. Fifty-eighth Number.

Earl Winterton also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Madras Electoral Rules, Schedule I., made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State for India in Council, under Section 72A read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act, 1915.

Copy of Rules made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State for India in Council, in supersession of previous Rules and Amendments thereto, under Section 72A read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act, for the nomination and election of members of the Legislative Council of the Governor of Burma.

Copy of Amendment to the Devolution Rules made by the Governor-General in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State for India in Council under Section 45A read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act, in Rule 12, in item 6 (b) of Schedule I., Part II., Entry 20, of the Devolution Rules.

Copy of Amendments made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State for India in Council, under Section 45A read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act, in Schedule II., Part II., Entry 20, of the Devolution Rules.

Copy of Amendments to Rule 6 of the Provincial Legislative Council Rules of all provinces except Burma and the Central Provinces, made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State for India in Council, under Section 45A read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act.

Copy of Amendment of Rules 5 and 22 East India Act, relating to the Provincial Legislative Councils, made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State for India in Council, under Sections 64 and 72A read with Section 129A of the Government of India Act.

Copy of Amendments to the Legislative Assembly Rules, Schedule I., made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State for


Copy of Convention and Additional Protocol 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 Rhine Navigation Certificates. Strasbourg, 14th December 1922 and 22nd December 1923. British Ratification deposited, 8th June 1925 (in continuation of Miscellaneous, No. 15, 1924).

Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Albania respecting the Commercial Relations between the two countries. 10th June 1925.

Copy of Report, for the period up to July 1925, of the Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committee appointed to survey the Prices of Building Materials.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 15th October 1925, prescribing the conditions to be observed by the Public Works Loan Commissioners in making advances under Section 2 of the Allotments Act, 1925.

Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st July 1925, 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 July 1925, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of Statement showing the Amounts paid into the Special Account under Section 1 (3) of the German Reparation (Recovery) Act, 1921, and the Application thereof, during the period 1st April 1924 to closing of Account.

Copy of Report to the Ministry of Transport upon the Accidents that occurred on the Railways of Great Britain during 1924.


Copy of Twenty-first Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1924.

Copy of Statistics as to the Operation and Administration of the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor in England and Wales, 1924.

Copy of First Report of the Royal Commission on Local Government.

Copy of explanatory Memorandum by the Under Secretary of State for India relative to the Accounts and Estimates, 1925-26.

Copy of Report of the Imperial Economic Committee on the marketing and preparing for market of Foodstuffs produced in the overseas parts of the Empire. Second Report, Meat.

Copy of Statistical Summary of Output and of the Costs of Production, Proceeds, and Profits of the Coal Mining Industry for the quarter ended 30th June 1925.
Acts.

Trade Boards

England.)

Public Health

Pensions.

Contributory

Insurance

National

Committee)

Harry, entitled the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.

—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th September 1925, made by the National Health Insurance (Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations, 1925.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1925, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1925.

Copy of Provisional Regulations under the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925:

(1) dated 25th September 1925, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Workmen's Compensation Notification) Regulations, 1925:

(2) dated 26th October 1925, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Regulations, 1925;

(3) dated 4th September 1925, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Claims) Regulations, 1925.

Copy of Regulations under the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, dated 3rd November 1925, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Joint Committee) Regulations, 1925.

Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1925, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

Copy of Regulations, dated 9th October 1925, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the Pegwell Bay (Shell-Fish) Regulations, 1925.

Copy of Twenty-second Annual Report of the Metropolitan Water Board for the year ended 31st March 1925.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.

—Copy of Special Order, made by the Minister of Labour under Sections 1 and 2 of the Trade Boards Acts, Board Act, 1918, entitled the Trade Boards (Paper Box) Order, 1925.

Copy of Special Order, made by the Minister Trade Boards of Labour under Sections 1 and 2 of the Trade Acts.

Boards Act, 1918, altering the description of the Button-making trade contained in the Appendix to the Special Order, Order dated 6th August 1924.

Copy of Order, dated 4th August 1925, made Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Regulation Act, 1920,

—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 the —

Hornsey Gas Company;

Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leigh.

Copy of the Trade Marks Rules, 1925, dated Trade Marks, 29th September 1925.

Copy of Forty-second General Annual Report Bankruptcy, by the Board of Trade on Bankruptcy for 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Colonel Gibbs also presented, pursuant to the Diseases of directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Animals Acts.

Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts, —

(1) Prohibiting the landing of animals at the Approved Landing Place at the Port of Southampton, dated 1st August 1925;

(2) Authorising the landing of Two Bohor Antelopes at Tilbury Docks, in the Port of London, dated 4th August 1925;

(3) Revoking Order No. 4030 of 19th October 1925, and Order No. 4040 of 22nd October 1925, dated 29th October 1925;

(4) Authorising the landing of Ten Llamas at the Port of Glasgow and defining quarantine station for them, dated 31st October 1925;

(5) Authorising the landing of Ten Llamas at the Port of Greenock and defining quarantine station for them, dated 3rd November 1925.

Copy of Report of Proceedings under the Allotments Allotments Acts, 1908 to 1922, for 1924.

Copy of Report of Proceedings under the Small Holdings and Allotments Acts, 1908 to Holdings and Allotments Acts, 1919, for the period 1910 to 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. M'CNeill presented, by His Majesty's Allotments.

Command.—Copy of the Allotments (Approved Societies) Regulations, 1925.

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Mr. J'O'Neill also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of Treasury Minute under the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1921, dated 31st August 1925, relative to the examination of the Accounts of the Land Purchase Trustee for Northern Ireland and of the Land Registry Insurance Fund (Northern Ireland) by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Superannuation Act, 1876.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 14th October 1925, declaring Bombay and Calcutta to be unhealthy places within the meaning of the Superannuation Act, 1878.

Superannuation Act, 1876.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 15th October 1925, declaring Rangoon, in Burma, to be an unhealthy place within the meaning of the Superannuation Act, 1876.

Superannuation Act, 1887.

Copies of Treasury Minutes, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887, granting retired allowances to:
(1) Mr. William Booth, Principal Foreman, Royal Army Ordnance Department, dated 10th October 1925;
(2) Mr. Alfred Edward McCloskey, Chief Inspector, Engineering Department, General Post Office, dated 13th October 1925;
(3) Mr. John Joseph Veale, Officer, Customs and Excise Department, dated 3rd November 1925.


Account showing the Money issued out of the Consolidated Fund; the money borrowed and the securities created in respect thereof; and the expenditure of a capital nature incurred by the Scottish Board of Health and the Commissioners of Works, respectively, under the Housing Act, 1914, for the period ended 31st March 1925, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of the Scale of Fees prescribed by the Treasury under the Charitable Trusts Act, 1869.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts be printed.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 Parishes of Erskine, Inchinnan, Houston, Kilbarchan, Lochwinnoch, and Eaglesham, and parts of the Parishes of Kilmacolm, Renfrew, Paisley, Neilston, Eastwood, and Mearns, all in the County of Renfrew;
(2) parts of the Rural Districts of Blackburn, Burnley, and Clitheroe, in the County Palatine of Lancaster;
(3) the Parishes of Burscough, Lathom, Halsall, and Millbrook, and part of the Parish of West End, in the Rural District of South Stourton, in the County of Southampton;
(4) parts of the Parishes of Llochwedd, Llangelynin, and Llangwstenin, in the Rural District of Conway, in the County of Carnarvon;
(5) the Borough of Clitheroe and part of the Rural District of Clitheroe, in the County Palatine of Lancaster;
(6) the Urban District of Ashton-in-Makerfield, in the County Palatine of Lancaster;
(7) the Borough of Bridge of Allan, in the County of Stirling;
(8) the Parish of Whitchurch, in the Rural District of Whitchurch, in the County of Southamption;
(9) the Borough of Maldon and the Parishes of Heybridge and Langford, in the Rural District of Maldon, in the County of Essex;
(10) the Urban District of Crediton, in the County of Devon;
(11) part of the Rural District of Preston, in the County Palatine of Lancaster;
(12) part of the County Borough of Barneley, in the West Riding of the County of York;
(13) the Urban District of Woodbridge and the Parish of Melton, in the Rural District of Woodbridge, in the administrative County of East Suffolk;
(14) the Urban District of Prestatyn, in the County of Flint.

Copy of Orders under the Motor Car Acts, Motor Car dated 8th October 1925, partially revoking the Acts.

Copy of Sixteenth Annual Report, with part of Accounts, of the Port of London Authority for the year ended 31st March 1925.

Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners and confirmed by the Minister (Supply) Acts of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of an arrangement made in pursuance of Section 19 of that Act between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Dover and the Folkestone Electric supply Company, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Jegon-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of several 1912 Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the undermentioned Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Urban District of Whitley and Monkseaton (with Amendment).
County Borough of Tynemouth (with Amendment);
County Borough of Middlesbrough;
Borough of Keighley;
Borough of Wolverhampton.

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 Shepton Mallet Prison.

Copies of Regulations made under Section 79 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901,—
(1) dated 2nd September 1925, for the grinding or glazing of Metals, or processes incidental to the grinding of Metals or the cleaning of Castings;
(2) dated 29th October 1925, entitled the Grinding of Cutlery and Edge Tools Regulations, 1925.

Copy of Order in Council made by the Governor of Northern Ireland uniting the counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Tyrone, and Londonderry, and the county of the city of Londonderry, for the purposes of the Winter Assizes.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts by the University of Oxford on 12th May 1925, and submitted with the consent of the University of Oxford Commissioners, amending Statute Tit. XXI., Section II., Clause 1, of the University.

Copy of Order in Council under the Extra-dition Acts, dated 12th October 1925, entitled the Latvia (Extradition) Order in Council, 1925.

Copy of Order in Council under the Merchant Shipping Acts, dated 12th October 1925, repealing the Order in Council of 27th January 1916 relating to North Borneo.

Copy of Order in Council under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920.


Copies of Two Orders in Council under the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881, dated 12th October 1925—
(1) entitled the New Guinea and Nauru (Fugitive Offenders) Order in Council, 1925; and
(2) applying Part II. of the Act to the British Possessions and Territories specified.

Copy of Order in Council under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865.


(1) amending the Regulations for Pensions of British Seamen and Marines; and


(2) making further Provision with respect to their re-assessment for pre-war Disability.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 143 (Ordinance) (Aberdeen, No. 21) (Pensioning and Super-annuation of Professors).

Copy of the Irish Potatoes Importation (Scotland) Order, 1925, made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts.

Copy of the Annual Local Taxation Returns Local for Scotland for 1917-18, 1918-19, and 1919-20. Taxation Returns
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to Board of Education (Regulations.)
Copy of Regulations, dated 16th October 1925, made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Higher Education (Maintenance Allowance) Amending Regulations (No. 1), 1925.

Copy of Regulations, dated 18th August 1925, made by the Board of Education under Education (Special Services) Regulations, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson presented, by Post Office
His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Uni-versal Postal Convention, Stockholm, 28th Union. August 1924.

Copy of Universal Postal Union Agreement Post Office concerning Insured Letters and Boxes, Stock-holm, 28th August 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pur- suant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—
Copy of Six Orders under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty’s Order of 25th July 1924, as amended by subsequent Orders, and included in a Volume entitled the King’s Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force.

Copy of Order, dated 14th October 1925, Air Force under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, No. 171, amending His Majesty’s Order of 25th Sept-ember 1921, for the retired pay of Royal Air Force Officers disabled, and for the pensions of the families and relatives of Officers deceased, and for the pensions of Nurses of Princess Mary’s Royal Air Force Nursing Service disabled, and of the relatives of such Nurses deceased, in consequence of the Great War.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Order of 14th October 1925 be printed.

Mr. Bridgeman presented, by His Majesty’s Navy 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 1924-25.
Mr. Bridgeman also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act 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 1925, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Financial Position of Territorial Army County Associations on 31st March 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Lane-Fox presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of His Majesty's Electrical Inspector of Mines for 1924.

Colonel Lane-Fox also 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 1924.

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 Second Schedule, containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents relating to Life Annuities, Tontines, and West India Slave Compensation existing in the Public Record Office which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation there.

Copy of Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for 1923, Part A (Appendix A).

Copy of Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for 1924, Part 2 (Appendix), Part 3 (Industrial and Provident Societies).

Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ended 1st July 1925.

Copy of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Funds) Rules, 1925, dated 10th September 1925.

Copy of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Funds) Rules, 1925, dated 10th September 1925.

Copy of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Law of Property and other Acts), 1925, dated 22nd September 1925.

Copy of the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 4, 1925), dated 1st October 1925.

Return to the Lord Chancellor of the number of Warrants for new Writs during the Adjournment—Copy of the Supreme Court (Funds) Rules, 1925, dated 10th September 1925.

Copy of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Law of Property and other Acts), 1925, dated 22nd September 1925.

Copy of the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 4, 1925), dated 1st October 1925.

Returned, That the Lord Chancellor of the number 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 1925.

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 York, West Riding (Ripon Division), in the room of The Right Honourable Edward Frederick Lindley Wood, 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.)

Arnold Ernest Townend, Esquire, Member New Member for the Borough of Stockport, was sworn.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had issued Warrants for new Writs during the Adjournment—

For the Borough of Stockport, in the room of William Greenwood, Esquire, deceased.

For the County of Galloway, in the room of Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur John Hen- niker-Hughan, Baronet, c.b., deceased.

For the County of West Suffolk (Bury Saint Edmund's Division), in the room of The Right Honourable Walter Edward Guiness, D.B.O. (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries).

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 Govern- ment 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 conclu- sion 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 Prime Minister):

And a Debate arising thereupon;

The Prime Minister rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Commander Eyres-Monsell : 278, (Colonel Gibbs : 121,

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Kennedy, Nos. 121.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative,

And the Question being accordingly put; The House divided.

S.O. Closure (pursuant to Order, Rule, or Regulation to be laid before the House of Commons, which has been concluded before 10.30 p.m., but, if that Business has not been so concluded, not later than 11.30 p.m.)
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Bill;

Mr. Hacking, Major Hennessy: 285.
Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Charles Edwards: 121.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Expiring Laws 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. M'Neill.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to

take into consideration the Criminal Justice

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill

(Provision for continuance of criminal trial

where a juror dies or becomes incapable).—

(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks.)

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 Bill;

Mr. Harry Bernard, Major Cope: 248.
Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Parkinson: 97.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a

second time; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to

the Bill (Election of chairman or deputy-

chairman of quarter sessions to be subject to

approval of Lord Chancellor).—(Sir Henry

Slesser.)

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 Bill;

Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Hayes: 101.
Captain Hacking, Captain Viscount Curzon: 214.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be

made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 19, by inserting at

the end thereof the words:

"Provided that this subsection shall have

effect only in probation areas or combinations

of such areas in which the Local Government

and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922,

or other provision for superannuation is in

operation. Provided also that the scheme

shall not give the right to superannuation of an

amount exceeding that payable in accordance

with such Act or provision as aforesaid."—

(Mr. John Guest.)

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. 3, by leaving out

Clause 4.—(Mr. Westwood.)

And the Question being put. That the words

proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the

Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be

made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 16, by inserting

at the end thereof the words,—

"(9) In the event of a court of summary

jurisdiction sitting in petty sessions being of

opinion that the witnesses in an indicable

offence about to be brought before the court

are numerous, or that for other reasons the

examination before them is likely to last for a

long time, the court may, by order, direct

that the depositions shall be taken by a

shorthand writer to be approved by the Lord

Chancellor. For the purposes of this section

rules shall be made by the Lord Chancellor,

in conjunction with the Secretary of State,

for the taking of such depositions and the

transcript of the same, and for adapting the

provisions of section eleven, subsection (1),

of this Act to meet the circumstances of the

depositions being taken in shorthand and the

transcription thereof before being read to the

witnesses, and for providing for the expenses

of the taking and transcribing the evidence

and directing by whom the same shall be

borne."—(Mr. Rawlinson.)

And the Question being put, That those

words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed

in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the

Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be

made to the Bill, in p. 18, l. 1, by leaving out

Clause 18.—(Sir Henry Slesser.)

And the Question being put, That the words

proposed to be left out, to the end of p. 18,

l. 7, stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Bill;

Mr. Lamb, Colonel Assheton-Pownall: 149.
Mr. Henry Slesser, Sir Herbert Nield: 184.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the remaining words of the Clause were

left out of the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the

Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be

made to the Bill, in p. 27, l. 11, by leaving out

Clause 31.—(Sir Patrick Hastings.)

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And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the words "information," in l. 11, stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon; and it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women (Torts) 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 Wild Birds 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 Coastguard 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 Legitimacy 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 Second Reading of the Government of India (Civil Services) 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 Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (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 Education (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 Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment 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 Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sheriff Courts Second Reading of the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (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 Rating and Valuation 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 Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Tithe Bill, into consideration the Tithe 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 resuming Gas Regulation Act, 1920, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 5th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, 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 Great Yarmouth Gas Company, which was presented on the 16th July and published, be approved.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 30th day of this instant November:

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 two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 17th November 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 the—

(1) Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Port Talbot;
(2) Lea Bridge District Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence between the Ambassadors' Conference and the German Ambassador at Paris respecting German disarmament, evacuation of Cologne zone, and modifications in the Rhineland regime. Paris, October-November, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. John William Bourke, Officer, Customs and Excise Department, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of the Rules in Lunacy, 1925, dated 16th October 1925.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Contract between the Postmaster General and Messrs. Stout, of Fair Isle, Shetland, for the conveyance of Mail between Fair Isle and Sumburgh (Shetland), together with a Copy of the Treasury Minute thereon, dated the 23rd day of October 1925. (Mr. M'Neil.)

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Sir Cyril Cobb to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill) in place of Mr. Morgan Jones.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee C:—Sir Burton Chadwick.


Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved Expiring itself into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Certain Acts to be continued temporarily).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, to leave out the words "to III., inclusive," in order to insert the words "and II."—(Miss Wilkinson.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the yes:
Mr. Frederic Thompson: 266.
Captain Margesson: 266.
Tellers for the noes:
Mr. Parkinson: 122.
Mr. Thomas Kennedy: 122.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 and No. 4 agreed to.

Second Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, to leave out ll. 19 to 30.—(Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, to leave out ll. 20 to 22.—(Dr. Shiels.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, to leave out ll. 20 to 25.—(Mr. Scarr.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the yes:
Mr. Frederic Hall: 127.
Mr. Warne: 127.
Tellers for the noes:
Mr. Major Cope: 288.
Captain Hacking: 288.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 1, to leave out Part IV.—(Mr. MacLaren.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the yes:
Mr. Major Cope: 275.
Mr. Warne: 275.
Tellers for the noes:
Mr. Hayes: 127.

Schedule, as amended, 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 16, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"The Board shall require the Local Authority to arrange that any medicines used for the treatment of such persons shall be dispensed by a registered pharmacist or by a registered medical officer or practitioner."—(Dr. Shiels.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) 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. William Graham):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) 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 31st day of March last, That the Forestry Bill be now read a second time:—

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow. And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of this instant November, to-morrow:—The House then adjourned.
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 further consideration the Bexhill Corporation Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Wednesday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. J. N. O'Connell presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this instant November, for a Return relative to Fair Isle and Sunburgh (Shetland) Mail Service.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 4th November 1925, approving Admiralty Memorial praying sanction to the payment from Greenwich Hospital Funds of further pensions to Messrs. C. J. Isaac and W. H. Evans, and of pensions to Messrs. Wakeford and Glinn.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Report of the Right Honourable Austen Chamberlain, M.P. (British Representative), on the Thirty-fifth Session of the Council of the League of Nations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing the number of Commissioners of Assizes appointed by the Lord Chancellor during the year ended 31st July 1925, the cost of such appointments, and the reasons therefor.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Four Acts of Sederunt under the Court of Session (Scotland) Act, 1868, and Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Act, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Order under the Railways (Authorisation of Works) Act, 1923 (as approved and proposed to be made by the Minister of Transport).

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords.], the Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (Scotland) Bill, and the Sheriffs Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill):—the Lord Advocate, Lord Balfour, Mr. Bethell, Sir Henry Coote, Mr. Cowper, Sir Hugh Lucas-Turner, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Paul, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. Russell, Dr. Sims, Colonel Unix, Major, Sir Victor Warrender, and Mr. Windsor.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee B; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (in respect of the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill):—Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Headlam.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Locarno, proposed, that this House approves the ratification of the Treaty of mutual guarantee, initialled at Locarno on 16th October 1925, and annexed to the Final Protocol signed on that date.—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word " House" to the end of the Question, and adding the words " while agreeing to the ratification of the Treaty of mutual guarantee initialled at Locarno on 16th October 1925 and annexed to the Final Protocol signed on that date, and while approving the various provisions for arbitration in the Treaty and expressing satisfaction at the impending entry of Germany into the League of Nations and at the improvement in international relations evinced at Locarno, is of opinion that the real test of the Treaty depends upon whether it is followed by disarmament, and regrets that it does not contain definite provisions concerning disarmament: and this House is further of opinion that the Treaty should be followed by positive steps to secure the adhesion of Russia to the League of Nations and its participation in European agreements"—(Mr. Powney),—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. Mossett. 
Mr. Thomas Kennedy.

Tellers for the Noes. 
Mr. Parkinson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds 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 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 Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Rating and Valuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of this instant November, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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Thursday, 19th November 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts, (Scotland) Act, 1914, dated 31st August 1925, made by the Scottish Board of Health, entitled the Milk and Dairies (Scotland) Order, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Regulations, dated 17th August 1925, made by the Scottish Board of Health, entitled the Milk and Dairies (Scotland) Order, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Fifth Report of the War Compensation Court.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 12th August 1925, made by the Lord Chancellor under the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gibbs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts,—

(1) dated 7th August 1925, authorising the landing of Two Waterbuck at the Port of London, and defining quarantine station;

(2) dated 12th August 1925, revoking Order No. 3,999, dated 1st August 1925;

(3) dated 21st August 1925, entitled the Manchester Imported Animals Wharf Order of 1925 (No. 2), and revoking the Vol. 180.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. J’Neill presented, pursuant to the Sugar, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Manufacture of Sugar Regulations, 1925, dated 13th August 1925, made by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under Part III. (3) of the First Schedule to the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and Section 4 (2) of the British Sugar (Subsidy) Act, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to Education the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy (Scotland.) of Regulations for Continuation Classes in Scotland, dated 19th November 1925, made by the Scottish Education Department.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bridgeman presented, pursuant to the Naval Prize directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of Naval Prize Bounty, Salvage, and other Moneys, between 1st April 1924 and 31st March 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Turton reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Merchandise Marks Acts (1887 to 1911) 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 257.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next: and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel: That they had appointed Mr. Turton to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing Bill); and Mr. Samuel Roberts as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill) [Lords] and of the Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (Scotland) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Commander Eyres. Yeas. 270.
Tellers for the Colonel Gibb. Noes. 117.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tithe Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1. 8, by leaving out Clause 1—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

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 Mr. Rawlinson. Yeas. 147.
Tellers for the Mr. Fisher. Noes. 188.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1. 13, by inserting at the end thereof the words,—

"Provided that where any tithe rentcharge is on the appointed day vested in or held in trust for the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge or any of the colleges or houses of learning within either of those universities or any of the colleges of Eton, Winchester, and Westminster, or any society or body of persons associated together for the promotion of education or the relief of poor, sick, and aged people, the sum becoming payable on or after the appointed day and up to and including the last half-yearly date of payment in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-seven in respect of such tithe rentcharge shall be computed on the basis of one hundred and nine pounds three shillings and elevenpence for every one hundred pounds of tithe rentcharge, and from and after the said last half-yearly date of payment shall be computed in the manner prescribed in the Tithe Act, 1896."—(Mr. Balfour.)

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. Rawlinson. Yeas. 147.
Tellers for the Mr. Fisher. Noes. 188.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1. 17, by leaving out from the word "redemption" to the word "of," in 1. 19.—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question been 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 Captain Hacking. Yeas. 247.
Tellers for the Major Hennessy. Noes. 119.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1. 12, by leaving out the word "five," and inserting the words "two and one-half"—(Sir Henry Cayley)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "five" stand part of the Bill; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Hacking. Yeas. 245.
Tellers for the Major Hennessy. Noes. 128.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4. 1. 15, by inserting at the end thereof the words,—

"(iii) the costs of collection shall not in any event exceed five per cent. of the value of the tithe rentcharge."—(Mr. Somervilles.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7. 1. 1, by inserting, after the word "Revenue," the words "and a sum in respect of rates on any increased assessment to which the land would be liable equal to ten per cent. of such commuted amount, and"—(Mr. Shepperson.)

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. 7. 1. 6, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,

"(3) When the total amount of all tithe rentcharge payable by an owner in respect of all lands in his possession does not exceed one shilling it shall be held to be redeemed on the tendering of the sum of one shilling to Queen Anne's Bounty within one year from the date of the passing of this Act."—(Mr. Barr.)

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 Yeas, 
{Sir Harry Barnston, }
{Captain Viscount Curzon :} 231.

Tellers for the Noes, 
{Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards :} 91.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Spencer.)

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 20th November 1925:

And the Question being put:

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
{Sir Harry Barnston, }
{Captain Viscount Curzon :} 70.

Tellers for the Noes, 
{Mr. Charles Edwards, Sir Henry Slesser :} 207.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11. 1. 33, by leaving out Clause 15. —(Mr. Morris.)

And the Question being put, That the word, "Receipts," stand part of the Bill,

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
{Sir Harry Barnston, }
{Captain Viscount Curzon :} 197.

Tellers for the Noes, 
{Mr. Morris, Mr. Dalton :} 44.

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. 13. 1. 23, by leaving out subsection (2).—(Mr. Morris.)

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, 
{Captain Hacking, Mr. Frederick Thoson :} 180.

Tellers for the Noes, 
{Mr. Morris, Mr. Dalton :} 33.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords]:
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coastguard Bill [Lords]:
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill, which, upon the 16th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Criminal Justice Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
 Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women (Torts) Bill [Lords]:
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Legitimacy Bill [Lords]:
 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 (Scotland) 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 Wild Birds Protection 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 Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) 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 Restrictions (Scotland) 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 Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) Bill:
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rating and Valuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:
 Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-three minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[No. 127.]

Friday, 20th November 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House Mr. Speaker's of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker Abneose, from this day's Sitting:—Whereupon Mr. Hope, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair Prayers, as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts, made by the University of Oxford Commissioners and sealed on 11th June 1925, relating to the Form of Accounts, &c., for All Souls College, Oxford.

Copy of Statute under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts, made by the University of Oxford Commissioners and sealed on 11th June 1925, concerning the Entrance Examination, Oxford University.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Devolution Rules made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State for India in Council, under Section 45a read with Section 129a of the Government of India Act in Rule 22 of, and in paragraph 6 of, Schedule IV.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute of Guarantees which the Treasury have stated their willingness to give up to the Government of India Act in Rule 22 of, and in paragraph 6 of, Schedule IV.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Gibbs presented, by His Majesty's Land Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Financial Resolution proposed to be moved in Amendment.
connection with Land Settlement (Facilities) Amendment.

Colonel Gibbs also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 12th November 1925, under the Diseases of Animals Acts defining Mode Wheel, Trafford, Manchester, as an Imported Animals' Wharf.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Macquisten, supported by Captain Fairfax and Mr. Goodman Roberts, presented a Bill to restore to the members of Trade Unions their industrial and political freedom: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant November; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 16th day of this instant November was proposed to be made on consideration of the Criminal Justice Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; which Amendment was, in p. 27, l. 11, to leave out Clause 31.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "information," in l. 11, stand part of the Bill:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

And the remaining words of the Clause were left out of the Bill.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 33, l. 4, by leaving out the word "drunk," and inserting the words "in a state of intoxication whereby his capacity to act is impaired"—(Mr. Sargent.)

—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "drunk" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Major Cope, Yeas:

Lord Stanley:

Tellers for the Mr. Sargent, Noes:

Mr. Cecil Wilson:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 33, l. 6, by leaving out from the word "vehicle" to the word "shall," in l. 8.—(Mr. Cassels.)

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 Major Parkinson, Yeas:

Mr. Charles Edwards:

Tellers for the Major Hennessy, Noes:

Captain Margesson:

So it passed in the Negative.
Division (No Tellers for the Ayes.)

Mr. Frederick Thomson and Lord Stanley were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Four 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 Rent Restrictions (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 Rent Restrictions (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 Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) 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 Rating and Valuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then two minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of this instant November.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Colonel Sir John Gilmour presented a Bill Leith to confirm a Provisional Order under the Harbour and Docks Order Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, confirmation 1899, relating to Leith Harbour and Docks: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. M’Neill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return of the amount of Notes issued by the Bank of England more than 40 years and outstanding on 28th October 1925, which have been written off.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference of the League of Nations at its Seventh Session, 19th May to 10th June 1925 (Authentic Texts);

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendment to the Regulations for the Army Reserve and of Amendments to the Regulations for the Supplementary Reserve.

Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, nemine contradico. That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to express the heartfelt sympathy of this House in the great affliction and loss which His Majesty has sustained by the death of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra and to condole with His Majesty on this melancholy occasion:

To assure His Majesty that we shall ever remember with grateful affection the love which the late Queen inspired in all classes of the people, and that we participate to the utmost in the universal feeling of sympathy with His Majesty in his grievous loss.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty’s Household.

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)—(The Prime Minister);
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Charles Edwards,
Mr. Frederick Hall : 116.
Tellers for the
Major Cope,
Captain Viscount Curzon : 276.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to
the Bill, in p. 2, l. 9, by inserting, after the
word " shall," the words " as soon as may be"
after the passing of this Act appoint a board of
overseers consisting of such number of persons
as may be determined by the council, but
not less than six, such persons in the case of
rural district the parish council of every parish
made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 13, by inserting, at
the House, withdrawn.

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of
words be there inserted in the Bill:—The
parish meetings in the district, and such board
persons nominated by the parish
rural district councils shall, to the extent of
two-thirds of the total number appointed, be
made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 13, by inserting, at
the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to
the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by inserting, after the
word " hereditament," the words
" including unoccupied land and such un-
gotten minerals as are not owned in conjunction
with the surface."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

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. 2, l. 13, by inserting, at
the end thereof, the words,—
" (4) In the case of a rating area being a
rural district the parish council of every parish
or group of parishes, and the parish meeting of
every parish not under a parish council, shall
be entitled to appoint one person, being a local
government elector to act as a member of the
rating authority, or of any committee appointed
by that authority in pursuance of this section,
so far as regards the exercise or performance
in connection with property in that parish or group of
parishes of any powers or duties of the rating authority
under Part II. of this Act, and the persons
so appointed shall, for that purpose, but not for
any other purpose, be deemed to be members of the rating authority or committee,
as the case may be."—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted in the Bill:

The proposed Amendment was amended, in
l. 3, by leaving out the words " one person, being
a local government elector," and inserting the
words " two persons, being local government
electors," instead thereof; in l. 4, by leaving
out the words " a member," and inserting the
word " members," instead thereof; in l. 7,
by leaving out the word " person," and
inserting the word " persons," instead thereof;
and, in l. 9, by leaving out the words " a
member," and inserting the word " members,"
instead thereof.—(Major Ruggles-Brise.)

And the Question being put, That the
words—
" (4) In the case of a rating area being a
rural district the parish council of every parish
or group of parishes, and the parish meeting of
every parish not under a parish council, shall
be entitled to appoint two persons, being local government electors, to
act as members of the rating authority, or of
any committee appointed by that authority in
pursuance of this section, so far as regards the exercise of performance in connection with
property in that parish or group of parishes of
any powers or duties of the rating authority

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Captain Viscount Curzon,
Mr. Charles Edwards : 125.
Tellers for the
Major Cope,
Mr. Charles Edwards : 252.
Tellers for the
Captain Margesson,
Mr. Parkerston : 119.
Tellers for the
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Parkinson : 269.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be
made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 20, by inserting,
after the word " hereditament," the words
" including unoccupied land and such un-
gotten minerals as are not owned in conjunction
with the surface."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That those
words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Captain Viscount Curzon,
Mr. Charles Edwards : 125.
Tellers for the
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Parkerston : 269.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the
Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be
made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 34, by leaving out
the words " occupier of the hereditament," and
inserting the words " person liable to be
rated "—(Mr. Locker)—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
Mr. Charles Edwards,
Mr. Barnes : 119.
Tellers for the
Sir Harry Barnston,
Lord Stanley : 292.
Tellers for the
Mr. Charles Edwards : 301.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the
Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be
made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 11, by leaving out
the words " description and "—(Sir Douglas
Newton.)

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
Mr. Charles Edwards,
Mr. Barnes : 119.
Tellers for the
Mr. Charles Edwards : 301.

So it passed in the Negative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 13, by leaving out the words "gross and"—(Sir Douglas Newton.)

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 Yeas:

Mr. Parkinson, 104.

Mr. Charles Edwards:

Tellers for the Noes:

Sir Harry Barnston:

Thomson:

So 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. 7, l. 13, by leaving out the words "gross and"—(Sir Douglas Newton.)

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 Yeas:

Mr. Parkinson, 104.

Mr. Charles Edwards:

Tellers for the Noes:

Sir Harry Barnston:

Thomson:

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned—(Colonel Wedgwood):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas:

Mr. Parkinson, 104.

Mr. Charles Edwards:

Tellers for the Noes:

Sir Harry Barnston:

Thomson:

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 Yeas:

Mr. Parkinson, 104.

Mr. Charles Edwards:

Tellers for the Noes:

Sir Harry Barnston:

Thomson:

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned—(Colonel Wedgwood):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas:

Mr. Parkinson, 104.

Mr. Charles Edwards:

Tellers for the Noes:

Sir Harry Barnston:

Thomson:

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 24th November 1925:

Another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Where the amount due under a precept, or any part of that amount, is not paid on or before the date specified in the precept for payment, the authority by which the precept was issued may, if they think fit, require the rating authority to pay, in accordance with the following provisions, interest on that amount, or that part of the amount, and any interest so payable shall be paid by the rating authority to the authority by which the precept was issued in like manner as if it were due under the precept."

Tuesday, 24th November 1925.

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 Leith Harbour and Docks Order Confirmation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Colonel Gibbs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Bill, dated 14th November 1925, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, setting out the conditions applicable to Animals landed at approved landing places in the regulated area to which the Midlands and South of England (Regulation and Movement of Animals) Order of 1925 applies.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders of the Minister of Health confirming Orders made by the County Councils of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Parts of Holland, Wilts, and Southampton, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Amendments to Rules for Military Army. Detention Barracks and Military Prisons.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Samuel Roberts reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (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 Thursday next.
Mr. Samuel Roberts reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to which the Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) 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.

No. 177.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 259.

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 B, to whom the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) 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.

No. 178.

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.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C—Sir Burton Chadwick.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill)—Sir Henry Cowen.

Ordered, That the Reports 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 for incorporating and conferring powers upon the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire Electricity Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards; So it was resolved in the Affirmative.


Mr. Charles Edwards: 5
Captain Margesson: 310.
Major Cope: 1300.
Mr. Charles Edwards: 124.
Mr. Parkinson: 413.
Sir Harry Barnston: 300.
Mr. Charles Edwards: 143.
Mr. Parkinson: 299.
Mr. Warne: 310.
Sir Harry Barnston: 299.
Mr. Charles Edwards: 143.
Mr. Warne: 299.
Mr. Charles Edwards: 130.
Mr. Parkinson: 413.
Mr. Charles Edwards: 310.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Cope: 5144.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Cope: 1307.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 10, by leaving out Clause 11.—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "which," in l. 13, stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston, Major Cope: 310.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards: 124.
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. 12, l. 35, by leaving out the word "ten," and inserting the word "five"—(Mr. Scurr), instead thereof,

And the Question being put, That the word "ten" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Cope: 5144.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Cope: 1307.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 11, by leaving out the word "fifteen," and inserting the word "ten"—(Mr. Riley), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "fifteen" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Cope: 5144.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Cope: 1307.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 12, by leaving out the words "seven and one-half," and inserting the word "five"—(Mr. Scurr), 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, Major Cope: 5144.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Cope: 1307.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Cope: 5144.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Cope: 1307.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 13, by leaving out the word "ten," and inserting the word "seven"—(Mr. Riley), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "seven" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Cope: 5144.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Cope: 1307.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 14, by leaving out the word "fifteen," and inserting the word "ten"—(Mr. Scurr), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "fifteen" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Cope: 5144.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Cope: 1307.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 15, by leaving out the word "five," and inserting the word "seven"—(Mr. Riley), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "seven" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Cope: 5144.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Cope: 1307.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 16, by leaving out the word "ten," and inserting the word "seven"—(Mr. Scurr), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "seven" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Cope: 5144.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Cope: 1307.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 17, by leaving out the word "ten," and inserting the word "seven"—(Mr. Scurr), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "seven" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 40, by leaving out the words "be treated as being," and inserting the words "have the same rights as"—(Captain Wedgwood Benn)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 13, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(10) For the purposes of this section the expression 'owner,' in relation to a hereditament means the person who is, or if the hereditament were occupied would be, entitled to receive the rent payable in respect thereof, or where the hereditament is occupied free of rent the person by whose permission it is so occupied, and does not include an owner who is in occupation thereof."—(Colonel Acland-Troyte.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, by leaving out l. 27 to 32.—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That the words—

"(10) For the purposes of this section the expression 'owner,' in relation to a hereditament means the person who is, or if the hereditament were occupied would be, entitled to receive the rent payable in respect thereof, or where the hereditament is occupied free of rent the person by whose permission it is so occupied," 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. 19, l. 1, by inserting, after the word "had," the words "to the desirability of adopting existing boundaries where possible, and"—(Captain Waterhouse.)

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. 19, l. 26, by leaving out the words "subject to the provisions of this section."—(Major Ruggles-Brise.)

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,
Sir Harry Barnston, Captain Viscount Curzon :
270.
Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Hayes, Mr. Thomas Hender- son :
124.
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. 19, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "had," the words "to the desirability of adopting existing boundaries where possible, and"—(Captain Wedgwood.)

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 Yeas,
Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Thomas Hender- son :
128.
Tellers for the Noes,
Captain Viscount Curzon, Lord Stanley :
290.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "persons," the words "being members of such council."—(Mr. Attlee.)

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 Yeas,
Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Thomas Hender- son :
128.
Tellers for the Noes,
Captain Viscount Curzon, Lord Stanley :
290.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 33, by leaving out from the word "borough," to the word "The," in l. 38.—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "exclusive," in l. 33, stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

in their area or areas a notice stating that the scheme has been so submitted and that a copy thereof is open to inspection at a specified place."—(Mr. Sandeman Allen.)

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 Sir Harry Barnston, Captain Viscount Curzon :
270.
Tellers for the Mr. Hayes, Mr. Thomas Hender- son :
124.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the | 295.
---|---
Mr. Frederick Hall | Mr. Charles Edwards

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 43, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(3) As from such time as may hereafter be determined by Parliament, and subject to such conditions as may be provided by Parliament, the gross value of any hereditament as appearing in the valuation list shall be taken to be conclusive evidence of the annual value of that hereditament for the purpose of income tax."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

Tellers for the | 127.
---|---
Mr. Parkinson | Mr. Thomas Kennedy

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 23, l. 3, by leaving out the words "the gross value, the net annual value, and the rateable value thereof, together with such further particulars"—(Colonel Wedgwood.)—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 other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 44, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Always provided that the rateable value of such dwelling-house at the time of the last quinquennial valuation be not less than one hundred pounds per annum."—(Mr. Erskine.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant November, That the Criminal Justice Bill be now read the third time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.


The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Bill,

Third Reading of the Tithe Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Second Reading of the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Legitimacy Second Reading of the Legitimacy Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Married Women (Torts) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Forestry Bill,

resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 Wild Birds Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection Bill;

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 Rent Restrictions Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolved, That it is expedient that a Tribunal of Tribunals be established for inquiring into a definite matter of urgent public importance, that is to say, the allegations made against the Chief Inspector, 3 o 4
Wednesday, 25th November 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Bexhill Corporation 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.)

Mr. Hope, 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 desire their concurrence.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Third Report.

Mr. M'Neill presented, by His Majesty's Civil Services Command,—Estimate of a further sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1926.

Mr. M'Neill also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return of Permanent Charges on the Consolidated Fund or Votes of Parliament which have been redeemed in the period from 1st December 1915 to 17th November 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments made by the Governor-General of India in Council with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Section 45A of India Act in Rule 18 (2) of the Devolution Rules.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Safeguarding Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee relative to the Safeguarding of Industries, on Leather Gloves, Fabric Gloves, and Glove Fabric.

Copy of Report of the Committee relative to the Safeguarding of Industries, on Cutlery, Vide Third Report.

Copy of Report of the Committee relative to the Safeguarding of Industries, on Aluminium Hollow-Ware.

Copy of Report of the Committee relative to the Safeguarding of Industries, on Gas Mantles, Vide Third Report.
Pilotage.

No. 181.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Abstract of Returns relating to Pilotage in the United Kingdom for 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Pilotage be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Rules, dated 3rd November 1925, made by the Lord Chancellor under the Land Registration Act 1925, entitled the Land Registration Rules, 1925.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as amended, be printed.

Chairman's Panel.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel: That they had appointed Major Sir Richard Barnett to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill [Lords.] Bill 260.

New Member sworn.

Captain Sidney Richard Streatfeild, Member for the County of Galloway, was sworn.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, supported by Sir Burton Chadwick, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to measuring instruments and with respect to the power to charge fees in connection with the testing of weighing and measuring apparatus. 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 put, That the words be there inserted in the Bill;

And the Question being put, That the words "For the " stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the (Mr. Sandleman Allen, No. 181. 
Yea, (Mr. Wiggins: 244. 
Noo, (Mr. Oliver: 24.

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. 25, l. 9, by inserting, after the word "in," the words "Part I. of."—(Sir Douglas Newton.)

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. 27, l. 12, by leaving out Clause 25.—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

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 (Mr. Frederick Thorn- 
son, Captain Viscount 
Curzon: 244. 
Noo, (Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, (Mr. Thomas Kennedy: 147.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 28, l. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) Where a rating area has been divided into parts for the purpose of a new valuation list a person shall not be aggrieved in respect of the valuation of any hereditament in one of those parts by reason of any disparity between the valuation of that hereditament and the valuation of any hereditament situated in a part of the area the new valuation list for which is to be made in a subsequent year."—(Sir Philip Pilkib.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Viscount 
Curzon: 244. 
Noo, (Captain Margesson: 147.

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, (Mr. Thomas Kennedy: 147.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 28, l. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "either in respect of the whole thereof on the grounds that the same is based on a wrong principle or is generally
incorrect or unfair as between the several hereditaments therein valued or by comparison with the valuation lists in force or draft; valuation lists deposited in respect of any other area within the same county, or in respect of any particular matter therein contained or omitted."—(Mr. Crawford.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Mr. Crawford, Mr. William Murdoch, Adamson: 118.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Captain Viscount Curzon,

Captain Margeason: 246.

Noes,

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 30, l. 12, by leaving out from the word "who," to the word "under," in l. 14, and inserting the words "shall have given to the assessment committee a notice of objection" —(Sir Henry Cautley), — 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. 50, l. 30, by leaving out the words "or, if incurred during the interval before the first general election for the purpose of providing a basis for the assessment of the hereditaments in the area, or to be paid in respect of any such hereditaments, shall be charged under Schedule A of the Income Tax Act, 1918, in their area, and the rating authority, as the case may require, be referred to and determined by an arbitrator to be nominated by the Minister"—(Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Colonel Wedgwood moved, That further Mr. Deputy Speaker declines to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the remaining words of the Clause were left out of the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 46, l. 4, by leaving out the word "to," the words "either a court of special session for the petty sessional division or,"—(Captain Bourne.)

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. 33, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "committee," the words "in the case of an equal division of votes,"—(Mr. Looker.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 41, l. 4, by leaving out subsection (3), and inserting the words—

"(3) The rating authority shall be supplied by the inspector of taxes for their area with a copy of the assessment of the hereditaments charged under Schedule A of the Income Tax Act, 1918, in their area, and the rating authority shall attach such copy to the draft list to be forwarded to the assessment committee and the assessment committee shall in due course transmit such copy to the county valuation committee"—(Colonel Wedgwood), — 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:

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Neville Chamberlain: 278.

Mr. Charles Edwards: 120.

Noes,

Mr. Parkin: 68.

Mr. Charles Edwards: 80.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 42, l. 4, by leaving out the words "or any other officer designated for the purpose"—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of p. 43, l. 24, stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the remaining words of the Clause were left out of the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 46, l. 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—

"Any question arising under this subsection as to whether the duties which a transferred officer is required to perform are not analogous or are an unreasonable addition as aforesaid shall unless otherwise agreed between such officer and the assessment committee or rating authority, as the case may require, be referred to and determined by an arbitrator to be nominated by the Minister"—(Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Colonel Wedgwood moved, That further Mr. Deputy Speaker declines to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the remaining words of the Clause were left out of the Bill.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Mr. Charles Edwards: 120.

Mr. Parkin: 72.

Mr. Charles Edwards: 80.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 47, l. 11, by leaving out the words "shall have given to the assessment committee a notice of objection" —(Sir Henry Cautley), — instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 48, l. 21, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "or, if incurred during the interval before the first general election for the purpose of providing a basis for the assessment of the hereditaments in the area, or to be paid in respect of any such hereditaments, shall be charged under Schedule A of the Income Tax Act, 1918, in their area, and the rating authority, as the case may require, be referred to and determined by an arbitrator to be nominated by the Minister"—(Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Neville Chamberlain: 278.

Mr. Charles Edwards: 120.

Noes,

Mr. Parkin: 68.

Mr. Charles Edwards: 80.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 49, l. 24, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "or, if incurred during the interval before the first general election for the purpose of providing a basis for the assessment of the hereditaments in the area, or to be paid in respect of any such hereditaments, shall be charged under Schedule A of the Income Tax Act, 1918, in their area, and the rating authority, as the case may require, be referred to and determined by an arbitrator to be nominated by the Minister"—(Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 50, l. 30, by leaving out the words "or any other officer designated for the purpose"—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards]

Yea,

73.

Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Downes]

Noe,

236.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 50, l. 34, by leaving out the word “defend” to the end of l. 40.—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

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:

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Downes]

Yea,

74.

Tellers for the [Captain Hacking, Lord Stanley, Mr. Hayes]

Noe,

231.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 51, l. 9, by leaving out the words “not being officers of the Department of Inland Revenue.”—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

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:

Tellers for the [Captain Hacking, Mr. Barnes, Major Hennessy]

Yea,

227.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Hayes]

Noe,

73.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 52, l. 28, by inserting, (e) without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this subsection, where the hereditament to which the document relates is a place of business of the person to or on whom it is to be sent or served, by leaving it at, or forwarding it by post addressed to that person at, the said place of business.”—(Mr. Sandeman Allen.)

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 [Colonel Gibbs, Mr. Frederick Thomson]

Yea,

222.

Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, Mr. Benjamin Smith]

Noe,

69.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration this day.

Vox. 180.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) 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 Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) 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 twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

Thursday, 26th November 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Application from Cyril Bailey, Esquire, M.A., and Miss Lynda Grier, M.A., under the College Charter Act, 1871, for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation to the Principal Council, and Members of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, together with a Copy of the Draft of the Charter applied for.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of further Report of the Departmental Committee on Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers, appointed by the Secretary for Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gibbs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Order, dated 18th November 1925, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, authorising the landing of nineteen Waterbuck Antelope, five Sable Antelope, a Wildebeeste Antelope, and three Blesbok Antelope, and defining quarantine station for them.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson presented, post Office (Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command.—Copy of Convention between the British Empire, France, Italy, Japan, and Lithuania respecting the Memel Territory and the Statute of the Memel Territory. Signed at Paris, 8th May 1924. British Ratification deposited at Paris, 25th August 1925 (in continuation of Lithuania, No. 1, 1924).

Copy of Notes exchanged between the Treaty Series United Kingdom and the Netherlands, extending the provisions of the Extradition Treaty between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands of 13th April 1920 to the States of Johore and Kedah. The Hague, 23rd September to 3rd October 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McVieil presented, pursuant to the Motor Cars Act directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Motor Cars (Temporary Importation) Regulations, 1925, made by the Treasury under Section 13 (6) of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, as re-enacted by Section 3 of the Finance Act, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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) — (The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Commander Eyres-Monsell (Colonel Gibbs):

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Monday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House regrets the continued failure of His Majesty's Government during the last three months to propose any measures for dealing adequately with the pressing problem of unemployment, and is of opinion that the discrimination now being exercised against many unemployed persons with regard to the payment of unemployment benefit is contrary to the principle of unemployment insurance, throws heavy and unjust burdens upon the rates in necessitous areas, and is adding to the suffering and discontent of the people.—(Mr. Thomas Shaw);
The House divided
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, Yeas,
Mr. Hughes : 133,]

Tellers for the [Commander Eyres,
Mossell, Colonel Gibbs : 322.]

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of this instant November, That the Criminal Justice Bill be now read the third time.
And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
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. Lansbury.)
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 [Sir Harry Barnston, Yeas,
Major Hanney : 243,]

Tellers for the [Mr. Lansbury, Noes,
Mr. Scarr : 40.]

So it was resolved in the Negative:—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 Third Reading of the Tithe Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 27th November 1925:
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."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)
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 [Colonel Gibbs, Yeas,
Captain Hacking : 168,]

Tellers for the [Mr. Barr, Noes,
Mr. Scarr : 29.]

So it was resolved in the Negative:—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 Education (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Monday, 30th November 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 23rd day of this instant November, relative to the Death of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address and for the expression of your condo-

lence on the death of My beloved Mother.

I greatly value this renewed assurance of the interest which you have always taken in all that concerns My domestic happiness; and it is a real support and comfort to Me in this heavy bereavement to realise how much affection My people felt for My dear Mother, and to feel that I can rely now as always on your sympathy and devotion.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, presented by His Parlia-
merry's Command during the Adjournment, was delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95:—


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Elliot presented, pursuant to the Contributor directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Pensions. Regulations under the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts, 1925:—

(1) The Contributory Pensions (Workmen's Compensation Notification) Regulations (Scotland), 1925, dated 13th September 1925;
(2) The Contributory Pensions (Requisition for Birth, &c., Certificates) Regulations (Scotland), 1925, dated 17th September 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to Unemploy-
to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Draft of an Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance Inclusion Order, 1925.

Copies of Special Orders, dated 28th No-

December 1925, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled:—

(1) The Unemployment Insurance (Subsi-
dary Employment) Special Order, 1925;
(2) The Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Special Order, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to College Chapter Act, 1871.

Copy of Application under the College Charter Act, 1871, from the Right Honourable Viscount Haldane of Cloan, K.T., o.m., and others for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation to the Association known as Birbeck College, together with a Copy of the Charter applied for.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity Supply Acts. Directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Special Draft made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of—

(1) parts of the Rural Districts of Bath and Frome, in the County of Somerset;
(2) the Burgh of Helensburgh, in the County of Dumbarton;
(3) the Parishes of Witton and Livesey, in the Rural District of Blackburn, in the County of Lancaster;
(4) the Burgh of North Berwick, in the County of East Lothian;
(5) the Urban District of Leyland, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Lawing Worthington-Evans presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of Exceptions to the Army Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned during the year 1924–25.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 the—
Urban District Council of Sidmouth;
Urban District Council of Audley.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Index) Rescinding Rule, 1925.

Copy of Order, dated 11th November 1925, made by the Master of the Rolls with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, entitled the Filing of Leases Fee Order, 1925.

Copy of the Filing of Leases Rules, 1925, dated 11th November 1925.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel: That they had appointed Major Sir Richard Barnett to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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)—The Prime Minister:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Captain Hacking, Yeas,
Major Cope:
Mr. Parkinson, Noes,
Mr. Charles Edwards:
244.
103.

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. 56, l. 23, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(5) Nothing in this Act shall affect the basis on which payments are made to the London County Council by any local or other authority outside London in respect of London main drainage charges, and accordingly in any Act or document relating to any such payments references to annual value, rateable value, the county rate basis or standard, or any other value or basis shall be construed as references to the corresponding value as determined under this Act, or, if there is no such corresponding value, to the equivalent value, such equivalent value to be determined, in case of difference, by the Minister.

(6) Nothing in this Act shall affect the basis on which, or the manner in which, sums required for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police are raised."—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)

Question 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. Warne,
Mr. Parkinson,
Mr. James Edwards:
1103.
212.

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. 56, l. 42, by leaving out Clause 68.—(Sir Leslie Scott.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word " seem," in p. 57, l. 1, 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. 59, l. 29, by deleting paragraph (6).—(Mr. Crawford.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word " to," in l. 29, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 59, l. 23, by inserting, after the word " hereditaments," the word " minerals."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That the word " minerals " be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Parkinson,
Mr. Thomas Heaver-
sen:
114.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

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Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 61, l. 33, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(4) This section shall come into operation on such date as may be fixed by the Minister, and the Minister may fix different dates for different purposes and in relation to different areas."—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

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

Major Hennessy,
Mr. Frederick Thorne:
Yeas: 246.

Tellers for the

Mr. Warne,
Mr. Albert Alexander:
Noes: 113.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 64, l. 9, by leaving out "33½," and inserting "50"—(Colonel Wedgwood)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "33½" stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That "50" be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Mr. Parkinson,
Mr. Warne:
Yeas: 103.

Tellers for the

Sir Harry Barnston,
Mr. Frederick Thorne:
Noes: 241.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, by inserting "40," instead of "33½," left out of the Bill.—(Mr. Basil Peto.)

And the Question being put, That "40" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Mr. Parkinson,
Mr. Warne:
Yeas: 103.

Tellers for the

Sir Harry Barnston,
Captain Viscount Curzon:
Noes: 236.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That "10" be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, after the figure last inserted, the words "in rural areas and £15 in urban areas."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

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. Parkinson,
Mr. Barnes:
Yeas: 111.

Tellers for the

Captain Viscount Curzon,
Captain Margesson:
Noes: 248.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 64, l. 43, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(8) Land used solely for allotments or allotment gardens. An amount equal to 90 per cent. of the gross value."

—(Mr. March.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 65, by leaving out ll. 5 and 6.—(Mr. MacLaren.)

And the Question being put, That the words "agricultural land" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Major Cope,
Lord Stanley:
Yeas: 272.

Tellers for the

Mr. Charles Edwards,
Mr. Barnes:
Noes: 113.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 65, l. 6, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(2) Buildings other than dwelling-houses occupied together with agricultural land, or being or forming part of a market-garden, and in either case used solely in connection with agricultural operations thereon.

(2) Seventy-five per cent. of the nett annual value."

—(Mr. Basil Peto.)

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. Basil Peto,
Mr. Ruggles-Brise:
Yeas: 261.

Tellers for the

Mr. Parkinson,
Mr. Charles Edwards:
Noes: 110.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.
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—(Mr. Clarry.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 67, l. 29, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "other than the linings of furnaces which are renewable apart from the rest of the structure."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 71, l. 8, by leaving out paragraph 1, and inserting the words,—

"1. Where any matter is referred to arbitration under the provisions of this Act relating to appeals to quarter sessions the arbitrator to act shall be such person as may be agreed on by the parties or, in default of agreement, appointed by the President of the Surveyors' Institution."—(Sir Philip Pilditch), 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:

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, [Mr. Charles Edwards: 74.]

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, Noes, [Captain Margesson: 196.]

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coastguard Bill [Lords]:
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 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection 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 Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) 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 Restrictions (Scotland) 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 Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 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.

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 Oundle, and parts of the Rural Districts of Thrapston and Oundle, all in the County of Northampton, which was presented on the 28th day of July 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 City of Wells, the Borough of Glastonbury, the Urban Districts of Highbridge, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, and Shepton Mallet, part of the Urban District of Burnham, the Rural District of Clutton, and parts of the Rural Districts of Axbridge, Bath, Frome, Keynsham, Shepton Mallet, and Wells, all in the County of Somerset, which was presented on the 28th day of July 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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.

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 Education (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 133.]

Tuesday, 1st December 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House Mr. Speaker's of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker. Absence. from this day's Sitting,—Whereupon Mr. Hope, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair Prayers. as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.
Private Bills [Lords].

Mr. Deputy 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 compiled with, viz.:

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire Electricity Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. M'Neill presented, by His Majesty's Treasury, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Palin, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. West Russell, Dr. Simms, Colonel Sinclair, Major Steel, Sir Victor Warrender, and Mr. Windsor.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection: That they had added the following Fourteen Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of Standing Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill)—the Lord Advocate, Lord Balfour, Mr. Bethel, Mr. Crawford, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Palin, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. West Russell, Dr. Simms, Colonel Sinclair, Major Steel, Sir Victor Warrender, and Mr. Windsor.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Ministry of Health relating to Bournemouth, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Bournemouth) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker called the attention of Member to the service of the House—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer); the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Commander Eyres-Monsell, Sir Harry Barnston: 269.

Tellers for Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Kelly: 91.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, pursuant to Standing Orders not previously inquired into, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Bill to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Registrar-General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1924 (New Annual Series, No. 4). Tables, Part I., Medical.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Murdoch Adamson be suspended from the service of the House (Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by the Lords. Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords.)

Mr. William Murdoch Adamson to withdraw from the House, and he withdrew accordingly.

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 agree to the Amendments made by this House to the Bexhill Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Bournemouth, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Bournemouth) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
1st December.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Rating and Valuation Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Second Reading of the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment Act, 1926, which, upon the 5th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, 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 Great Yarmouth Gas Company, which was presented on the 13th July and published, be approved. Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (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 taking into consideration the Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) 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 Legitimacy Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Married Women (Torts) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coastsuard Second Reading of the Coastsuard Bill [Lords]; 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 31st day of March last, That the Forestry Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Secretary Sir William Jayson-Hicks, supported by Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Coroners: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow: and to be printed.

Dr. Sattler, supported by Mr. Viant, Dr. Skiles, Mr. Barr, Mr. Brood, Mr. Rhyes Davies, Mr. Dunnico, Mr. Stewart, Mr. David Williams, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Warne, and Mr. Thomas Henderson, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to smoke nuisances, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 15th day of this instant December: and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the action of the Government in initiating the prosecution of certain members of the Communist Party is a violation of the traditional British rights of freedom of speech and publication of opinion.—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1. 2, by leaving out from the word "a" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "timely vindication of the duty imposed upon all British Governments to safeguard the State against sedition and mutiny, and to protect His Majesty's subjects from being seduced by irresponsible persons into the commission of crime, and that it is unsuitable for the legislature to interfere in the administration of justice."—(Mr. Hurst), 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 Yes, Mr. Benjamin Smith, 127, Mr. Warne;

Tellers for the Noes, Commander Eyles, 351, Colonel Gibbs;

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That these words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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 Wild Birds 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 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 Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions (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 Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House, will to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Sutton-in-Ashfield, Huthwaite, and Kirkby-in-Ashfield, and parts of the Rural Districts of Basford and Skegby, in the County of Nottingham, and part of the Rural District of Blackwell, in the County of Derby, which was presented on the 6th day of August 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Stanley, in the County of Durham, which was presented on the 6th day of August 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Grange, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 6th day of August 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Barrow-upon-Soar, in the County of Leicester, which was presented on the 6th day of August 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Barrow-upon-Soar, in the County of Leicester, which was presented on the 6th day of August 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Quorn and part of the Rural District of Barrow-upon-Soar, in the County of Leicester, which was presented on the 6th day of August 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Thurcaston and parts of the Rural Districts of Billesdon, Barrow-upon-Soar, and Blaby, in the County of Leicester, which was presented on the 6th day of August 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Contract, dated the 1st December 1923, between His Majesty's Postmaster-General and Messrs. Stout, of Fair Isle and Sumburgh, for the conveyance of Mails between Fair Isle and Sumburgh, be approved.—(Sir William Mitchell-Thomson) :—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.
Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of November last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 134.]

Wednesday, 2nd December 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the table.

Sudan (No. 1, 1925.)

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command — Copy of Report on the Finances, Administration, and Condition of the Sudan in 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Inland Revenue.

Mr. M'Neil presented, by His Majesty's Command — Copy of Sixty-eighth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended 31st March 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Offices (Sites and Public Buildings Expenses Accounts).

Mr. M'Neil also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament — Accounts showing the Moneys issued out of the Consolidated Fund and the Expenditure under the Public Buildings Expenses Act, 1903, the Finance Act, 1908, and the Public Buildings Expenses Act, 1913, to 31st March 1925; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law with respect to persons carrying on business as moneylenders; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put. That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 268.

Tellers for the Noes, 142.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Law relating to the prevention of corruption.—(Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson.)

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 Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, Colonel Gretton, Sir Alan Burgoyne, Sir Henry Page Croft, Sir Wilfrid Sugden, Captain Foxcroft, and Captain Gee do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson accordingly presented a Bill to amend and extend the Law relating to the prevention of corruption: And the same was read the first time, and Bill 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 repeal the Incitement to Mutiny Act, 1797.—(Mr. Thurtle.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11:

Tellers for the Yeas, 114.

Tellers for the Noes, 272.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means, itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. (In the Committee.)

Cutlery.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That during a period of five years from the passing of an Act for giving effect to this Resolution there shall be charged on the importation of the following articles into Great Britain or Northern Ireland a duty of Customs of an amount equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the value of the article, that is to say:—

Knives with one or more blades made wholly or partly of steel or iron, other than surgical knives, or knives for use in machines:
Scissors, including tailors' shears and secateurs, made wholly or partly of steel or iron;
Safety razors and component parts thereof;
Razors, other than safety razors;
Carving forks;
Knife sharpeners wholly or partly of steel;
Handles, blades, or blanks for any of the above-mentioned articles.

—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 1, to leave out the words "during a period of five years," in order to insert the words "for a period of twelve months."—(Mr. Runciman.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 (Sir Harry Barnston), 237.
Yea's, (Major Hennessy : ) 237.
Tellers for the (Mr. Thomas Kennedy), 134.
Noes, (Mr. Warne : ) 134.

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Godfrey Collins), 143.
Yea's, (Sir Robert Hutchison : ) 143.
Tellers for the (Sir Godfrey Collins), 143.
Noes, (Sir Robert Hutchison : ) 143.

Mr. Runciman moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, put the Question thereupon forthwith.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Godfrey Collins), 137.
Yea's, (Sir Robert Hutchison : ) 137.
Tellers for the (Major Cope), 137.
Noes, (Major Hennessy : ) 137.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 4, to leave out the words "thirty-three and one-third, in order to insert the word "five."—(Mr. Dalton.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—

Debate arising:

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Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 (Colonel Gibbs), 191.
Yea's, (Captain Hacking : ) 191.
Tellers for the (Mr. Thomas Kennedy), 71.
Noes, (Mr. Warne : ) 71.

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.


The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Captain Hacking), 188.
Yea's, (Captain Margesson : ) 188.
Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson), 72.
Noes, (Mr. Charles Edwards : ) 72.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out ll. 5 and 6.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—

Debate arising:

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 (Major Cope), 168.
Yea's, (Major Cope : ) 168.
Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson), 62.
Noes, (Mr. Benjamin Smith : ) 62.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 6, at the end, to insert the words "or for trade purposes."—(Mr. Snowden.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising:

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Captain Hacking), 169.
Yea's, (Captain Margesson : ) 169.
Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson), 62.
Noes, (Mr. Benjamin Smith : ) 62.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 6, at the end, to insert the words "or for trade purposes."—(Mr. Snowden.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising:

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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. Charles Edwards), 57.
Yea's, (Mr. Hayes : ) 57.
Tellers for the (Captain Hacking), 161.
Noes, (Lord Stanley : ) 161.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Snowden):—Debate arising:

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Captain Hacking), 158.
Yea's, (Captain Margesson : ) 158.
Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson), 56.
Noes, (Mr. Warne : ) 56.

Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, 1 Mr. Hayes : ] 56.
Tellers for the [Major Cope, Mr. Parkinson : ] 56.


Another Amendment proposed, to leave out l. 7 and 8.—[Mr. Charleton.] Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Notice taken that strangers were present:
Whereupon the Chairman put forthwith the Question, That strangers be ordered to withdraw.—[Mr. Neil Maclean]—Question agreed to.
Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question. —Debate arising:
Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Cope, Mr. Frederick Thoms- son : ] 132.
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards : ] 56.


Another Amendment proposed, to leave out l. 9.—[Mr. Lees Smith] Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Frederick Thoms- son : ] 131.
Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Hayes : ] 56.

Noes, [Mr. Warne : ] 56.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out l. 10.—[Mr. Taylor] Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—Debate arising:
Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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. Frederick Thom- son, Lord Stanley : ] 149.
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Warne : ] 54.

Noes, [Mr. Parkinson : ] 54.

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Warne : ] 54.

Noes, [Mr. Parkinson : ] 54.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Warne : ] 54.

Noes, [Mr. Parkinson : ] 54.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—[Mr. Ramsay MacDonald] The Question having been raised as to strangers, whether, after strangers had been ordered to withdraw, a Motion for their re-admission could be made, the Chairman ruled that the Standing Orders provided no means for their re-admission.
Question put, and negatived.

Main Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Hennessy, Yeas, Lord Stanley : ] 149.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Warne : ] 54.

Resolved, That during a period of five years from the passing of an Act for giving effect to this Resolution there shall be charged on the importation of the following articles into Great Britain or Northern Ireland a duty of Customs of an amount equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the value of the article, that is to say:—

Knives with one or more blades made wholly or partly of steel or iron, other than surgical knives, or knives for use in machines;

Scissors, including tailors' shears and secateurs, made wholly or partly of steel or iron;

Safety razors and component parts thereof;

Razors, other than safety razors;

Carving forks;

Knife sharpeners wholly or partly of steel;

Handles, blades, or blanks for any of the above-mentioned articles.

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 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, this day, 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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Rating and Valuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) 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 Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 Restrictions (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (Scotland) 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 Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) 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 the Second Reading of the Married Women (Torts) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (Scotland) 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 the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures (Amendment) 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 Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) 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 Restrictions (Scotland) 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 1st day of this instant December, That the Contract, dated the 17th day of September 1923, between His Majesty's Postmaster-General and Messrs. Stout, of Fair Isle, Shetland, for the conveyance of Mails between Fair Isle and Sumburgh (Shetland) be approved;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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 fourteen minutes after Seven of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 135.]

Thursday, 3rd December 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant Companies, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Thirty-fourth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade under the Companies Acts, 1908 to 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Local Loans Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1924, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Major Sir Richard Barnett reported from the Scottish Standing Committee on Scottish Bills to whom the (Education (Scotland) 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.

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Bill 268. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Leith Harbour and Deocks Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Campbeltown Harbour and Gas 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 Campbeltown Harbour and Gas; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Campbeltown Harbour and Gas Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] Bill 269.

Colonel Windsor-Clive reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills; That in the case of the Workmen’s Compensation 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.

New Member sworn.

Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Honourable Walter Edward Guinness, D.S.O., Member for the County of West Suffolk (Bury St. Edmunds Division) was sworn.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply, and that the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means 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. Frederick Thomson,

Mr. Curzon.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Tomlinson,

Mr. Lansbury.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Suspension of a Member.

Ordered, That the period of suspension from the service of this House of Mr. William Macdonald Adamson do terminate this day—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Gloves.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That during a period of five years from the passing of an Act for giving effect to this Resolution there shall be charged on the importation of the following articles into Great Britain or Northern Ireland a duty of customs of an amount equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the value of the article, that is to say:—

Gloves made in whole or in part of leather or of fur, and leather or fur cut out ready for sewing into gloves, but not including gloves known as astrakhan gloves or gloves in which leather is used only as trimming or binding;

Gloves cut out of woven or knitted material consisting in whole or in part of cotton and sewn up and known as fabric gloves, and material for such gloves cut out ready for sewing.

(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 1, to leave out the words “during a period of five years,” in order to insert the words “for a period of twelve months.”—(Mr. Runciman.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—Debate arising;

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 Yeas,

Mr. Frederick Thomson,

Mr. Curzon

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Tomlinson,

Mr. Lansbury.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out ll. 5 to 7.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Frederick Thomson and Captain Viscount Curzon were nominated Tellers for the Yeas, and Mr. Lansbury and Mr. Buchanan Tellers for the Noes; but it appeared, on the Tellers coming to the Table, that a Member had told for the Noes who had not been nominated. The Chairman thereupon directed the Committee to proceed again to a Division.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Frederick Thomson,

Mr. Curzon

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Tomlinson,

Mr. Lansbury.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out ll. 5 to 7.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Frederick Thomson,

Mr. Curzon

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Tomlinson,

Mr. Lansbury.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
The Chairman of Ways and Means of the 2nd day of this instant December, Op. 180.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Ordered, That the day being read for, the supply, Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection 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 Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions (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 Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) 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 1st day of this instant December, That the Contract, dated the 17th day of September 1923, between His Majesty's Postmaster General and Messrs. Stout, of Fair Isle, Shetland, for the conveyance of Mails between Fair Isle and Sumburgh (Shetland), be approved;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

Friday, 4th December 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Campbeltown Harbour and Gas Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Captain Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th September 1925, made by the Scottish Board of Health with the approval of the Treasury under the Housing, Town Planning, &c. (Scotland) Act, 1919, entitled the Local Authorities (Assisted Housing Schemes) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to Universities the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 144 (Glasgow) Act, 1889.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Lane-Pox presented, by His Majesty's Coal Mining Command,—Copy of Explanatory Memorandum of the Supplementary Estimate for the Coal Mining Industry Subvention.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:
The Lords have agreed to the Expiring Laws Expiring Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to Universities the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 39 (Foundation of Johnstone Smith Chair of Accountancy) made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:
The Lords have agreed to the Expiring Laws Expiring Bill, without any Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating and Valuation 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 three months."—(Mr. Beckett.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Commander Eyres-Monsell.]
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Thomas Hender.

Tellers for the Nos. [Colonel Gibbs.]

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 Second Reading of the Government of India (Civil Services) 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. Scarr.)
And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—

And a Debate arising thereupon;
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And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Coastguard Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coastguard Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (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, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Circuit Courts and Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords], 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, 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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Commander Eyres-Monsell):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 3rd day of this instant December;

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.

Ways and Means—2nd December Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 2nd day of this instant December;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Coroners (Amendment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Legitimacy Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Legitimacy 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant December, That the Contract, dated the 17th day of September 1923, between His Majesty’s Postmaster General and Messrs. Stout, of Fair Isle, Shetland, for the conveyance of Mails between Fair Isle and Sumburgh (Shetland), be approved.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then three minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.


[No. 137.]

Monday, 7th December 1925.

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 Campbeltown Harbour and Gas Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Colonel Lane-Fox 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 30th September 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. M’Neill presented,—Return to an Order, Appointed during the 6th day of August last, for a Return relative to Appointments in the Public Service carrying remuneration of £2,000 a year and upwards.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts,—

(1) dated 24th November 1925, authorising the landing of one Elk at the port of Liverpool and defining quarantine station;

(2) dated 25th November 1925, entitled the Manchester Imported Animals Wharf Order of 1925 (No. 4) and revoking the Manchester Imported Animals Wharf Order of 1925 (No. 3).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Colonel Ashley presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Order, dated 1st December 1925, made by the Minister of Transport, entitled the Locomotives on Highways (Construction of Wheels) (Scotland) Revocation Order, 1925.

Colonel Ashley also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 1st December 1925, made by the Minister of Transport, entitled the Motor Cars (Use and Construction) Amendment Order, 1925.

Copies of Special Orders made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1924, are to be printed.

(1) the Parishes or Townships of Brewood, Featherstone, and Shropshire, and parts of the Townships of Rishon, Hilton, Peak, and Saredon, in the Rural District of Cannock, and the Parish of Codsall and Oaken and the detached part of the Parish of Wrottesley, in the Rural District of Scisdon, all in the County of Stafford;

(2) parts of the Rural Districts of Southam, Stratford-on-Avon, and Warwick, in the County of Warwick.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendment made by the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, with the previous sanction of the Governor General of India in Council, of Rule 13 of the Rules for the asking of Questions in the Coorg Legislative Council.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Moneyminders Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Ch. Chamberlain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir William Jowsey-Hicks, Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain, and Mr. Secretary Amery, presented a Bill to confirm and give effect to a certain Agreement amending and supplementing 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.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 2nd day of this instant December a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Cutlery. That during a period of five years from the passing of an Act for giving effect to this Resolution there shall be charged on the importation of the following articles into Great Britain or Northern Ireland a duty of customs of an amount equal to thirty three and one-third per cent. of the value of the article, that is to say:—

Knives with one or more blades made wholly or partly of steel or iron, other than surgical knives, or knives for use in machines;

Scissors, including tailors’ shears and secateurs, made wholly or partly of steel or iron;

Safety razors and component parts thereof;

Razors, other than safety razors;

Carving forks;

Knife sharpeners wholly or partly of steel;

Handles, blades, or blanks for any of the above-mentioned articles.

The said Resolution, being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in l. 1, by leaving out the words “during a period of five years,” and inserting the words “for a period of eighteen months”—(Mr. Gillett), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister 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 House divided.

Tellers for the f Mr. Warne, Lord Stanley:

Tellers for the f Mr. Warne, Mr. Hayes:

The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas to the Right; 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:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Resolution:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It passed in the Negative.

The House divided.
Gloves, 
That during a period of five years from the passing of an Act for giving effect to this Resolution there shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of the following articles, duties of customs of an amount equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the value of the article, that is to say:—

Gloves made in whole or in part of leather or of fur, and leather or fur cut out ready for sewing into gloves, but not including gloves known as astrakhan gloves or gloves in which leather is used only as trimming or binding;

Gloves cut out of woven or knitted material consisting in whole or in part of cotton and sewn up and known as fabric gloves, and material for such gloves cut out ready for sewing.

Mantles for Incandescent Lighting.

As an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution by leaving out £ 5 to 7.--(Mr. Lees Smith.)

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 [Major Hennestey, yeas:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinso, noes:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution by leaving out £ 5 to 7.--(Mr. Lees Smith.)

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 [Major Hennestey, yeas:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinso, noes:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the question being put, that this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Major Hennestey, yeas:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, noes:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The second Resolution, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in 1. 7, by leaving out "6s."

and inserting " ls."—(Mr. James Hudson),—instead thereof.

and the question being proposed, that "6s." stand part of the Resolution;

and the house having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 8th December 1925:

And the question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, yeas:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, noes:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the question being put, that this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, yeas:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, noes:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the safeguarding said Resolutions, and that Sir Philip Cardiff, of Industries, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Customs Mr. Guinness, Mr. McNeill, and Sir Burton Chadwick do prepare and bring it in.

And the question being put, that this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, yeas:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, noes:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, yeas:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, noes:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Safeguarding of Industries (Customs Duties Bill.) Bill 272.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) 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 Restrictions (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister accordingly presented a Bill to impose Customs duties on certain goods with a view to the safeguarding of certain industries, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 5th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, 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 Great Yarmouth Gas Company, which was presented on the 15th July and published, be approved;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Education (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures (Amendment) 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 Married Women (Torts) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Forestry Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Marks (Imported Agricultural Produce) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Contract, dated the 1st day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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 twenty-two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.
Tuesday, 8th December 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House

The Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire Electricity Bill [Lords.] was read a second time.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 82, 211, 236, and 237 be suspended, and that the Committee on Unopposed Bills have leave to consider the Bill upon Tuesday.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords.]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Campbeltown Harbour and Gas 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley 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 Abergele and Pensarn, in the County of Denbigh.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel John Weller Hills, Member for the County of York, West Riding (Ripon Division), was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be suspended, without the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); Vol. 180.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Commander Eyles:—

Mr. Warne, Mr. Charles Edwards:—285.

Tellers for the Colonel Gibbs:

Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Trelwelyan Thomson, Sir Richard Barnett, Sir Robert Neuman, Sir Henry Slezer, and Captain Weddwood Benn do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Mr. Sear:—117.

Tellers for the Mr. Marriott, Mr. Hurst:—265.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Ireland (Confirmation of Agreement) Bill was according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

No. 138.

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,

Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Bournemouth) Bill [Lords.]:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Speaker put the Question:—(pursuant to S.O. No. 11.)

Mr. Speaker accordingly put the Question:—(pursuant to S.O. No. 11.)

Bill 273.

Law Officers of the Crown (Attorney General and Solicitor General acting as Members of the Cabinet, or occupying the position of judges of the High Court, or the office of Lord High Chancellor.—(Mr. Lansbury.)

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 Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Miss Wilkinson accordingly presented a Bill to amend section one hundred and ninety-one of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882:—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Ireland (Confirmation of Agreement) Bill was according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(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 Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 4th day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time.

Which Amendment was, to leave out the words "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day three months."

And the Question being again proposed, that the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;—
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
{Commander Eyres-Monsell; Colonel Gibbs; } 241.

Tellers for the Noes, 
{Mr. Scurr; Mr. Thurtle; } 77.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Guinness, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Land Settlement (Facilities) Amendment [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 to amend the Land Settlement (Facilities) Act, 1919, by substituting other provisions for those contained in Section 27 of the said Act, and to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any expenses that may be incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, in pursuance of the provisions to be substituted as aforesaid.—(Mr. Guinness.)

Resolution to be reported.

The 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.

Mail Contract (Fair Isle and Sumburgh.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant December, That the Contract, dated the 17th day of September 1923, between His Majesty's Postmaster General and Messrs. Stout, of Fair Isle, Shetland, for the conveyance of Mails between Fair Isle and Sumburgh (Shetland), be approved.

And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;—

Resolved, That the Contract, dated the 17th day of September 1923, between His Majesty's Postmaster General and Messrs. Stout, of Fair Isle, Shetland, for the conveyance of Mails between Fair Isle and Sumburgh (Shetland), be approved.

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;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Coastguard Bill [Lords] was, according Coastguard to Order, read a second time and committed to Bill [Lords] a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Education into consideration the Education (Scotland) 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 resuming Gas the adjourned Debate on the Amendment Regulation which, upon the 5th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, 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 Great Yarmouth Gas Company, which was presented on the 15th July and published, be approved.

Which Amendment was, in l. 4, at the end thereof, to add the words "subject to the omission of Section 7 (1) (b), and Schedule I., Part II."

And the Question being again proposed, that those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Question was amended, in l. 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, Section 7 (1) (b) and Part II. of the First Schedule to the Order should be omitted. 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 Section 7 (1) (b) and Part II. of the First Schedule to the Order shall be heard, provided that a Statement of Objection shall have been deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office of the House of Commons before the fourth day after the date of this Order, but an opponent shall only be heard upon objections which have been specified in the Statement"—(Mr. Neville).—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,
Wednesday, 9th December 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Mr. Bridgeman presented, by His Majesty's Pembroke and Rosyth Dockyards, a Petition by the Pembroke and Rosyth Dockyards, to a care and maintenance basis.

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 the Bishopric of Shrewsbury Measure, Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.

Copy of Sixteenth Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee, being a Report on the Bishopric of Shrewsbury Measure, 1925, under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.

Copy of the Diocesan Boards of Finance Measure, 1925, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.

Copy of the Bishopric of Shrewsbury Measure, Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of November last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

The Order for reading a second time upon Tuesday next the Public Health (Smoke Abatement) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the powers of Local Authorities empowering them to supply coke.—(Mr. Beckett).

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.

For the Yeas, the Nos was the Left.

Mr. Speaker put the question, pursuant to Standing Order 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.

The House divided.

For the Yeas, the Nos was the Left.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the powers of Local Authorities empowering them to supply coke.—(Mr. Beckett).

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.

For the Yeas, the Nos was the Left.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Papers be printed.

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.

For the Yeas, the Nos was the Left.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Safeguarding of Industries (Customs Duties) 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 give a Second Reading to a Bill which is designed, under the pretext of mitigating unemployment, to establish a system of tariffs on imports for which the Government has no mandate from the Country; and this House declares that protective duties will not solve or mitigate the evil of unemployment but, on the contrary, will inflict serious injury upon our vital export trades, and, realising the urgency of the unemployment problem, calls for the energetic development of the nation's productive powers on the lines of the public ownership and control of land and industry"—(Mr. Snowden),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

For the Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Warne

For the Nos, Mr. Parkinson.

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.

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee Land on Land Settlement (Facilities) Amendment (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

That it is expedient to amend the Land Settlement (Facilities) Act, 1919, by substituting other provisions for those contained in Section 27 of the said Act, and to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any expenses that may be incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, in pursuance of the provisions to be substituted as aforesaid.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Land Settlement (Facilities) Amendment (Money), a Resolution; and that Mr. Guinness and Mr. M'Neil do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Guinness accordingly presented a Bill to Land amend the Land Settlement (Facilities) Act, 1919, by substituting other provisions for those contained in section twenty-seven of the said Bill; and the same was read the first time, Bill 274 and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;—

Resolved, That this House, will to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;—

Resolved, That this House, will to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Education into consideration the Education (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;—

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Married Women (Torts) Bill [Lords].
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women (Torts) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Forestry Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Coroners (Amendment) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners (Amendment) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Legitimacy Bill [Lords].
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Legitimacy Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of 16th November, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEE.
Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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Thursday, 10th December 1925.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdeen Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table. Vide Third Report.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Treaty Series (No. 1, 1925.)
Copy of Correspondence respecting Abyssinian Raids and Injuries into British Territory.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts by the University of Oxford Commissioners and sealed on 14th July 1925, relating to Keble College.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Statute, made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts by the University of Oxford Commissioners and sealed on 14th July 1925, partly for the University, partly for Queen's College, and partly for St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
Copy of Statute, made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts by the Provost of Oxford and Scholars of Queen's College, Oxford, before the end of 1924 for the said College and St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, and approved by the University of Oxford Commissioners on 14th July 1925.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command, Report of the Committee on Brooms and Brushes in connection with the Safeguarding of Industries.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. M'Neill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Account of the Fee Fund of the House of Lords from 1st April 1924 to 31st March 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Ireland (Confirmation of Agreement) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire Electricity Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 A (in respect of the Coastguard Bill [Lords]); and Sir Cyril Cobb to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords]):

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Selection (Standing Committees.)

Standing Committee A.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection:—That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Smithers; and had appointed in substitution:—Sir Philip Custis-Lister.

Standing Committee B.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee:—That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Walter Baker, Brigadier-General Charteris, Sir Henry Craik, Major Edmondson, Mr. Hore-Belisha, Major-General Sir Alfred Knox, Mr. Wardlaw-Milne, Mr. Pitcher, Sir John Power, Mr. Scour, Mr. Snell, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Spoon, Sir Victor Warrener, and Earl Winterton.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee:—That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee B:—Mr. Campbell.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.


Secrecy Sir William Jowson-Hicks, supported by Captain Hacking, presented a Bill to increase the rateable deductions to be made from the pay of the police and to authorise, in certain circumstances, the return of rateable deductions in the case of members of police forces retired or dismissed after the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and nineteen:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Public Health (Northern Ireland) (Amendment of) Bill. Bill 276.

Dr. Salter, supported by Mr. Viant, Dr. Shields, Mr. Burr, Mr. Broad, Mr. Rhyda Davies, Mr. Dunning, Mr. Stewart, Mr. David Williams, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Warne, and Mr. Thomas Henderson, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to smoke nuisances and noxious or offensive gases, and for other purposes connected therewith:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

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. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Commander Eyres, 222.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Warne, 113.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Services Supplementary Estimate, 1925-26.)

Unclassified Service.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £9,000,000 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 1926 for a Subvention in Aid of Wages in the Coal Mining Industry:

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-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, 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. Public Health (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1925.
2. Expiring Laws Act, 1925.
3. Ireland (Confirmation of Agreement) Act 1925.
Supplies.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £9,000,000 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 1926 for a Subvention in Aid of Wages in the Coal Mining Industry.

Question put, and agreed to.

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2. £1,100,000, for defraying the liability under the Government Guarantee in respect of any loss which may result from the holding of the British Empire Exhibition under the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Acts, 1920 to 1925.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy 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 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 1926, the sum of £10,100,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. M. Neill.)

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 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 Land Settlement (Facilities) Amendment 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. —(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)


The Order of the day being read, for the Safeguarding of Industries (Customs Duties) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Education (Scotland) 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 Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Married Women (Torts) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Forestry Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry 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 Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Legitimacy Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation Bill, as proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Northampton Gaslight Company, which was presented on the 17th June and published, be approved, subject to the following addition:—

After Clause 11, insert the following Clause (For the protection of the Northamptonshire County Council):—

The following provision for the protection of the Northamptonshire County Council (in this section referred to as "the county council") shall, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing between the company and the county council, apply and have effect (that is to say):

Section eight of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847, incorporated with this Order, shall be read and have effect as if, in respect of any street, bridge, sewer, drain, or tunnel under the control or management of the county council, the period of fourteen
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 Preston, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 16th day of November 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Borough of Barnsley, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 16th day of November 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Crediton, in the County of Devon, which was presented on the 16th day of November 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of November last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The Aberdeen 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.

Secretary Sir Austin Chamberlain presented, Treaty Series No. 52, 1925, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Commercial Convention between Canada and the Netherlands. Signed at Ottawa, 11th July 1924. Ratifications exchanged at Ottawa, 28th October 1925.

Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Treaty Series Kingdom and Bulgaria providing for the provisional regulation of commercial relations between the two countries. Sofia, 12th November 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection, that he had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Major George Davies; and had Committee A.
appointed in substitution: Sir Burton Chadwick.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.


Mr. M'Neill reported from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant December, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £9,000,000 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 1926 for a Subvention in Aid of Wages in the Coal Mining Industry.

Class VI.

2. That a sum not exceeding £1,100,000 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 1926 for defraying the liability under the Government Guarantee in respect of any loss which may result from the holding of the British Empire Exhibition under the British Empire Exhibition (Guarantee) Acts, 1920 to 1925.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.


Mr. M'Neill reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 10th day of this instant December 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 1926, the sum of £10,100,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. M'Neill do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. M'Neill 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-six, and to appropriate the further 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.

Rosyth and Pembroke Dockyards.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That in the opinion of this House the decision to close His Majesty's Dockyards at Rosyth and Pembroke was taken without due regard to the Government's responsibilities to Parliament to the municipalities concerned, and to the workmen affected. —(Mr. William Adamson):

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1. 2, by leaving out from the word "Pembroke" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "is in accordance with Vol. 180.

and announced in the Gracious Speech from the Throne "—(Commander Bellairs), 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;

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Kennedy] 65

Yes. [Mr. Charles Edwards];

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibbs],

Noes. [Sir Harry Barnston]: 237.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The 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 Land Committee on the Land Settlement (Facilities) Amendment Bill;

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 twelve minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.
Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. M'Neill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Crown Lands, formerly the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, for the year ended 31st March 1925, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1925, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Cyril Cobb reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Government of India (Civil Services) 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Safeguarding of Industries (Customs Duties) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Customs Duties on goods in Schedule).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out the words "five years," in order to insert the words "twelve months."—(Mr. Runciman.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Thomas Hender-son: 112.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Cope, Mr. Frederick Thom-son: 238.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that any such duty shall cease to be chargeable at any date prior to the expiration of the period of five years upon a resolution to that effect being passed by the Commons House of Parliament."—(Mr. Attlee.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Thomas Hender-son, Mr. Frederick Thom-son: 239.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out subsection (2)—Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Lord Stanley, Mr. Frederick Thom-son: 217.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fenby: 114.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, after the word "article," to insert the words "or any constituent part or ingredient of such article."—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Godfrey Collins, Mr. Trevelyan Thom-son: 115.
Tellers for the Noes, Lord Stanley, Mr. Frederick Thom-son: 212.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Cope, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Thomas Hender-son: 226.
Tellers for the Noes, Captain Viscount Curzon, Lord Stanley: 114.
Mr. John Jones moved, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, put the Question thereupon forthwith.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Barnes, Yeas, [Mr. Benjamin Smith: ] 110.


Clause No. 2 (Construction and Short Title).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 23, to leave out the words " Safeguarding of Industries," in order to insert the words "Protective Tariff."—(Mr. Runciman.)

Question put. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.


Clause agreed to.

First Schedule. Amendment proposed, in p. 3, col. 1, to leave out l. 5 to 8.—(Mr. Dalton.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;

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Question put.

The Committee divided.


Tellers for the "Mr. Parkinson, Noes, [Mr. Warne: ] 83.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Sir Philip Conliffe-Lister),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) 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 Police Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 Burgh of Bridge of Allan, in the County of Stirling, which was presented on the 16th day of November 1925, be approved. (Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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 Ashton-in-Makerfield, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 16th day of November 1925, be approved. (Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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-two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire Electricity 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. (The Chairman of Ways and Means) 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 Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public Petitions. Vide Third Report.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Order, dated 11th December 1925, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Further Amendment) Order, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. M'Neil presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Receipts and Expenditure of the Paymaster General, on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, in respect of the Funds of Suitors of the Court in the year ended 28th February 1925, and Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to Court of Session (Scotland.) Order, it being then twenty-two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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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 the Benevolent Provisional Rules, Benefits 1925, and the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Further Amendment) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report of the Council of the League of Nations by General F. Laidoner on the Situation in the locality of the provisional line of the Frontier between Turkey and Iraq, fixed at Brussels on 29th October 1924. Mosul, 23rd November 1925.

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the course of their employment; 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 Baldovan Institution for the Treatment and Education of Defectives; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Workmen's Compensation Bill [Lords.] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Baldovan Institution for the Treatment and Education of Defectives Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sir Rowland Blades reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports; That they had considered the matters to them referred; and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Graham reported from the Committee of Public Accounts; That they had 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, and Appendices.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Robert Hamilton presented a Bill to amend the Law as to the keeping open of the poll for two days at a parliamentary election for Orkney and Zetland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

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)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Mr. Warne, Noes, Mr. Hayes : } 119.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Safeguarding of Industries (Customs Duties) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

First Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 8, col. 1, at the end, to insert the words "and Vol. 180.

any knife used normally as part of the material or equipment used in any trade, industry, or occupation pursued as a means of livelihood.

(Mr. Runciman.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Sir Geoffrey Collins, Yeas, Sir Robert Hutchinson : } 137.
Tellers for the {Major Hennessy, Noes, Major Cope : } 244.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 11, col. 2, to leave out the words "thirty-three and one-third " in order to insert the word "five."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Question put, That the words "thirty-three and one-third " stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Major Cope, Yeas, Major Hennessy : } 252.
Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Warne : } 132.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, col. 1, to leave out ll. 12 and 13.—(Mr. Lees Smith.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Sir Harry Barnston, Yeas, Captain Bowyer : } 226.
Tellers for the {Mr. Barnes, Mr. Thomas Hender- son : } 123.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, col. 1, to leave out ll. 16 and 17.—(Mr. Dalton.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Colonel Gibbs, Yeas, Captain Bowyer : } 225.
Tellers for the {Mr. Barnes, Mr. Thomas Hender- son : } 120.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, col. 1, to leave out ll. 18 and 19.—(Mr. Gillett.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Neil Maclean.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Warne : } 126.
Tellers for the {Major Cope, Noes, Lord Stanley : } 230.

Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Mr. Frederick Thom- son, Yeas, Lord Stanley : } 241.
Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Benjamin Smith : } 127.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, col. 1, to leave out ll. 21 to 27.—(Mr Morgan Jones.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Yea, (Sir Harry Barnston, Major Hennessy ; ) 288.

Nooes, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne; ) 115.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, col. 1, to leave out ll. 28 to 33.—(Mr. Lees Smith.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Yea, (Sir Harry Barnston, Major Hennessy ; ) 224.

Nooes, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Warne ; ) 107.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, to leave out ll. 33 to 38.—(Captain Wedgwood Benn.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Yea, (Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Frederick Thomson ; ) 214.

Nooes, Mr. Crawford, Sir Robert Hutchison ; ) 94.

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Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Settlement (Facilities) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Education (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Education (Scotland) Bill as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Married Women (Torts) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Forestry Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 31st day of March last, That the Forestry Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners Second Reading of the Coroners (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Legitimacy Second Reading of the Legitimacy Bill [Lords]; Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Parishes of Llechwedd, Llangelynin, and Langwenin, in the Rural District of Conway, in the County of Carnarvon, which was presented on the 16th day of November 1925, be approved. (Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity Act, 1919, in respect of the Parishes of Botley, Bursledon, Chilworth, Hamble, Hedge End, Hound, and Millbrook, and part of the Parish of West End, in the Rural District of South Stoneham, in the County of Southampton, which was presented on the 16th day of November 1925, be approved. (Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)
Wednesday, 16th December 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Rural Districts of Blackburn, Burnley, and Clitheroe, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 16th day of November 1925, be approved. —(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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 eighteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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 Parishes of Erskine, Inchinnan, Houston, Kilbarchan, Lochwinnoch, and Eaglesham, and parts of the Parishes of Kilmacolm, Renfrew, Paisley, Neilston, Eastwood, and Mearns, all in the County of Renfrew, which was presented on the 16th day of November 1925, be approved. —(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

Ordered, That the Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords] have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, 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 on the day prior to the close of the present Session, and that all fees due thereon up to that period be paid.

Ordered, That 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 the proceedings on such Bill 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 thereon do not apply to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.
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 Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Criminal Justice Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Tithe Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have agreed to the Sandwich Port and Haven Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Petroleum Acts, 1871 and 1879; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Criminal Justice Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tithe Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sandwich Port and Haven Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow, and be printed.

The Petroleum Bill [Lords.] Bill 280. was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Bournemouth) Bill [Lords.]: That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Colonel Wedgwood, supported by Mr. Thurtle, Mr. Baker, Mr. Barr, Mr. Batey, and Mr. Shell, presented a Bill to appoint the tithe rent-charge on certain properties: 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 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)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yeas, Commander Eyres-Monsell; Colonel Gibbs; 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Warne; Mr. Hayes; 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Safeguarding of Industries (Customs Duties) Bill:

And 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. Webb.)

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, Commander Eyres-Monsell; Colonel Gibbs; 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Warne; Mr. Hayes; 132.

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 Mr. Speaker's Table, and desire their concurrence (the Certificate, 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 Land Settlement (Facilities) Amendment 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 Government Bill take into consideration the Government of India (Civil Services) Bill [Lords], not amended [Lords.], 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, proceeded to Education Bill take into consideration the Education (Scotland) 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.

The Workmen's Compensation Bill [Lords] was, according to order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.

—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 51 agreed to.

Schedules No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dennis Herbert 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.

Adjourned, A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Police Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Pensions Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Coroners (Amendment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners (Amendment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Legitimacy Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Legitimacy Bill (Lords); Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Diocesan Boards of Finance Measure, 1925.

Resolved, That in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Diocesan Boards of Finance shall, in respect of the Rural Districts of Aylesbury and Long Crendon and part of the Rural District of Wycombe, in the County of Buckingham, the Urban District of Thame and part of the Rural District of Thame, in the County of Oxford, and the Urban District of Tring and part of the Rural District of Berkhamsted, in the County of Hertford, which was presented on the 1st day of December 1925, be approved, subject to the following modifications, viz.:

After sub-clause (4) of Clause 11, insert,—

(3) No electric line shall be placed by the undertakers above ground within the added areas along or across any county bridge or main road vested in the County Council without the consent in writing of the County Council under the hand of their clerk unless the Minister of Transport consents to the placing of such line above ground and the said Minister, before giving his consent, shall give the County Council an opportunity of being heard.—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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 Witton and Livesey, in the Rural District of Blackburn, in the County of Lancaster, which was presented on the 30th day of November 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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 Burgh of Helensburgh, in the County of Dumbarton, which was presented on the 30th day of November 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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 Leyland, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 30th day of November 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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 North Berwick, in the County of East Lothian, which was presented on the 30th day of November 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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 Burgh of Helensburgh, in the County of Dumbarton, which was presented on the 30th day of November 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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 Chorley, in the County of Lancashire, which was presented on the 30th day of November 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)

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 Lancashire, which was presented on the 30th day of November 1925, be approved.—(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)
Rural Districts of Bath and Frome, in the County of Somerset, which was presented on the 30th day of November 1925, be approved. —(Colonel Moore-Brabazon):

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of November last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of November last, till to-morrow.

[No. 145.]

Thursday, 17th December 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Bournemouth) 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 Baldevan Institution for the Treatment and Education of Defectives 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.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament. —Copy of Order in Council under the Land Transfer Act, 1897, dated 16th December 1925, declaring registration of title to land compulsory on sale in the County Borough of Eastbourne.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament. —Copy of Eighth Annual Report of the Minister of Pensions from 1st April 1924 to 31st March 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 5), 1925, dated 4th December 1925.

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 Report on the work of the India Store Department, London, for the year 1924-25.—(Mr. Wardlaw Myne.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing with reference to Session 1924-25, 1) the total number of days on which the House sat; and (2) the days of which Business of Supply was considered in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 8, of Session 1924-25.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 26 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1924-25, 1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:

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(in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 10, of Session 1924-25.)—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into the House of Commons and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in Session 1924-25, classed according to the following subjects:—Railways; Tramways; Tramroads; Subways; Canals and Navigations; Roads and Bridges; Water; Waterworks; Gas; Lighting and Improvement; Local Legislation; Corporations, &c. (not relating to Local Legislation or to Lighting and Improvement Schemes); Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks; Pilotage; Churches, Chapels, and Burying Grounds; Markets and Fairs; Guilds and other County Buildings; Inclosures and Drainage; Estate; Patent; Divorce; and Miscellaneous:

Private Bills and Private Business.
Committees; Select Public Bills, of the attendance of witnesses at each Select Committee, the number of days each Member attended; and the number of days on which each Committee met, and the number of the Chairman of each Committee appointed in Session 1924-25 and the Court of Session 1924-25, with a Return of the number of Select Committees, of the number of Members who served on Select Committees (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.005, of Session 1924-25).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Standing Committees, a Return for Session 1924-25 of (1) the total number and the names of all Members (including and distinguishing Chairmen) who have been appointed to serve on one or more of the six Standing Committees appointed under Standing Order No. 47, showing, with regard to each of such Members, the number of sittings at which he was present; (2) the number of Bills considered by all and by each of the Standing Committees, the number of days on which each Committee sat, and the names of all Bills considered by a Standing Committee, distinguishing where a Bill was a Government Bill or was brought from the House of Lords, and showing, in the case of each Bill, the particular Standing Committee by whom it was considered, the number of days on which it was considered by the Committee, and the number of Members present on each of those days (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.001, of Session 1924-25).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Sir William Bull reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 18th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and 30th days of November last, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 15th and 16th days of this instant December, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee: That they had considered the Bills referred to them, and directed him to make a Special Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Aberdeen Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rating and Valuation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

16 Geo. V. 17th December.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to amend Part I. of the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Act, 1923, with respect to the payment of money into court; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Rating and Valuation Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Lansbury, supported by Mr. Snell, Colonel Wedgwood, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Hadran Guest, Mr. Walter Baker, Mr. Gillet, Mr. Less Smith, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Dalton, and Mr. Scour, presented a Bill to constitute within the British Empire a commonwealth of India: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Colonel Sir John Gilmour, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Major Elliot, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to rating and valuation of machinery in land, and Major Elliot, presented a Bill to constitute within the British Empire a commonwealth of India: 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 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)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Colonel Gibbs, Yeas, 

Major Hennessy ; Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Noes, 

Mr. Warne : 

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House deplores the policy defined in Circular 1,371 issued by the Board of Education as calculated to discourage progressive Local Education Authorities and to check an advance in education which appeared to have received the approval of all parties—(Mr. Trevelyan);

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. Warne, Yeas, 

Mr. Hayes ; Tellers for the Commander Eyres- 

Moines, Colonel Gibbs ;

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So it passed in the Negative.

The Workmen's Compensation 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 Coastguard Bill [Lords], 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, 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 Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill [Lords]; Bill [Lords] Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Criminal into consideration the Amendments made by Justice Bill, the Lords to the Criminal Justice Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Sandwich into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sandwich Port and Haven Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Tithe Bill into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tithe Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent Second Reading of the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners Second Reading of the Coroners (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Regulation under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of the Lords; and acquaint them that this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Regulation under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Urban District Council of Sidmouth, which was presented on the 30th November and published, be approved, subject to the following modifications:

In Clause 15, sub-clause 1, after "1912" omit "and," and insert "or."
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 Worthing Gas Light and Coke Company, which was presented on the 1st December and published, be approved. — (Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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 Tamworth Gaslight and Coke Company, which was presented on the 1st December and published, be approved. — (Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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 Great Yarmouth Gas Company, which was presented on the 13th July and published, be approved. — (Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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 twenty-nine minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 146.]

Friday, 18th December 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command, — Copy of Decision relating to the Turco-Irak frontier adopted by M.M. Ortega-Nunez, Markus and one, No. 18, Charrère, into the Deportation of Christians in the neighbourhood of the Brussels Line. Mosul, 23rd November 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to Universities the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of of Oxford and Statute made under the Universities of Oxford Acts, and Cambridge Acts by the University of Cambridge Commissioners, on 24th July 1925, for King’s College, Cambridge, entitled Statute O, Martin Thackeray Fund.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, — Return to an East India Address, dated the 17th day of this instant December, for a Return relative to East India (India Store Department, London.)

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. M'Neil presented, pursuant to the Appropriations-in-Aid of the Vote for the Government Actuary and the West Indian Islands Cable Grant-in-Aid.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Jowson-Hicks presented, pursuant to Universities the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Draft Rule proposed directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations-in-Aid of the Visiting Committee of Durham Prison.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House: —

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this instant December, for a Return relative to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 10.

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of Adjournments this instant December, for a Return relative to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 19.

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of Business of this instant December, for a Return relative to Business of the House.

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of Closure of this instant December, for a Return relative to Debate (Standing Order No. 26.)

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of Private Bills this instant December, for a Return relative to Private Bills and Private Business.

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of Public Bills this instant December, for a Return relative to Public Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of Public this instant December, for a Return relative to Petitions, Private Bills and Private Business.

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of Select Committees, this instant December, for a Return relative to Select Committees.
Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this instant December, for a Return relative to Sittings of the House.

Standing Committees

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this instant December, for a Return relative to Standing Committees.

Ordered, That the returns relative to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 10, Business of the House, Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 26), Private Bills and Private Business, Public Bills, Public Petitions, Select Committees, and Standing Committees, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, so far as particulars are available, the total expenditure (other than out of loans) in England and Wales under certain Acts of Parliament during the years ended the 31st day of March 1891, 1901, 1911, 1921, 1924, and 1925, respectively, and the total number of persons directly benefiting from the expenditure for the year 1924, together with similar particulars for Scotland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 12, of Session 1924–25).—(Sir Evelyn Cecil.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Accounts of the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1924–25, showing (1) the receipts and payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1925; (2) the distribution of the capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; together with Copy of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.—(Mr. M`Neill.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating Second Reading of the Rating (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Rating and into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Rating and Valuation Bill; Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill (Lords); Bill (Lords) Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Criminal into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Criminal Justice Bill; Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Sandwich into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sandwich Port and Haven Bill; Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tithe Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Commander Eyres-Monsell):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners (Amendment) 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 two minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of November last.

[No. 147.]

Monday, 21st December 1925.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRA YERS.

Diseases of Animals Acts.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 16th December 1925, ordering that the Foreign Animals Order of 1910, and any Order amending it, shall be read and have effect as if the States of California and Texas were included in the First Schedule to the first-mentioned Order and revoking Order No. 4,017, dated 22nd September last.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order of 25th July 1924, as amended by subsequent Orders, and included in a volume entitled "The King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force."

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Treaty Series.

Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Portugal confirming the Protocol signed at Cape Town on 30th March 1915 defining a Section of the Frontier Line between the Portuguese Colony of Angola and Rhodesia, Lisbon, 3rd November 1925.


Copy of Despatch to His Majesty's Representatives Abroad notifying the Denunciation (No. VI.) signed at the Hague on 18th October 1923, relative to the status of Enemy Merchant Ships at the Outbreak of Hostilities. London, 16th December 1925.

Copy of Report by M. Uden on the Question of the Number of the Three-Iraq Frontier. Geneva, 16th December 1925 (in continuation of Miscellaneous, No. 17, 1925).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreements with the Sultan of Nejd regarding certain questions relating to the Nejd-Trans-Jordan and Nejd-Irak Frontiers.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. M. Neill presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant December, for a Return relative to Public Social Services (Total Expenditure under certain Acts of Parliament).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant December, for a Return relative to Civil Contingencies Fund, 1924–25.

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant December, for a Return relative to Civil Service and Revenue Departments (Salaries, &c.).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Sir John Gilmour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant December, for a Return relative to Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of the Bankruptcy Rules, 1925, made under the Bank. Act, 1914, 1924.

Copy of the Public Trustee (Custodian of Public Trustee) Rules, 1925, dated 17th December 1925.

Report to the Lord Chancellor of the number of Lunatics, of visits paid, the number of patients seen, and the number of miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics between 1st April 1925 and 30th September 1925.
Copy of Order made by the Lord Chancellor prescribing the Remuneration of Solicitors in conveyancing and other non-contentious business under the Land Registration Act, 1925, entitled the Solicitors' Remuneration (Registered Land) Order, 1925.

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 Safeguarding of Industries (Customs Duties) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Settlement (Facilities) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Education (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Coastguard Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire Electricity Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bethlem Hospital Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Sandwich -Port and Haven Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Criminal Justice Bill ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sandwich Bill ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Civil Service Bill ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Privy Council Bill [Lords] ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tithe Bill ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mines ( Working Facilities and Support) Bill [Lords] ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Land Settlement Bill ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Education (Scotland) Bill ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bethlem Hospital Bill ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire Electricity Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sandwich -Port and Haven Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Civil Service Bill ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Privy Council Bill [Lords] ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tithe Bill ;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mines ( Working Facilities and Support) Bill [Lords] ;

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

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)—(The Prime Minister) ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs] ; [Mr. Hayes, Mr. Barnes] ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Criminal Justice Bill ;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Civil Service Bill ;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Privy Council Bill [Lords] ;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tithe Bill ;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sandwich Bill ;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mines ( Working Facilities and Support) Bill [Lords] ;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House approves the action taken by the representatives of His Majesty's Government at Geneva in accepting the award of the Council of the League of Nations on the Iraq boundary.—(The Prime Minister) ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs] ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating (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 Petroleum 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 Coroners (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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 part of the Rural District of Reigate, in the County of Surrey, which was presented on the 15th day of July 1925, be approved, subject to the following modifications, viz.:
1. The deletion of Clause 8 and of the Fifth Schedule—(Colonel Ashley):

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 10th day of November last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 148.]

Tuesday, 22nd December 1925.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read: and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order, made upon the 21st day of this instant December, that the Return relative to Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, be printed, was read, and discharged.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Military Manoeuvres Commission, 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
(Copy of the Chancery of Lancaster (Law of Property and other Acts) Rules, 1925, dated 10th November 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant December; That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Rating and Valuation Bill be now taken into consideration;
And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 8, l. 22, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 8, l. 22, leave out paragraph (g), 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—(Sir Kingsley Wood):
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas:—
Captain Margesson: 173.
Captain Bowyer: 172.
Mr. Thomas Kennedy: 46.
Mr. Hayes: 47.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 15, l. 13, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 15, l. 13, at end insert (" : and

(b) The rating authority, if they are the owners of any such hereditament as aforesaid, shall, in the case of any hereditament which is of a rateable value not exceeding that specified in the resolution and which is occupied by the owner, make to the owner (subject to the amount of the rate chargeable in respect of the hereditament being paid by the owner within the time fixed by the foregoing paragraph) an allowance corresponding to the amount, if any, passed on by the authority to the occupiers of hereditaments owned by them in respect of the allowance to which the authority are entitled under this subsection, and, unless the contrary is proved, an amount not less than five per cent, of the amount payable in respect of rates shall be deemed to have been so passed on by the authority "), the next Amendment, being read a second time:

And it appearing that the object of the said Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to,

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 37, l. 36, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 37, l. 36, leave out subsection (8), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.
The words so restored to the Bill were amended, by leaving out from the word "On" to the end of the subsection, and inserting the words "the hearing of an appeal by a committee of quarter sessions under this section, any party to the appeal may, if the rateable value of the hereditament to which the appeal relates as appearing in the valuation list does not exceed one hundred pounds, appear by solicitor instead of in person or by counsel"—[Mr. Neville Chamberlain], instead thereof.

Then the remaining Lords' Amendments, 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 a number of the Amendments made by the Lords, and hath disagreed to one of their Amendments, and hath made an Amendment to the Bill in lieu thereof; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Criminal Justice Bill.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 31, l. 19, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 31, l. 19, at end, insert ("and shall be disqualified to hold a licence to drive for twelve months from the date of the conviction:

Provided that a person who is disqualified to hold a licence to drive under this or any other Act may apply to the justices who made the order to reconsider their decision at the end of any period of not less than three months: or, with the leave of the court, after a shorter period"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, instead of the Lords' Amendment last disagreed to, by inserting in p. 31, l. 19, at the end thereof, as new subsections,—

"(2) A person convicted under the preceding subsection shall (without prejudice to the power of the court under section four of the Motor Car Act, 1903, to order a longer period of disqualification) be disqualified for holding a licence for a period of twelve months from the date of the conviction, and any licence held by him shall, so long as the disqualification continues, be of no effect.

The court shall cause particulars of any such conviction and of the resulting disqualification to be endorsed upon any licence held by the person convicted, and shall send notice of the conviction to the council by whom the licence was granted.

(3) If a person who under this section is disqualified for holding a licence applies for or obtains a licence while he is so disqualified, he shall be guilty of an offence under the Motor Car Act, 1903, and any licence so obtained shall be of no effect.

(4) A person who by virtue of a conviction under this section is disqualified for holding a licence or who, by virtue of an order made under section four of the Motor Car Act, 1903, on his being convicted of an offence, is disqualified for obtaining a licence or whose licence is suspended, may, at any time after the expiration of three months from the date of the conviction, apply from time to time to the court before which he was convicted to remove the disqualification or suspension, and the court may by order, as it thinks proper, having regard to the character of the person convicted and his conduct subsequent to conviction, the nature of the offence, and the other circumstances of the case, either remove the disqualification or suspension as from such date as may be specified in the order or refuse the application, and if the court order a disqualification or suspension to be removed the court shall cause particulars of the order to be endorsed on the licence; if any, held by the applicant.

(5) In this section the expression 'licences' means a licence granted under section three of the Motor Car Act, 1903."—(Captain Hacking.)

Then the remaining Lords' Amendments, 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, and hath disagreed to one of their Amendments, and hath made an Amendment to the Bill in lieu thereof; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tithe Bill.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 16, l. 33, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 16, l. 33, at end, insert,—

("The expression 'costs of collection' includes all costs and expenses incurred by a committee constituted for a collection area in the exercise of any of the powers (whether of collection or management), and of the performance of any of the duties delegated to the committee:

The expression 'total income' in relation to a benefice means the total income arising from the benefice estimated in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Acts for the preceding income tax year, but so that where the incumbent of a benefice holds more than one benefice (whether united for ecclesiastical purposes or not so united) it shall mean the sum of the total incomes, estimated as aforesaid, arising from the several benefices")

the next Amendment, being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords' Amendment, in l. 4, by leaving out the words "whether of collection or management."—(Sir Henry Slesser.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Lords' Amendment:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Lords' Amendment was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sandwich Port and Haven Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time; The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That 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 do not insist on their Amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill to which this House hath disagreed, and agree to the Amendment made by this House in lieu thereof.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Rating and Valuation Bill to which this House hath disagreed, and agree to the Amendment made by this House in lieu thereof.

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 a Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, and for proroguing the present Parliament, 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, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts and to the Measure therein mentioned; and the Lords thereby authorised declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measure, as follow:

1. Appropriation (No. 2) Act, 1925.
2. Safeguarding of Industries (Customs Duties) Act, 1925.

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5. Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (Scotland) Act, 1925.
7. Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1925.
8. Land Settlement (Facilities) Amendment Act, 1925.
10. Tithe Act, 1925.
11. Coastguard Act, 1925.
12. Education (Scotland) Act, 1925.
13. Rating and Valuation Act, 1925.
15. Sandwich Port and Haven Act, 1925.
16. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Bournemouth Order) Act, 1925.
17. Aberdeen Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1925.
18. Baldovan Institution for the Treatment and Education of Defectives Order Confirmation Act, 1925.

Diocesan Boards of Finance Measure, 1925.

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.

The grievous loss which I and My family have sustained by the death of My beloved Mother is first in My thoughts. It has been a solace to Me in My grief to have received from all conditions and classes, from all parts of My dominions and from all foreign countries, the touching assurances of their deep sympathy in My sorrow and the expression of their affectionate regard for One who was enthroned in the love of My people.

I was happy to welcome home My Son, the Prince of Wales, on his recent return from his visit to South Africa, West Africa and South America. I have been deeply touched by the account which he has given Me of the warm welcome everywhere accorded him, and I am proud to think that his visit has served to deepen the affection which unites My people and to strengthen the bonds which link this country with the peoples of South America.

My relations with Foreign Powers continue to be friendly.

It was a source of great satisfaction to Me to welcome in London the distinguished Plenipotentiaries of Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Poland and Czechoslovakia, who, on the 1st December, signed the diplomatic instruments initialled at Locarno on the 16th October.
It is My belief and My earnest hope that these instruments, by giving security to the peoples immediately concerned, will prove to be not only the foundation of a true peace between them but the beginning of a friendly co-operation which cannot fail to benefit the whole world.

I rejoice at the part which My Government was able to play in the negotiations leading up to this happy event.

I have given My assent to a Bill for the Confirmation of an Agreement reached between My Ministers and the Governments of the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland, to amend and supplement the Articles of Agreement of the 6th December 1921. It is My heartfelt prayer that this measure may advance co-operation and strengthen goodwill in Ireland.

The British Empire Exhibition at Wembley has now come to a close, and I feel that I should take this opportunity of expressing My gratitude to all those throughout My Empire who have co-operated in this great enterprise; I am sure that the increased knowledge which it has brought of the resources and activities of My people will have lasting and beneficial results.

Further preferences on goods imported into this country from other parts of the Empire have been accorded by legislation, and other measures for the development of Empire Trade are receiving the close consideration of My Government.

An Act has been passed to give effect to certain provisions contained in the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation with Germany, and ratifications of that Treaty have since been exchanged.

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.
Progressive depression in the coal trade led, at the end of July, to a grave economic crisis, which threatened to result in a disastrous industrial conflict. The danger was averted by the decision to afford temporary financial assistance to the industry. This has made it possible to conduct, under My Commission, a full and impartial inquiry into the economic position of the industry. I am following the course of the enquiry with anxious interest, and I am hopeful that the task of My Commissioners will be lightened by ungrudging and single-hearted effort on the part of all concerned to find a solution for the problems of this great and vital industry.

By the passing of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act a further important stage has been reached in the process whereby the resources of the State are made available for the encouragement of thrift and self-reliance. Provision has thus been made, through insurance, against those risks which have been a source of anxiety and apprehension to so many of My people.

An Act has been passed to simplify the law of rating, to provide for greater uniformity in valuation, and to improve the local administration of these services in England and Wales.

Acts have been passed for consolidating the laws relating to workmen's compensation in cases of accident, and to real property and conveyancing, and also for consolidating the Judicature Acts and for simplifying and amending the procedure in criminal cases.

During the past year there has been a great increase in the number of houses built in England and Wales, and I hope that this improvement, so important to the health and well-being of My people, may continue. The housing position still gives cause for concern in Scotland where special measures have, however, been taken by My Ministers.

Encouragement has been given to the establishment of the sugar beet industry in this country by an Act providing for a Government subsidy during a period of ten years.

An Act has also been passed to amend the law relating to tithe rentcharge and the payment of rates thereon.

In pursuance of the policy announced at the opening of the Session, measures have been enacted for safeguarding by means of customs duties certain industries which have been proved after enquiry to be suffering from unemployment due to exceptional foreign competition of an unfair nature.

My assent has also been given to an Act establishing a permanent system of superannuation for teachers, to the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Act, and to a measure providing for the institution of a Scottish National Library.

In bidding you farewell I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your labours.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

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 Tuesday the Second day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the Second day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.
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**Estimates, 1925–26.**

Vote on Account                                      | 102                              | 111,983,000  | 105                  | 106                   |

10 March:

**Supplementary Estimates, 1924–25.**

**Class I.**

Royal Palaces (Supplementary)                        | 109                              | 1,600        | 125                  | 125                   |

**Class II.**

Stationery and Printing (Supplementary)               | 109                              | 45,000       | 125                  | 125                   |

17 March:

**Class II.**

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Supplementary)| 122                              | 268,000      | 125                  | 126                   |

2 April:

**Estimates, 1925–26.**

**Class I.**

Revenue Buildings                                     | 156                              | 914,300      | 165                  | 166                   |

Public Buildings, Great Britain                       | 156                              | 1,197,440    | 165                  | 166                   |

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Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain              | 156                              | 247,240      | 166                  |                       |

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Houses of Parliament Buildings                        | 156                              | 60,820       | 166                  |                       |

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**Class II.**

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